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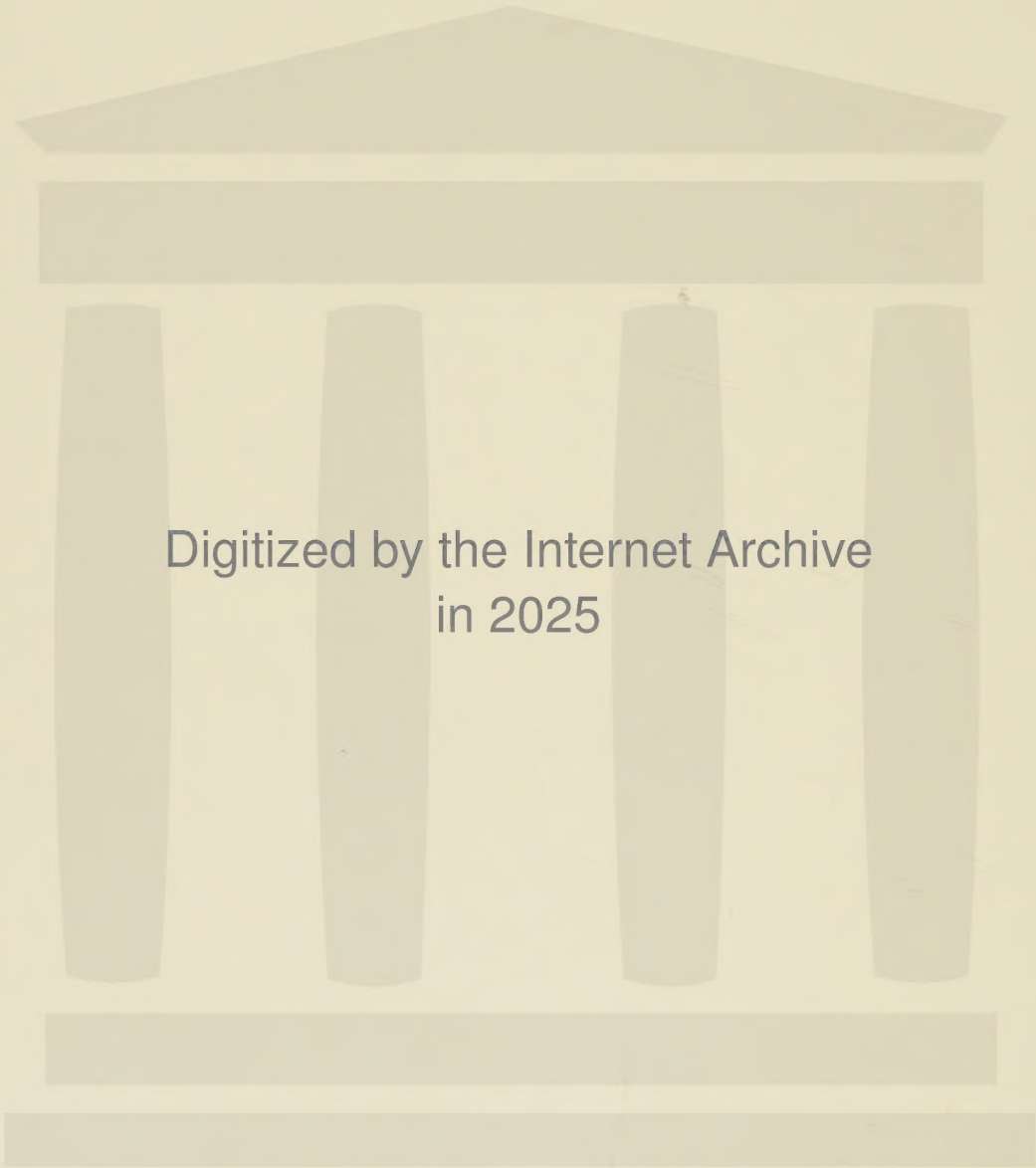
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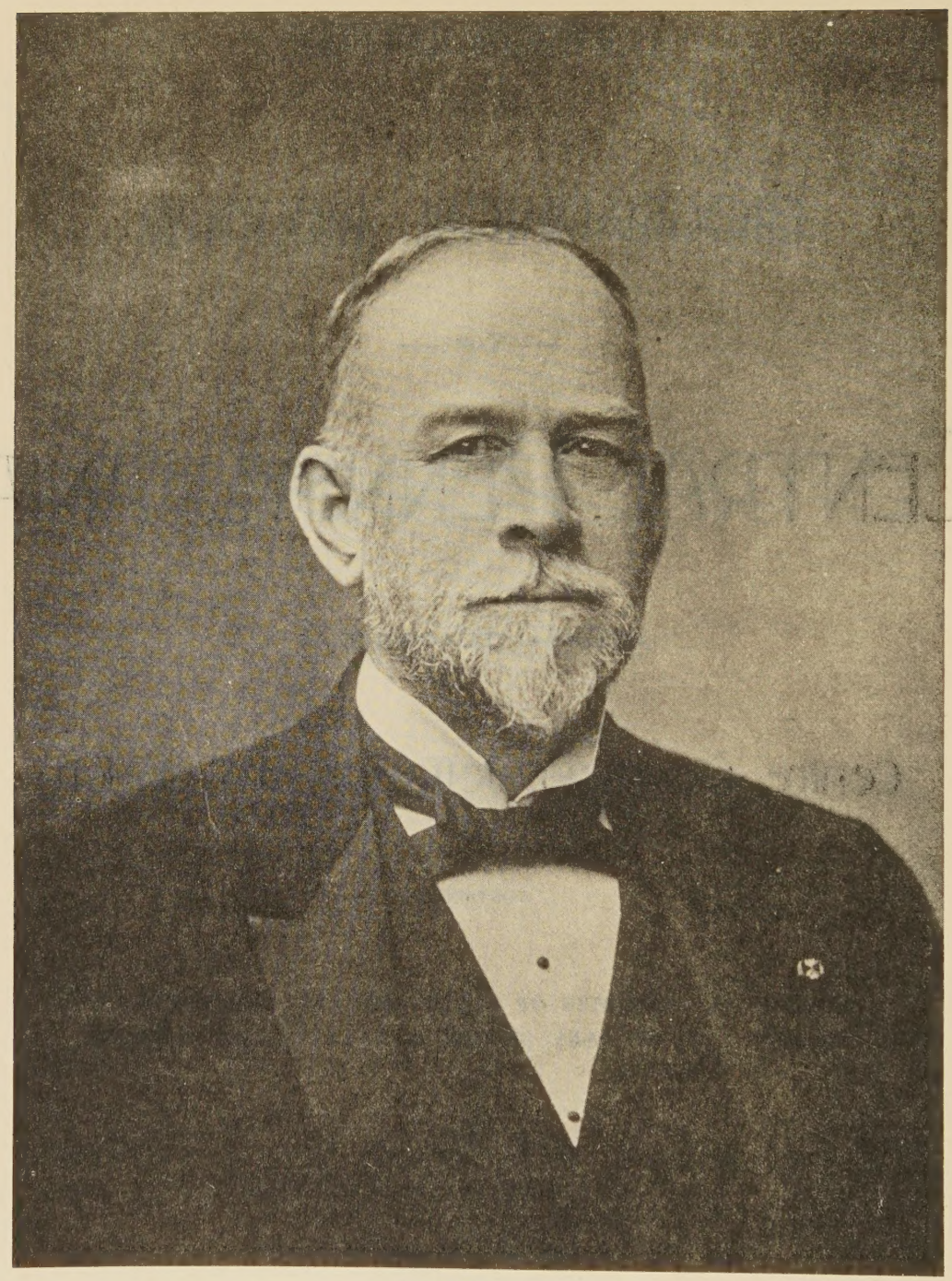

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BIOGRAPHICAL

WILLIAM MAPES, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, a leading agriculturist and real-estate owner, has done much to open up that section for improvement and settlement. He was born in Lawrence township, May 26, 1817, and his life covers a period of change in this locality from almost unbroken forests to the clustering villages and wide-spreading farming lands of this day.

Richard and Rebecca (Page) Mapes, his parents, were natives of New Jersey. They were married there and some years later, in 1810, moved to Clearfield county, making the journey over the mountains with a team. Their first home was made in the woods at Clearfield, then called "Old Town," where they lived about six years, burying there three children; but later he settled one mile and a half below town on a 440-acre tract in Lawrence township, and improved and there spent his remaining years. His death occurred in 1840, and Mrs. Mapes survived him several years.

Our subject was one of a family of twelve children: Nancy, who was born in New Jersey, married Mr. Loney, and moved to Ohio, where she died; Hannah, a native of New Jersey, married John Shirey, and died in Bradford township, Clearfield Co., Penn.; Elizabeth, married Michael Frank, and died in Nebraska; Abbie, Mrs. Coleman, died in Elk county, Penn.; the next three died in childhood, and were buried on the Ogden farm above Clearfield. Joseph, married, and moved to Ohio, where he died at the age of eighty-seven years, six months and twelve days; John was married in Green's Dam, Perry Co., Penn.; Richard married in Clearfield county, and moved to Ohio, where he is probably living at the age of eighty-two years; Thomas was married in the West, and resides near Hamburg, Iowa.

William Mapes was the fourth son of this family, and as a farmer's son in pioneer days he was reared to habits of industry. He attended the local schools for some time and later pursued his studies in the old academy at Clearfield. Hunting was a favorite occupation in his early days, and at seven years of age he was given a gun, and so proficient did he become in its use that he began to hunt deer when he was ten years old. While still in his teens he began to work at clearing and lumbering, and on reaching manhood he went to Philadelphia and purchased a tract of land above town, and has ever since lived on it. His farm, which he calls the "Clover Hill" farm, contains at present 160 acres, all under improvement, but he has owned 440 acres. The original survey was incorrect, and Mr. Mapes lost 100 acres thereby. The estate is valuable merely from an agricultural standpoint, and it is also underlaid with coal. In addition to this farm, where he has now resided for nearly sixty years, Mr. Mapes owns 160 acres on Reed Ridge, in Lawrence township, and 30 acres in Goshen township, Clearfield county. In 1849 he was married in Lawrence township to Miss Albina Irvin, a native of that locality. Her father, Joseph Irvin, was born in Clearfield county, this State, and married Martha Ann Tate, a native of New Jersey, whose father was among the early settlers in Lawrence township. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin made their home in Lawrence township, and both died there. Mrs. Mapes was the eldest of eight children; the others being William, who died in Montour county, Penn., in 1896; Melinda (Mrs. Potter Reed), of the same township; Levi, of Williamsport, Penn.; Martha Ann (Mrs. Walter Shirey), of West Clearfield; James, who resides in Minnesota; Mary Ellen (Mrs. Irvin Stage), who died in Warren county, Penn.; and Jane (Mrs. Thomas Read), of Brooklyn, Iowa.

William and Mrs. Mapes have had seven children, namely: (1) Virginia (Mrs. Charley Woods), of Coalport. Her husband died in 1895. Three children were born of this marriage—(a) Minnie (Mrs. Beck), who has two children, Charley and Russel; (b) Wier, and (c) Cecil. (2) Jefferson (deceased) never married. (3) Martin, a resident of Lawrence township, married Maud Shefler, and has three children—Clare, Charley and Ruth. (4) Lorenzo died at the age of four years. (5) Jane Elizabeth (Mrs. William McClellan), who resides with her par-

ents, has one daughter, Pearl. (6) Ida died March 16, 1866. (7) George is not married and lives at home.

Our subject has never been willing to enter the political arena as a candidate for official honors, but he takes much interest in public questions. He is an independent voter, but usually supports the principles of the Democratic party. For forty years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is always ready to encourage any cause which will promote the welfare of the community.

WILLIAM CRICHTON. A residence of several years in Peale, Clearfield county, has rendered this worthy citizen familiar to a majority of its people. He is a man who has made the most of his opportunities in life, has kept his eyes open on what is going on in the world around him, and these qualities, in connection with his natural industry and perseverance, have served to make him, wherever known, an object of uniform regard.

Mr. Crichton comes from the beautiful land of hills and heather, having been born May 27, 1850, at Bridgeton, Glasgow, Scotland, a son of Robert and Sarah (McMillan) Crichton, also natives of that country. From boyhood the father engaged in mining, up to within a few years of his death, which occurred on Christmas eve, 1870. He never left his native land, and died at Gartsherrie, Lanarkshire, Scotland, only six miles from his birthplace. He and his faithful wife were lifelong members of the Established Church of Scotland, and were held in the highest esteem by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Mary Durgavle, of Uddingston, Scotland; James, formerly of Glen Richey, Clearfield county, Penn., died September 9, 1897; Robert, of Wellsboro, Tioga county, Penn.; William, of this sketch; and Mrs. Jane Samuels, of Cross Fork, Potter Co., Pennsylvania.

Our subject was reared at Gartsherrie, Lanarkshire,, Scotland, where he attended school until about ten years of age, when he began work in the coal mines, which he continued until coming to America. In the spring of 1868 he landed in San Francisco, Cal., after a long, but not a dreary, voyage of 164 days, via Cape Horn. Being a coal miner, he naturally steered his course for the coal mines at Mount Diablo (Devil's Mount), Contra Costa Co., Cal., and there remained about two years, when he caught the gold fever and like hundred of others started to "hunt shadows." In the summer of 1872, he left the Pacific slope for Pennsylvania, arriving at Blossburg, Tioga county, August 9, and was employed by the Bloss Coal Co. at Arnot until the following spring, when he returned to Scotland to visit the friends and scenes of his youth. On again coming to the United States in March, 1874, he located at Antrim, Tioga Co., Pennsylvania.

At Fall Brook, that county, Mr. Crichton was married October 29, 1874, to Miss Margaret Nelson, who was born in Dunipace, Stirlingshire, Scotland, October 13, 1854, and is a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Jeffery) Nelson, also natives of Stirlingshire. In 1868 they crossed the Atlantic and took up their residence in Fall Brook, Penn., the father becoming connected with the mines of the Fall Brook Coal Co. He was held in the highest respect by all who knew him for his upright, straightforward manly character, was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and a stanch supporter of Republican principles and institutions. He died at Arnot, Tioga county, in 1882, at the age of fifty-six years. Mrs. Nelson, who is also a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church, removed with her family to Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., in 1887. Her children are as follows: Margaret, wife of our subject; Jane, wife of John Baird, of Glen Campbell, Indiana Co., Penn.; Andrew and John, of Philipsburg; Agnes, wife of Henry Allen, of Philipsburg; and Clementina, who is with her mother.

Ten children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Crichton, namely: Robert, who is taking a two-years' course at the Northern Indiana Normal School, Valparaiso, Ind.; Margaret, who is engaged in teaching the district school at Grassflat, Clearfield county; Sarah, who is attending the grammar school at Peale; Andrew, William, John, Walter and Harry, all at home; and James and Guy, who died in infancy.

Mr. Crichton is now the efficient and popular mine foreman for the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation, with headquarters at Peale. His long experience in coal mining has ably qualified him to fill that responsible position, and he not only has the confidence of his employers, but is held in the highest respect by those under him. He has been an earnest advocate and supporter of the Prohibition party since 1880.

JOHN W. KYLER, an agriculturist of energy and ability, residing upon a good farm in Boggs township, is a native of Clearfield county, his birth occurring in Bradford township, July 11, 1823, a son of Jacob and Mary (Wise) Kyler, who were born in Pennsylvania,

of German extraction, the father October 22, 1790, and the mother ——. The parents were married in the county, and settled upon a farm in the midst of the unbroken timber, where the father developed a good farm. There his death occurred August 24, 1873, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, and his widow survived him only four years. They were numbered among the honored pioneers and highly respected citizens, and were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. The father was a Democrat and held some township offices. In their family there were children, as follows: William, born October 8, 1816, died January 27, 1817; Conrad, born December 17, 1817 (deceased); Martha, born September 14, 1819; Hannah, born April 6, 1821; John W., born July 11, 1823; Pernenah, born September 21, 1825; Mark, born April 11, 1827, is a farmer; Luke, born May 8, 1829, is a resident of Iowa; Sophia, born November 28, 1831, married George Albert, who is now deceased; Henry, born May 1, 1834; Washington, born January 8, 1837, died March 8, 1839.

Our subject was reared amid the peaceful scenes of rural life, and has always made his home in the county, remaining under the parental roof until attaining his majority. For the following five years he was employed in farming and in the lumber woods. After his marriage he located upon a farm near Woodland, which he sold in 1853, and removed to his present place, which is situated in Boggs township, nine miles from Clearfield. This he has cleared and cultivated, and placed thereon many valuable improvements. In 1848 he was married to Miss Sophia Shiry, a native of Clearfield county, daughter of John Shiry, whose birth also here occurred, his father being numbered among the first settlers, a farmer and lumberman by occupation. John Shiry was a resident of Bradford township, and for many years served as justice of the peace. The following children blessed the union of our subject and his wife: Cambridge, born January 28, 1849, died when young; Ernest Emery, born December 14, 1851, married Etta Jewry, is a house carpenter, and resides in Bradford township; Francis A., born May 1, 1854, married Jennie Undereffer, who is now deceased, lives in Boggs township; Mary Etta, born July 26, 1856, married Alexander McMartin, and lives at Penfield, occupied in teaming and working by the job; Leonard, born June 2, 1859, married Edith Smeal, is a farmer residing in Bradford township; Nannie May, born July 28, 1861, died at the age of twelve years; Alice, born December 27, 1863, married W. C. Owens, a dealer in hardware at Philipsburg, Penn.; Elva, born January 2, 1869, married Rush Dehass, a bookkeeper in Du Bois, Penn., and Gertie, born April 13, 1871, is unmarried.

John W. Kyler is an earnest supporter of the Democratic party, but has never cared for office, though he has filled some positions in his township. He is a man of medium size, of athletic build and pleasant address. Nature has dealt kindly with him, and although he has passed the allotted three score years and ten, he is still well preserved, being able to make a hand in the meadow with the scythe. Surrounded by such comforts as a pleasant home, pure water and pure mountain air, he bids fair for a harvest hand for many years to come.

DANIEL SMITH, a representative and prominent farmer of Union township, Clearfield county, was born there April 25, 1856, a son of Jacob and Katie (Slimmer) Schmitt (so spelled by the father and mother, but Smith by the children, they following the spelling as taught them in the neighborhood school).

The father is a native of the German Empire, born November 24, 1825, near the Rhine provinces, where he was reared and acquired a a good practical education. He served by compulsion three years as a sailor, beginning in 1845. In 1848 he was taken prisoner, and in 1851, after having served out his time, he returned home, and in 1854 he came to America. On crossing the Atlantic, requiring forty-two days, he landed at New York, thence he located in Brady township, Clearfield Co., Penn., and in 1855 was employed on the farm of Henry Whitehead, in Union township, receiving $8 per month. In 1856 he worked for John Brubaker at $13 per month. He then purchased a timbered tract of fifty acres in Union township, near Rockton, which he at once began to clear and improve, converting it into one of the most highly cultivated tracts in the locality. There he and his estimable wife, whom he married in 1855, in Brady township, she being a native of one of the Rhine provinces, Germany, still reside, honored and respected by all who know them.

Our subject, the eldest of nine children, as yet is unmarried. (2) Mary, born March 6, 1858, was married to Conrad Fillhart, and to them were born four children; the husband and father died some twelve years ago, living only eight years after his marriage. (3) Jacob, born March 14, 1860, was killed in a clearing when about three years old by a log rolling on him. (4) John, born February 12, 1862, is still single, and is engaged in sawing and retailing lumber.

(5) George, born March 18, 1864, was married to Minnie Campbell, of Brady township, and they have two children. He is occupied in inspecting lumber. (6) Frederick, born April 28, 1866, died when about two and one-half years old. (7) Henry, born March 10, 1869, is yet unmarried, and is engaged in school-teaching. (8) Kate, born March 12, 1871, is the wife of William Shaffer, and has two children. (9) Annie, born September 17, 1873, married William Spicker, and has one child. Of the children, Henry, Kate, and Annie are members of the Lutheran Church; Mary is identified with the German Reformed Church.

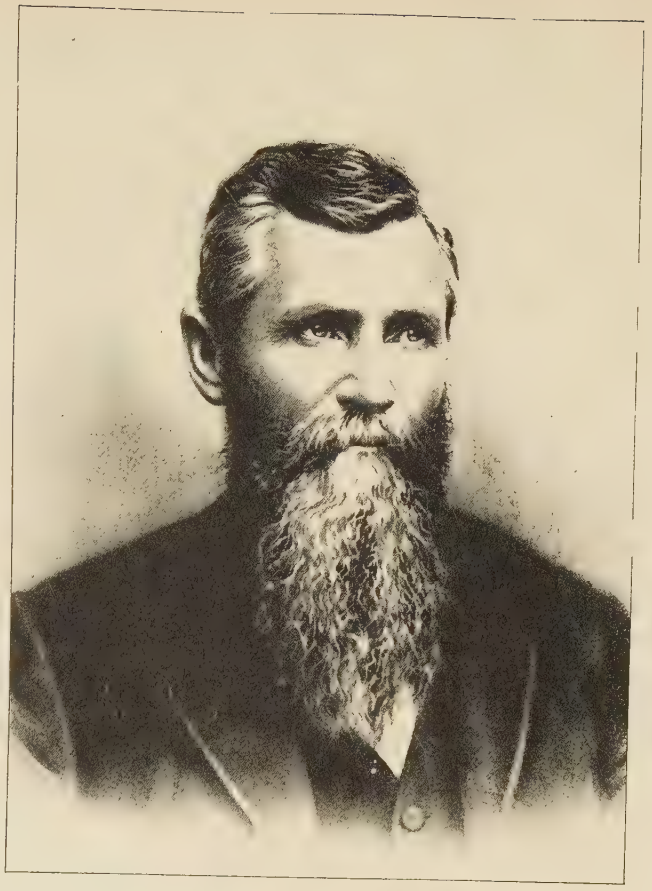
Politically, Daniel Smith, the subject of this sketch, is an ardent Republican, which party the other members of the family also support. The father has filled a number of local positions of honor and trust, being treasurer six years, school director, overseer of the poor and supervisor for a number of years. He proved a most popular and efficient officer, and in all the relations of life is accounted a worthy and valued citizen, as well as an honored pioneer of Union township. A conscientious Christian, he is a member in good standing of the German Reformed Church, and has always taken an active and prominent part in Church or religious work. The Smith family is widely and favorably known throughout the community, and it certainly deserves an honored place among the representative citizens of Clearfield county.

VINCENT TONKIN. Prominent among the self-made men of Clearfield county is the subject of this sketch—a man honored, respected and esteemed wherever known, and most of all where he is best known. Everywhere in this land are found men who have worked their own way from humble beginnings to leadership in commerce, the great productive industries, the management of financial affairs, and in controlling the veins and arteries of the traffic and exchanges of the country. Although Mr. Tonkin started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, he has become one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of Burnside township, with whose lumber and agricultural interests he has long been identified.

A native of Cornwall, England, Mr. Tonkin was born January 5, 1830, and when an infant he was brought to this country by his parents, John and Mary (Hicks) Tonkin, also natives of England. The father belonged to a prominent family of that country, where for some time he was superintendent of a large estate. In 1831, with his family, he emigrated to America, landing at Baltimore, whence he proceeded to Germantown, Penn., later removing to Luzerne county, this State, then to Blairsville, and after two or three other movings finally located in Portage county, Ohio. Two years later, however, he returned to the Keystone State, and in April, 1839, came to Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of 200 acres, on which he made a small payment, but finally lost it after making a good many improvements. Subsequently his son-in-law, D. W. Langdon, bought the property, and erected thereon a sawmill. In the settlement, our subject became the owner of 100 acres, a part of the said tract, which he developed into a good farm, and there his parents found a pleasant home until called to the world beyond, the father dying at the age of eighty-four, and the mother nine years later, at the age of eighty-three. Both were worthy members of the Christian Church. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Hannah Forsyth; Mrs. Mary A. Tuffing; Mrs. Charity Langdon; Mrs. Jane Kilpatrick; Susanna, John, George, William and Joseph, all deceased; Isaac, a resident of Indiana county; and Vincent, of this sketch.

Since boyhood, Mr. Tonkin, the subject proper of this review, has made his home in Burnside township, Clearfield county, and in its public schools acquired his education. As soon as large enough he began lumbering, and has been the financier of the family. When sixteen he piloted his first raft, and since that time has been connected with every branch of the lumber business, buying great quantities of square timber, logs and lumber, which he rafted down the river to market. For a number of years he also acted as agent for a Lock Haven firm, buying and lumbering for them. He has met with excellent success in his undertaking, and is now the owner of one thousand acres of land, as well as the coal rights to many valuable tracts. Upon his places there is still some good timber. Among his landed possessions is the old homestead and a fine farm in Cambria county. He has placed two hundred acres of his land under cultivation, and since 1893 has retired from rafting, though he still does some lumbering upon his home place. During the Civil war he followed droving, buying cattle in the western reserve of Ohio and in Michigan, which he would sell in Philadelphia, Lancaster, Chester, and in that business he was successfully engaged for four years.

In 1866 he was interested in the manufacture of boots and shoes and in the grocery business at Cherry Tree, Penn., to which town he platted an addition in 1892, and has sold many of the



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lots. His homestead is supplied with all modern conveniences, an elegant two-story residence has been erected, and also two large barns and the necessary outbuilding, making it one of the model farms of the locality. The place at first comprised only thirty acres, to which he added one hundred acres, and upon a portion of this he platted the addition to Cherry Tree, which lies in Cambria, Clearfield and Indiana counties. He is a shrewd, far-sighted business man, upright and honorable in all his dealings, and the success that he has achieved is assuredly well deserved.

In 1879, Mr. Tonkin was united in marriage with Miss Margaret J. Hughes, a lady of intelligence and culture, and a daughter of Robert and Ellen (Douglass) Hughes, who spent their entire lives in Cambria county, the former dying in November, 1885, and the latter in 1857. The mother was of Scotch-Irish descent, a daughter of William Douglass, a farmer by occupation. The Hughes family was originally from Wales. By trade, Robert Hughes was a tanner, and in 1854 built the first tannery in Cherry Tree, Indiana county, but he also engaged in school teaching and the manufacture of shoes, and was interested to a considerable extent in lumbering. He was one of the most progressive, and energetic citizens of his community, a Republican in politics, and for a number of years efficiently served as justice of the peace. Of his five children, Ann, John, Thomas and William all died when young, so that Mrs. Tonkin is the only one now living. Her parents were both members of the Presbyterian Church, to which she and her eldest daughter also belong. In the Tonkin family are six children: Robert D., Vivian S., Maxie E., Vincent O., Allie D. and Afton W., all at home. Their mother was for many years a teacher in the public schools of Iowa.

The Republican party has ever found in Mr. Tonkin an ardent supporter, though he has never cared for official distinction, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his family and his business interests. He is one of the most successful farmers and lumbermen in Clearfield county, and is now living practically retired, enjoying the fruits of his former labor in his beautiful home which is situated in a hickory grove overlooking the river and the town of Cherry Tree. There he is surrounded by a happy family, and many warm friends and acquaintances.

JESSE LINES has been identified with Clearfield county for almost seventy years, and has contributed to its material progress and prosperity to an extent equaled by but few of his contemporaries. The difference between the past and the present can scarcely be realized, even by those who have been active participants in the development of the county. The present generation can have no conception of what was required by the early settlers in transforming the wilderness into the well settled and highly cultivated section which we to-day see.

Joseph Lines, the father of our subject, was born in 1795, in Chester county, Penn., but was reared in Nittany Valley, Centre county, where his father lived for a number of years, dying there when Joseph was about seventeen years of age. He had four sons, of whom William, the eldest, died while serving under Commodore Perry in the war of 1812. Joseph was the second in order of birth. Isaac grew to manhood in Nittany Valley, where he was married, but later made his home in Brady township, Clearfield county, dying there in 1866. His widow and children then returned to Centre county. Samuel, a native of Chester county, was also reared in Nittany Valley, where he continued to live throughout life. He married, and had several children, who reside in Centre county.

As early as 1827 Joseph Lines brought his family to Brady township, Clearfield county, locating within a mile of Luthersburg, where he purchased 150 acres of timber land and developed a farm. He first built a log house and barn, but these were afterward replaced by more modern frame structures, and all the improvements upon the place were of a substantial character. There he died in March, 1870, at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Peoples, passed away two years later. Their children were as follows: (1) Katie, born in Centre county, was reared in Brady township, Clearfield county, and married Mathias Hollopeter, of that township. He owned a fine farm upon the old pike between Luthersburg and Rockton, where they reared their family of twelve children, eight of whom are living, are married, and reside in Clearfield county. (2) Jesse is the second in order of birth. (3) Nathaniel, born in Centre county, in 1819, grew to manhood upon the home farm in Brady township, Clearfield county, and now lives on a farm in Union township. He married Miss Margaret Nelson, and has four children—Lizzie, James M., Joseph N., and Mathias. (4) Elizabeth, born in 1821, in Centre county, became the wife of Benjamin Harley, who was engaged in the foundry business in Clarion county, Penn., where she died May 4, 1854 (had buried three children before her death—Mary Agnus, born in February, 1854, died in 1862; Margaret Rachel

died when seventeen months old, and Roxan died when in infancy), leaving six children—James, Joseph, Frank, Elizabeth, Jane and Catherine, all of whom are married. (5) Sarah, born in 1822, in Centre county, died when young. (6) Mary, born in the same county, in 1825, wedded William Bradley, of Clearfield county, who died some years ago, and she now lives in the city of Clearfield. (7) Jane, born in 1827, is the widow of Daniel Stewart, of Clearfield, who died a few years ago, leaving a family of children, all of whom are married—Ashly, a farmer of Bradford, Penn.; Samuel, a leading physician of Clearfield; John, a merchant of Clearfield; and Bishop, also a resident of that place. (8) William, born in Brady township, Clearfield county, May 23, 1829, married a Miss Bloom, of Pike township, the same county, where he owns a good farm and has reared a large family. (9) Rachel, born in 1831, is the wife of Henry Whitehead, one of the substantial business men and highly respected citizens of Union township, Clearfield county, and they have three children—Mary Ellen, Sarah Elizabeth, who died in the spring of 1893, and Joseph Lee. (10) Joseph, born September 25, 1833, married Miss Sarah Matilda Kirk, who died June 22, 1870, leaving two children—Jesse and Lucilla. Her surviving husband married her sister, Margaret Ellen, July 3, 1871, and had six children, four living and two dead. The mothers of these were daughters of Thomas Kirk, of Brady township. Joseph Lines followed lumbering the greater part of his life. He died in 1896, leaving a wife and family. (11) Thomas, born in April, 1835, resided near the old homestead, where he died in 1892, leaving a wife, who was formerly Miss Jane Nolder, of Brady township, and seven children—Leroy, Chancy, McClellan, Cleveland, and three daughters—Blanch, Millie and Zella, all of whom are living. The boys, Leroy and Chancy, died some years ago. (12) Elias, born June 11, 1836, has spent his entire life upon the old homestead. He married Margaret Bogle, of Brady township, who died in 1880, leaving four children—Lizzie, Willie, Mary and Ida (had, before her death, buried one—Tillie). Lizzie and Mary have died since her death. Ida is married to Harvey McGaughy, of Brady township, and William is married and lives in Clearfield. Her surviving husband was married to a Miss Pifer, in 1884, and is now living on his father's old homestead.

Jesse Lines was born March 21, 1817, in Nittany Valley, Centre county, and was about eleven years of age when he accompanied his parents to their new home in Brady township, Clearfield county. His education was limited to four months' attendance at a school conducted where the Luthersburg cemetery is now located, and taught by Benjamin Hall, of Centre county. In 1840 he was married to Miss Lavina Horn, of Brady township, a daughter of David and Mary Horn, and they located near their present home, where our subject purchased 175 acres of land which was covered with a heavy growth of timber. He built a hewed-log barn and commenced clearing the place. Acre after acre was transformed into productive fields until the entire tract was under a high state of cultivation, and in 1861 he erected a large frame barn and also improved his residence. In 1872 he removed to the mill property which he had purchased some years previous of David Welty. It comprised fifty acres of timber land, upon which he erected a dwelling house, barn and sawmill, and although now eighty years of age he is still engaged in the manufacture of lumber, personally looking after every detail of the business, and doing his own filing and other labors connected with the mill. He has ever been a progressive, energetic business man, and has met with a well deserved success in his undertakings. In 1869 he purchased another tract of wood land of Mr. Ashenfelter, consisting of 123 acres between his mill and Salem. In 1886 he purchased a tract of wood land from R. H. Moore, consisting of fifty acres, which joins the Ashenfelter property, formerly purchased by him, which makes a total of 173 acres.

To our subject and wife were born seven children: (1) David H., born in 1840, lives on his father's original homestead. He married Eliza J. Dresler, of Union township, Clearfield county, and had seven children—John, who is married and lives with his father; Della, now Mrs. Wood Kelly, of Brady township; Ezra, who died in childhood; William; Dolly, who died when young; and May and Edith, both at home. (2) Joseph, born September 8, 1842, married Malinda Nelson, of Union township, and moved to Nemaha county, Kans., where he follows farming and has reared seven children—Jesse, Howard, Neute, and Frank, Eva, Mabel, and the baby, a girl. (3) Mary J., born October 2, 1844, died in July, 1859. (4) Horatio, born November 18, 1846, died April 17, 1865. (5) HARVEY M., born April 30, 1849, married Fannie Caldwell, of Du Bois, and lives with his father. Only one of his eight children is now living—Sarah Lavina. (6) Rachel A., born October 28, 1854, is the wife of Newton Goodlander, of Luthersburg, by whom she had seven children, four still living: Edna, Maude, Lavina, and Joseph. (7) Margaret E., born November 15, 1858, is the

wife of Q. E. Dresler, an agriculturist of Union township, Clearfield county, and they had eight children—Jesse A., Levi L., Lavina A., Julia L., Cyrus A., Fairy E., and two—Mable K., and Lottie C.—died in infancy.

In his political affiliations, our subject has been a pronounced Democrat, and he has faithfully filled the offices of supervisor, auditor, school director and assessor a number of times to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Both he and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are honored and highly esteemed citizens of the community where they have so long made their home.

J A. GILMAN, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and now residing in Woodland, Clearfield county, was born in Franklin county, Penn., March 6, 1845, a son of John Taylor and Catherine (Cramer) Gilman. The father was a native of Guilford, N. H., was a veteran of the war of 1812, serving in the 11th N. H. Infantry, and afterward removed to Mobile, Ala., where he followed his trade of blacksmithing. Subsequently he returned to Chambersburg, Penn., later went to Harvard, Centre county, and afterward, in 1853, removed to Morris township, Clearfield county. After working at his trade there for a time he went to Philipsburg, and in 1874 took up his residence in Woodland, where he died in 1876; his wife died in Decatur township, Clearfield county, in 1866. They had a family of three children: Mrs. Hannah Elizabeth Arisman, of Philipsburg; Mrs. Susan Catherine Klare, of Wallaceton, whose husband served three years in the 110th P. V. I.; and J. A., of this review.

Mr. Gilman, our subject, was reared in Clearfield county, and educated in Morris township and in Philipsburg. In the latter place he learned his trade of shoemaking, which he followed there, in Kylertown and in Woodland. His labors were interrupted, however, by his service in the Civil war, for in 1861 he enlisted at Philipsburg as a member of Company D, Fifth Pennsylvania Reserve Infantry, for three years. He was mustered in at Harrisburg, joined the Army of the Potomac, and participated in the battles of Mechanicsville, Gaines Hill, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, the second battle of Bull Run, Gettysburg, the seven-days' battle of the Wilderness, and Spottsylvania Court House. He re-enlisted December 28, 1864, in the same company and regiment, which, however, was attached to the 191st P. V. I. When the war was over he participated in the grand review in Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged in Harrisburg in June, 1865.

Mr. Gilman at once returned home, and in the same year married Miss Margaret Ellen Carns, who was born in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Simon and Constance (McMullen) Carns, pioneer settlers of Lawrence township, where the mother is still living; the father is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Gilman have five children: Harry, who is married and resides in Philadelphia; Mrs. Minnie McQuillen, of Woodland; John, who is married, and resides in Woodland; Loy and Verna.

Mr. Gilman now follows his trade of shoemaking in Woodland, and is an active, enterprising business man, who, by his well-directed efforts, has won for himself a fair measure of success. He votes with the Prohibition party, and is ever actively interested in all measures calculated to advance the educational, moral or material welfare of the community. He belongs to John W. Geary Post, No. 90, G. A. R.; to the Golden Eagle, and to the Patriotic Order of Sons of America.

J P. FARWELL is connected with the business interests of Grampian as a carpenter, and with the municipal affairs of the city as justice of the peace. He takes a deep and commendable interest in all matters pertaining to the public welfare, lends an active support to many enterprises, and his well-spent life well entitles him to representation in this volume.

His parents were James and Pamella (Shade) Farwell, the former of whom was born in Clinton county, Penn., in 1801, and was a son of Lemuel Farwell, a native of Scotland, who, during his boyhood, became a resident of Clinton county. He wedded Mary McCloskey, a native of that county. James Farwell, on leaving the old homestead there, removed to the Bell farm and located on the river between Curwensville and Lumber City. He purchased 144 acres of land, seventy-five of which were under cultivation and improved with some buildings. He followed lumbering throughout his entire life, and for twenty-five years before his death also engaged in farming. He died at the home of his son, L. M. Farwell, at Glen Union, Clinton county, in 1884; his wife died on the old homestead near Lumber City, Clearfield county, in 1876.

This worthy couple had a numerous family of children, of most of whom we have the following record: (1) Frances A., the eldest, is the wife of John Hall a son of Jesse Hall; they reside on a farm in Clinton county, and have had four chil-

dren. (2) Mary became the wife of E. H. Richie, of Clinton county; they resided for a time at Highner's Run, and in 1852 came to Clearfield county, traveling by canal boat from Lock Haven to Bellefonte, and thence across the mountains with wagons to the Bell farm, in Clearfield county. Mrs. Richie died the same year. (3) Sebastian S. was educated in the common schools of Clinton county, studied medicine and practiced in Lumber City until his death in 1856. (4) L. M. married Nancy Burney, of Clinton county, who died in 1860, and he later wedded Matilda King; he resided on a farm near Glen Union, Clinton county; by his first marriage he had a family of seven children. (5) Elizabeth J. married William Baird, of Clinton county, and removed to Illinois, where they reared a family of children, all living in the West; Mr. Baird died in Knox county, Ill. (6) Noah M. married Harriet Adleman, in 1858, and lived in Lumber City for ten years; he then removed to the old homestead near that place and died in 1876; his wife still survives him. They had eight children, four now living in Clearfield county, the eldest being the wife of John Porter, who resides on a farm near Curwensville; the second, Luella, is the wife of George Mattern, of Decatur township, Clearfield county, and has one child; Frances is the wife of Ernest Orcutt, who is engaged in the livery business in Clearfield county; William McLellan follows lumbering. (7) Abel H. married Annie Wycoff, of Clearfield county, and resided in Lumber City until his death, which occurred in 1874 while he was teaching school in Dunbar; his wife died in 1856. (8) Nathan C. married Lydia Adleman, of Clearfield, and resides on a farm near Curwensville; they had seven children. (9) Matilda is the wife of Milton McClure, a son of T. R. McClure; they resided on a farm near Curwensville, but Mrs. Matilda McClure died in her early married life. (10) Clara, who completes this family, died at the age of twenty-one years.

J. P. Farwell, the subject of this review, came to Clearfield county when eighteen years of age, and followed farming and lumbering until 1856. He then married Miss Nora M. O'Neil, of Curwensville, daughter of Martin O'Neil, of Pottsville, Penn., who came to this country from Ireland in 1833, and died in Pottsville in 1846. His wife died in Towanda, Penn., in 1838. After his marriage, Mr. Farwell and his wife removed to Oakland, on the road leading from Curwensville to Lumber City, and there resided for six years. They then went to Lumber City, where they remained for eighteen years, since which time they have been residents of Grampian. Mr. Farwell purchased a lot and built a fine residence in 1883. He has always followed carpentering, and on all sides may be seen evidences of his handiwork, for his thorough understanding of the business and honorable dealing have enabled him to secure a liberal share of the public patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. Farwell have four children: (1) A. D., who is engaged in the lumber business in Grampian, wedded Mary King, of Lock Haven, Penn., daughter of Mrs. Matilda King, who became the wife of L. M. Farwell. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Farwell have a family of seven children, all living. (2) Charles E., who was educated in the academy of Lumber City, died in 1879, at the age of eighteen years, while teaching his first term of school. (3) Cora F. is the wife of W. W. Spencer (son of Abram and Sarah Spencer, of Grampian Hills), who follows carpentering and cabinet making in Grampian; they have a family of six children, all living. (4) Roland, who is engaged in dealing in horses, married Miss Zella Doughman, and resides in Grampian; they have three sons and one daughter, all living.

Mr. Farwell exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party, and for sixteen years has held the office of justice of the peace, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He was school director for three terms, collector in 1892, supervisor of Pike township for one year, street commissioner of Grampian for one term, and assessor of Lumber City for two terms. He is also notary public. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which his wife and son also hold membership, and his upright career has been characterized by fidelity to duty in both public and private life.

G W. GEARHART, of Clearfield county, has been actively identified with the business life of Clearfield borough for more than thirty-five years, and is now the owner of the oldest livery barn in that vicinity. It was built by Samuel Evans in 1853 as a stage barn, is a noted landmark, having at first been quite outside the limits of the city, which now surrounds it on all sides. In 1865 Mr. Gearhart established a livery business there, and has since conducted it successfully. He had already spent thirty-four years in Clearfield, having gone there in 1862 to take employment in a carriage shop, which gave him an opportunity to acquaint himself with the advantages of the growing city as a permanent location. In 1882 he engaged in the undertaking business as a member of the now well-known

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firm of Gearhart & Sharbaugh, who are among the leaders in that line in their locality.

Mr. Gearhart, in his enterprise and sound judgment, displays the qualities which characterized his pioneer ancestry. His grandfather, John Gearhart, a native of Maryland, and a soldier in the Revolutionary army, came to Pennsylvania at an early day, and settled in what is now Decatur township, Clearfield county, clearing a farm near Osceola. Later he moved to Philipsburg, where his death occurred about 1840; his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Gray, died, at the home of their son Jacob, in Decatur township, about 1846. They had seven children, all now deceased: Jacob and John died in Decatur township; Peter died in Ohio; Elias was the fourth in order of birth; Adam is mentioned more fully below; Katie (Mrs. Thompson) died in Armstrong county, Penn.; Eve (Mrs. Gray) died in Jefferson county, this State.

Adam Gearhart, the father of our subject, was born in Centre county, Penn., in 1800, and married Susannah Hartsock, a native of the same county, and the daughter of Henry and Catherine Hartsock. Her father was born in Centre county, and her family was among the first to locate there. In 1831 Adam Gearhart moved to Clearfield county, and settled in the woods in Bradford township, where he cleared and improved a farm and made his permanent home. He died there in 1878, and his estimable wife followed him to the grave after a separation of four years. Of their seven children, Henry, the eldest, resides in Bradford township, Clearfield county; G. W. is the second in the order of birth; Jacob died in Bradford township, Clearfield county, March 10, 1884; Martha (Mrs. Snok) resides in Clearfield borough; Elizabeth resides in Philipsburg; Sarah, widow of Latimer Merrill, lives in Kane, Penn., and Rachel resides in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

The subject of our sketch was born in Half Moon township, Centre county, and was but a child when he was taken to the new home in Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood, his education being acquired in the schools near his father's farm, at which time there were only five public schools in the county. In 1859 he was married in Clearfield borough to Miss Ellen Merrill, a native of the county, whose parents, William and Mary (Fetterman) Merrill, were born in this State, and were among the early settlers of Clearfield village, where they conducted a hotel. Both died in Clearfield borough.

Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart have had thirteen children, of whom nine are living, viz.: Mary Ida, of Montana, where she is principal of the Glendale School; William, who is married, and lives in Du Bois, Penn.; Maud, wife of William Bloomer, superintendent of a tannery at Clearfield; Augusta (Mrs. F. B. Row), of Clearfield; Clara (Mrs. Frank Thompson), of Clearfield; Glenora, George, Katie and Howard. The family attend the M. E. Church, of which Mr. Gearhart has been a trustee for many years.

G. W. Gearhart commenced his business career with no capital, except his own determined will and energy, and his success is the result of his own personal efforts and good management. His time and attention are devoted to business, leaving him but little occasion to participate in the political affairs of the county, nevertheless, as one of the substantial sons of the county, and a resident of Clearfield, he takes a deep interest in every movement looking to the progress of either. As an earnest member of the Clearfield Methodist Episcopal Church, he contributes both of his means and counsel to the support and maintenance of that society.

EDWARD PIDGEON is an enterprising, energetic business man of Houtzdale, who always keeps abreast with the times, and has been rewarded with a comfortable competence. He has done much to promote the commercial activity, advance the general welfare, and secure the material development of his section of Clearfield county, and therefore is worthy of honorable mention in this volume.

Mr. Pidgeon is a native of a far northerly district of this continent. He was born October 22, 1846, in Prince Edwards Island, Canada, and is a son of Edward and Mary (Montgomery) Pidgeon. His father was a native of England, where, after being educated for the ministry, he entered the Presbyterian Church. His life was given to that work, and he was holding a pastorate at the time of his death. In the family were eleven children. About four years after the father's death the mother removed to New Richmond, Canada, where her death occurred in January, 1872.

A brief record of the children is as follows: (1) Daniel, who went with his mother to Canada and lived on a farm, married Agnes Merritt, who, with their son, David, still survives him. (2) George followed lumbering until his death, in early manhood. (3) David died in childhood. (4) John died at the age of twenty-seven years. (5) Christina died in early womanhood. (6) Hugh died unmarried at his mother's home in Canada (7) Mary died a number of years ago at her mother's home. (8) Lorena died after reaching

womanhood. (9) Archibald purchased a large farm adjoining the old homestead in Canada, and wedded Mary Campbell, of Campbellton, Canada, by whom he has three sons and one daughter—George, who was educated in Montreal, and entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, being now pastor of a congregation in Montreal; Edward Leslie, who is being educated for the Presbyterian Church; Hugh, at home; and Elsie, who, was educated in Montreal, and is now a teacher in the high school of New Richmond, Canada. (10) James Pidgeon married Janet McCoy, and resides on a farm in New Richmond, Canada.

Edward Pidgeon accompanied his mother on her removal to New Richmond, and in 1869 located in Cameron county, Penn., where for the winter he was employed by Phelps, Dodge & Co. In the spring he engaged with John Ardell, on Ford's run, working for him for three years, after which he came to Houtzdale in 1873, and entered the employ of Reed Brothers, of Woodward township, as a contractor, and engaged in lumbering. He remained with them until about 1877. In the meantime he purchased an improved property in Houtzdale, in 1872; afterward erected a dwelling in Sterling, but, before moving in, it was destroyed by fire. With characteristic energy, however, he rebuilt, and lived there with his family for two years, after which he erected a two-story frame residence, with all modern improvements, on Eliza street, Houtzdale, one of the finest homes in the town. For thirteen years Mr. Pidgeon has been engaged in the livery and undertaking business, in company with A. D. Stewart. Their barn is supplied with all modern appointments, with good horses and an excellent line of carriages. Their courteous and fair treatment of their patrons has secured to them a large and profitable business. The establishment is probably the largest of the kind in Clearfield county.

In July, 1872, Mr. Pidgeon wedded Miss Mary Dutt, of Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn., the only daughter of John and Juliet Dutt, of Tioga county, Penn. Their children are as follows: Arthur, who was educated in the common schools of Houtzdale, and was his father's assistant until 1892, afterward spent three years as bookkeeper and teller in the Houtzdale Bank, and is now pursuing a course of dentistry in Pittsburg; Archie M., who was reared and educated in Houtzdale, is now working with his father; Bernice C., who attended the high school of Houtzdale, and was graduated from the State Normal of Indiana, in 1894, is now a teacher in the high school of Woodward township; Grover Cleveland and Julia are attending school; and William C. and Mildred are at home.

Mr. Pidgeon has always been identified with the Democratic party, but has never sought or desired political preferment. He and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church, and occupy a prominent position in social circles. He is numbered among the leading business men of Houtzdale, and as the architect of his own fortunes has builded wisely and well.

THOMAS SPACKMAN, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, is a well-known agriculturist residing near Glen Richey. He belongs to an old and highly esteemed family, and his grandfather, Daniel Spackman, who was born in this State, located in Lawrence township, near Clearfield, in 1818. After spending a short time there as a pioneer farmer, he moved to the present site of Pine Grove, and cleared another tract of land for cultivation. He died in Lawrence township in March, 1871, at the point where Oshanter now stands. His wife, Sarah Mather, had passed away some years before, and of their ten children only one is now living: John died in Girard township, Clearfield county; Benjamin in New Jersey; Thomas in Lawrence township, at the old homestead; William in Lawrence township; Mary (Mrs. Thomas Leonard) in West Clearfield; Elizabeth (Mrs. William Mitchell) in Clearfield; Jane never married; Sarah (Mrs. Jordan Read) died in Lawrence township; Hester (Mrs. James Mitchell) died in Clearfield county; and Deborah (Mrs. David Brown) lives in Olanta, Pike township, Clearfield county.

William Spackman, our subject's father, was born in Chester county, Penn., October 26, 1809, but from the age of nine years his life was spent in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. The schools of that locality afforded him an education, and on attaining manhood he cleared for himself a farm in the forest, known as the Read farm. He was married in November, 1838, to Miss Isabella Read, a native of Lawrence township, and a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Jordan) Read, prominent residents there. Mr. Read died in February, 1850, his wife having preceded him by a few years. Our subject's father was one of the substantial farmers of that section, and he and his wife were both highly regarded by their associates. Mrs. Spackman's death occurred in 1888, and her husband survived her only seven years. Our subject was the eldest of their four children. James is married and resides at the old homestead; W. A. is married and lives in Lawrence township; and Mary M.

married Edward Weise, of Knox township, Clearfield county.

Thomas Spackman was born in 1840, and has always had his home in Lawrence township. He was reared as a farmer's boy, enjoying the usual country school privileges. His farm, which he purchased in early manhood, contains fifty acres, and, in addition to its management, he carries on the business of draying for the adjoining village of Glen Richey. In 1870 he married Miss Armatilda Read, a native of Lawrence township, and a descendant of two of the early families of that section. Her parents, Ross and Mary (Thompson) Read, were both born in the township, and after passing their lives within its borders, they breathed their last there, Mr. Read in 1881, and his wife in 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Spackman have an interesting family of seven children: Bovard Ross, Earl W., Mary Rosetta, Ivan M., John J. R., Preston L. and Morton L.

Local affairs receive due attention from Mr. Spackman, who has shown his public spirit in many ways and at many times. He and his wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the order of the Golden Eagle, and is a trustee of the society at Glen Richey. In politics he is a Democrat.

ROBERT M. JOHNSTON. In the history of the industrial interests of Clearfield county, this gentleman well deserves mention among the prominent agriculturists of Jordan township. He was born in Pottsville, Penn., August 2, 1830, and is a son of Robert and Mary (Cameron) Johnston. His parents were natives of Scotland, but were married in Pottsville.

Robert and James Johnston came to America together in 1828, from Scotland, and engaged in mining coal near Pottsville until the fall of 1833, when they removed to Jordan township, Clearfield county. Robert Johnston here purchased one hundred acres of land, and built a log cabin in the midst of the forest, where the timber was so dense that one could not see the sky for the thick foliage of the trees. Acre after acre, however, was cleared and placed under the plow, and at length a rich and valuable farm was developed. The father died in 1871 at the age of seventy years, leaving to his family a comfortable home, for upon his farm he had made substantial improvements, erecting a good residence and barns. His place was one of the best in the township, and its appearance indicated his careful supervision. Throughout his life he was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and his political support was given to the Democratic party, by which he was elected to several township offices. His wife survived him two years, passing away in 1873. But little is known of the history of her people, save that she came from a good Scotch family of Presbyterian faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were the parents of nine children, namely: Robert M.; Mary, wife of R. Colwell; John C., of Ansonville, Penn.; Mrs. Isabel Bloom; James W., an agriculturist; William, deceased; Mark, who died at the age of twelve years; David, who is farming on the old homestead; and Lizzie, wife of S. Withers.

Robert M. Johnston was only three years of age when brought by his parents to Clearfield county, and his first remembrance of the new home was of the three acres of cleared land in the midst of the dense forest. He early became familiar with the arduous task of developing a new farm, assisting his father in his boyhood in the work of making substantial improvements. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, with the exception of short intervals when he was engaged in rafting on the river or in making shingles; in the winter of 1851 he got out 45,000 shingles by hand. It was thus he got his first start in the business world. On the occasion of his marriage, in 1853, his father gave him the tract of land on which he now resides, comprising 150 acres. It was then wild and uncultivated, but he at once began the work of clearing and planting, and in course of time reaped abundant harvests as the reward of his labors. He erected a commodious two-story frame residence, built a large barn and substantial outbuildings, planted an orchard, and now has a valuable farm property, pleasantly situated one mile east of Ansonville. Of his place one hundred acres are under a high state of cultivation. Part of his land is underlaid with coal and fire clay.

Mr. Johnston was united in marriage with Priscilla Wise, daughter of David Wise, of German descent. Her father was reared and married in Centre county, and about 1839 removed to Clearfield county, purchasing land and developing a farm in Jordan township. There he made a good home and spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1854, when he was eighty-one years of age. He and his family were members of the Lutheran Church. Three of his children are now deceased; the others are: William, a farmer; Mrs. Mary Keller; and David and William, who carry on agricultural pursuits.

Our subject and his wife had a family of six children: David W., a farmer; Calvin, who was drowned in Oregon; Mary E.; Albert, who

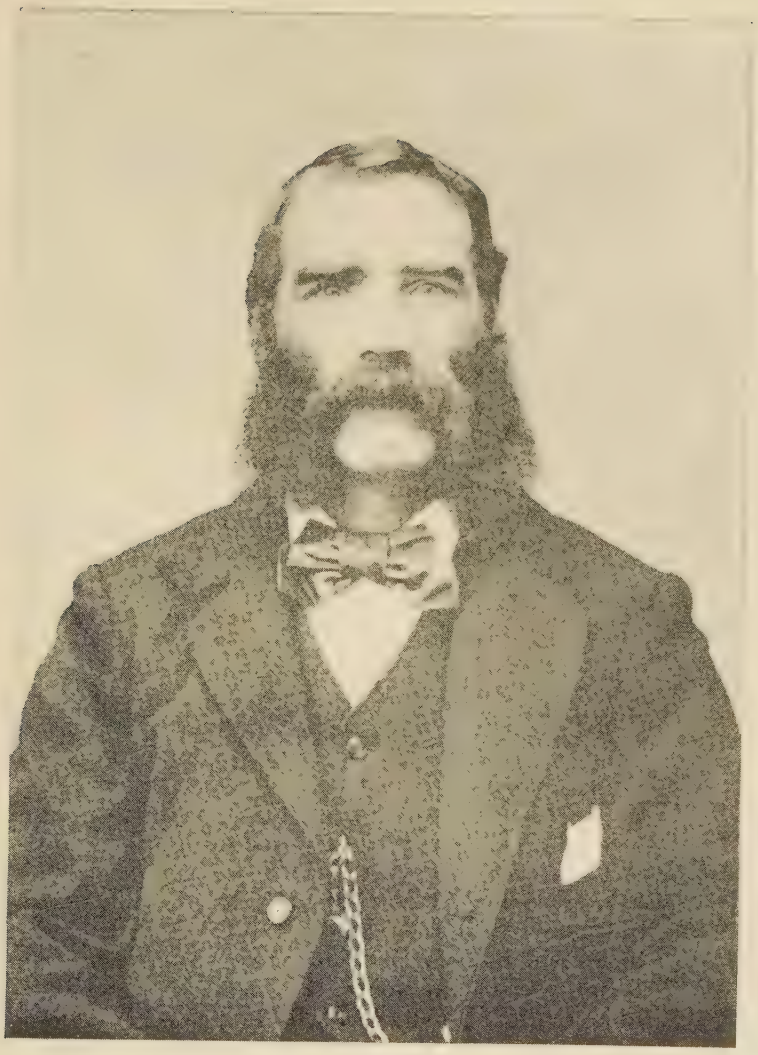
is now in Alaska; one who died in infancy; and William at home. The mother of this family departed this life November 18, 1891. From girlhood she was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, and her death was deeply mourned by all who knew her. Mr. Johnston is also a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder for twenty-five years. He gives his political support to the Democracy when national issues are involved, and is well-informed on the questions of the day, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, although he has served in some township offices. His long residence in Clearfield county has made him widely known, and his many acquaintances esteem him highly for his sterling worth.

THOMAS E. KEEN, who was among the first of the gallant volunteers that rallied to the defense of the old flag after the attack upon Fort Sumter, passed through some of the most arduous and exciting campaigns of the long war that followed, and was often detailed on special work requiring fidelity and courage. He is now a well-to-do agriculturist of Sandy township, Clearfield county, residing near Du Bois, and is regarded as one of the best citizens.

Mr. Keen comes of New England stock, and his father, the late Alba Keen, who was born in Belfast, Maine, remained in that section all his life, following lumbering as an occupation. He died in 1894 at the age of ninety-one, and his wife, whose maiden name was Nancy J. Estabrook, passed away not long after, aged eighty. Our subject was one of nine children, of whom all but two live in Maine: (1) Amanda married Mr. Sudaquist. (2) Victoria is the wife of Charles Huston. (3) Judith is now Mrs. Horncastle. (4) Pheny married Charles Haley. (5) Nancy is now Mrs. Carney. (6) Annie married a Mr. Smith. (7) William, who is a resident of Du Bois, and the only one besides our subject to leave his native State, married Miss Lydia Hines, and has one child—Gracie. (8) Alba, who lives at Lincoln, Maine, is married and has a family.

Thomas E. Keen was born in Calais, Maine, in 1833, and when old enough became interested in lumbering. In 1856 he came to Pennsylvania, and for four years worked for John Irvin on Pine creek, contracting in sawmill work and logging. He then entered the employ of Reading & Fisher, and worked in their sawmill at Williamsport until the spring of 1861, when he enlisted from that city in Company D, 11th P. V. I., for three months. The regiment was assigned to Hooker's command, and their first engagement was at Falling Water, Md. At the expiration of his term Mr. Keen returned to Pennsylvania, but as the need of a large force to suppress the Rebellion became apparent, he again offered his services, re-enlisting for nine months, on October 24, 1862, in Company A, 177th P. V. I., under Capt. William H. Gosline. Going to Martinsville they joined the Army of the Potomac, with Hooker as commander of their corps. Mr. Keen was promoted to the rank of second sergeant in October, 1862, and served in that capacity throughout his term. He then returned to Williamsport, and on February 13, 1864, he again enlisted, this time as a cavalryman in the 7th P. V. C., under Capt. James I. Long, his regiment being attached to the Army of the Cumberland. They were first commanded by Gen. Kilpatrick, and later, by Gen. Thomas, under whom they fought at Nashville, Columbia and Fillmore. They were then assigned to Gen. Wilson's cavalry for the raid to Atlanta, and then moved in a line parallel with Sherman's infantry, skirmishing all the way through. At one time Mr. Keen was detailed by special order of Major Benjamin S. Dodd, of his regiment, to go to Howard's Landing, Ga., and prevent the shipping of certain cotton marked "J. G." and also to report each boat going to Eufaula, Ala. These duties occupied two weeks, and then Mr. Keen returned to Columbia, Tenn., where he received orders to act as safeguard to Gen. Pillow, and protect some government property. Later the company joined the forces at Atlanta, where their horses were placed on trains and turned over to the government. The men were transported to Harrisburg to receive their pay and a final discharge.

After a brief stay in Williamsport, Mr. Keen went to Maine for a visit, but returned, and for some time worked at Beechwood for John Polhamus. Later he entered the service of John Du Bois, and, after working two years in his mill at Williamsport, moved, in 1875, to the town of Du Bois, and conducted a lath and picket mill. In 1877, Mr. Keen purchased fifty-nine acres of farming land, from John Du Bois, in Sandy township, Clearfield county, on the Little Sandy, now known as the Luthersburg branch. This he has cleared and improved, bringing the place under fine cultivation, and building a good barn and a large two-story residence. In addition to the management of this farm he has been constantly engaged in jobbing in logs for John Du Bois and his nephew, John E. Du Bois. Mr. Keen takes much interest in political affairs, and, while not



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an office-seeker, he is one of the leading workers for the Republican party in his vicinity. Despite his advancing years, he retains his youthful spirits and vigor, and his genial nature has won him a host of friends.

In March, 1866, Mr. Keen was married to Miss Susan J. Pass, of Williamsport, daughter of Charles and Mary Pass, prosperous agriculturists of Lycoming county, Penn. She is a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, to which one of the daughters also belongs. Seven children have blessed this union: (1) Lizzie May, born in 1867, married David F. Carbaugh, then of Adams county, Penn., and now a farmer of near Du Bois; they have five children—William, Winfred, Ruth, and Bessie and Jessie (twins). (2) Alba, born on March 11, 1869, married Miss Della Dixon, of Du Bois, and now resides on part of his father's homestead; they have one son, John Edward. (3) Charles I., born May 30, 1871, was drowned at the dam on Sandy run in July, 1879, at the age of eight years. (4) William E., born March, 1873, married Miss Lottie Skinner, of Smicksburg, and resides with his parents. (5) Winifred, born November 8, 1876. (6) Amanda G., born April, 1879, and (7) Reuel W., born July, 1881, are still at home.

EDGAR L. McCLOSKEY. Before entering upon the narrative of the personal traits or characteristics of our subject, let us carry the mind of the reader retrospectively to the early "forties" in the history of Karthaus township, Clearfield county.

Here we find the father of our subject located with his parents, Thomas and Sophia McCloskey, in the year 1848, upon a tract of land situated about four miles north from the mouth of Mosquito creek, and containing about one hundred acres, only five of which were cleared and under cultivation, and having theron erected a one and one-half story log house. This home was surrounded by one veritable wilderness of valuable timber land, where wild game of every description made their homes in these dense forests, and where a few years prior the Red men of the forests "wig-wamed" on the mossy banks of the numerous small streams which traverse this section. Here the family remained until the month of September, 1854, when the grandparents of our subject removed to Iowa, the father of our subject remaining to further cultivate and improve his possessions. Through his untiring energy, thrift and industry he continued to add to his possessions until he has one of the finest and most productive farms to be found in Clearfield county, comprising over two hundred acres. Mr. McCloskey has also been extensively engaged in lumbering, and in all his varied enterprises has been very successful. About the year 1857 he established a general mercantile store on his farm, and for many years was a successful merchant in the township. In politics he is a Democrat, and has taken a deep interest in all enterprises for the public good, but has never aspired to official distinction although his friends have ofttimes solicited him to become a candidate.

On April 23, 1854, Isaac C. McCloskey was married to Elizabeth Jane McClure, daughter of Col. Ross McClure, of Pike township, and ten children were born to this union, five of whom are now living, including our subject: Edgar L. McCloskey, who was born on the 8th day of April, 1858. He received his education in the public schools of the locality of his birth, and in 1876 attended the summer session of the State Normal School, Millersville, Penn.; one session of the Teachers Normal of Curwensville, and one term at the private school of Prof. B. C. Youngman, at Clearfield. He taught school three terms in Clearfield county under County Supt. M. L. McQuown. In 1881 he was graduated from Wood's Business College, at Williamsport, Penn. He then succeeded his father in the general mercantile business, but in 1882 sold his interests to Merrey & McCloskey, and conducted the business six years for that firm or until 1888, in which year he was elected, on the Democratic ticket, sheriff of Clearfield county, by a majority over his Republican opponent of 1,031 votes. Although his predecessor in office was a Republican, and with the firm hold the Republican organization held in the county, his large majority was quite indicative of his popularity in his county. After the expiration of his term of office (three years), he took for recreation as well as pleasure a trip through the South, and visited all points of interest, including all the large cities as well as other places of note. In 1884 he purchased the interest of J. C. Stewart in the general mercantile business in Clearfield, and continued the copartnership of a general store with his partner, W. T. Spackman, under the firm name of Spackman & McCloskey, up to the spring of 1898, when he entered into the general mercantile business for himself.

Edgar L. McCloskey was married May 29, 1884, to Miss Idura L. King, only daughter of Rev. J. R. King, a prominent minister of the Central Pennsylvania M. E. Conference. To this union seven children were born, as follows: Roy M., Ira C., Joseph Ross, Edgar L., Edith Zoe, Verdie May, and Lex K., all now living ex-

cept Joseph Ross, who died May 22, 1894. Our subject is worthy of special mention for his generosity as well as integrity, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, and he never fails to bestow a favor whenever he has opportunity to do so. Through his honesty and integrity in his business relations, he has rightly merited the confidence of the public of his wide acquaintance.

JAMES T. HEBEL, who was one of the brave "boys in blue" during the Civil war, and is now a leading carpenter and builder of Luthersburg, was born in Perry county, Penn., March 19, 1843, a son of George and Rosanna (Matchett) Hebel, natives of Lancaster and Dauphin counties, Penn., respectively. The father was reared in Dauphin county, where he learned the millwright's trade, but after his marriage he bought a farm in Hunters Valley, Perry county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1883. His wife had passed away two years previous, while she was on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Shoop, in Harrisburg.

In their family were eight children, of whom three were born in Dauphin county and the others in Perry county: (1) David, the eldest, also served his country during the Rebellion, enlisting in 1863 in the Pennsylvania Reserves, and serving until the close of the war. He married Janet Thompson, of Cleveland, Ohio, and located in Perry county, Penn., but after the war moved to Black Rapids, Mich., where his death occurred; he left a widow but no children. (2) William also died in Michigan, where he made his home. (3) Alfred enlisted, in 1863, in Company B, 7th Pennsylvania Reserves, and while serving under Gen. Grant at the battle of the Wilderness he was taken prisoner by the Rebels, and was incarcerated at Andersonville for eleven months. When the war was over he returned to Perry county, where he still resides. Prior to his enlistment he had married Louisa Buchanan; he has two sons living—David and James. (4) John C. was also a member of the same company and regiment, which he joined in 1861, and served under Gen. Mead. During his three-years' service he was never off duty, and took part in every battle in which his regiment was engaged. He married Hannah Resinger, of Perry county, and with his family resides on his father's old homestead. (5) Annie married William H. Shoop, of Perry county, and they now reside in Mansfield, Ohio, where he works at the carpenter's trade. (6) Frank S. migrated to Ohio, and there married a Miss Snyder, and he now lives near Mansfield, where he also follows carpentering; he has several children. (7) Mary died in Perry county, Penn., at the age of sixteen years. (8) James T. is our subject.

James T. Hebel was only eighteen years of age when the Civil war broke out, but he manifested his patriotism by early enlisting in the service, becoming a member of Company B, 7th Pennsylvania Reserves, commanded by Capt. G. K. Shull, of Liverpool, Perry county. From Camp Curtin he went to West Chester, where the regiment was organized, and it was sworn into the United States service at Washington, D. C., July 21, 1861. It was then ordered to Fairfax, and later participated in the first battle of Bull Run, under Gen. McDowell. Under his command they did picket duty until the spring of 1862, when they were ordered to report to McClellan, and then took part in the Peninsular campaign. In front of Richmond they engaged in a seven-days' fight, first at Gaines Mills and then at Gaines Hill, where Mr. Hebel was taken prisoner June 27, 1862. While confined in Libby, Gen. Mead was also taken as a prisoner to that place, where he addressed the boys with words of encouragement. After two weeks there passed our subject was transferred to Belle Isle, where he remained for three months before being paroled and taken to City Point. There he and his party took transports for Harrison's Landing, where they did picket duty on the south bank of the James river. Later they took transports around the Acquia creek, and were then in the second battle of Bull Run, being under the command of Gens. Mead and Reynolds. With the Army of the Potomac the regiment was in the battle of Fredericksburg, in 1863, being on the left of the three grand divisions. Here his division lost 3,000 men, but captured over 800 prisoners. Crossing the Rappahannock, Mr. Hebel with his command marched to Belle Plaines and from there to Alexandria, where they recruited. After the battle of Fredericksburg they took part in the engagements at South Mountain and Antietam, and after re-enlisting were ordered to Gettysburg, but the order was countermanded and only two brigades of the division participated in that struggle. With the Army of the Potomac they were stationed upon the Rappahannock until the battle of the Wilderness. With his regiment our subject participated in all the engagements of that campaign, including the battle of Petersburg, the Weldon Railroad charge on the 5th and 6th of February, 1865, and the battle of Hatcher's Run, where they supported the Sixth Ohio Cavalry. They took part in the battle of Five Forks, and continued fighting along the

skirmish line up to the time of Lee's surrender at Appomattox, from which place they marched to Petersburg, and thence to Richmond and Fredericksburg. They were then stationed at Arlington Heights until the grand review at Washington, D. C., in which they participated. Mr. Hebel had re-enlisted November 10, 1863, for three years or during the war, but as hostilities had ceased he was honorably discharged from the United States service at Harrisburg, July 3, 1865. He had taken part in over fifty important engagements, and ever proved a faithful and fearless soldier.

Mr. Hebel returned to his old home in Perry county; but December 13, 1865, he came to Clearfield county, where he learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of Ezra Ale, of Clearfield. He continued to work in that city until his marriage to Miss Charlotte Diem, of Brady township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Henry and Louisa Diem, natives of Germany. After his marriage Mr. Hebel located in Luthersburg, where he purchased a lot of G. B. Goodlander, and erected thereon a two-story dwelling, but later traded the place for a farm in Brady township. A few years later, however, he returned to Luthersburg, and again resumed carpenter work, which he has since successfully followed. In 1889 he purchased the property of Dr. George Wilson, and still makes his home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hebel have become the parents of eleven children, namely: Mary L., born May 16, 1868, died at the age of twenty years; George F., born November 19, 1869, died from diphtheria at the age of nine; Minnie R., born July 24, 1872, died from the same disease at the age of seven; A. M., born October 25, 1874, received a good common-school education, is still with his parents, and is at present assistant postmaster; William F., born March 5, 1877, died in infancy; Annie L., born September 17, 1879, was educated in the common schools, and is at home; Clara E. and Olive May (twins) were born April 8, 1881, but the latter died in infancy, while the former lived to the age of sixteen, dying in 1897; Lillie G., born September 2, 1883, Fannie C., June 17, 1885, and Warren M., December 4, 1889, are all at home and attending school. The parents both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are people of the highest respectability. Mr. Hebel received the endorsement of the citizens of Luthersburg for postmaster, was recommended by Congressman Hon. W. C. Arnold, and received the appointment October 8, 1897, in which position he is now serving his country. He freely offered his services to his country during her hour of peril, and in days of peace has also proved a patriotic and loyal citizen, doing all within his power to advance the interests of his town and county or to promote the general welfare.

ELLIS W. EVANS, an energetic farmer, and a successful contractor and builder, of Graham township, Clearfield county, was born in 1842, on the old homestead in the same township, his parents being Moses C. and Rebecca (Smeal) Evans.

The father of our subject was born in Chester county, Penn., in 1794, a son of Jonathan and Priscilla (Coats) Evans, with whom he removed to Mill Hall, Centre county, at an early day. There he followed tanning for some time, and then located in the woods near Curwensville, Clearfield county, where he cleared and improved a good farm. The mother was a native of Bradford township, Clearfield county, where her father had made a settlement at a very early day. The parents began housekeeping in Pike township, where three children were born, and then removed to a 109-acre tract in Graham township, which Mr. Evans purchased, cleared, improved and cultivated. Here the family circle was increased by the birth of four other children, making seven, namely: Henry, who resides on a farm adjoining the old homestead in Graham township; Mary, wife of Jonathan Emigh, a farmer of Morris township, Clearfield county; J. C., who wedded Mary J. Heise, of Lancaster county, Penn., and after living for a time in Graham township, removed to Illinois, but returned to Cooper township, Clearfield county, where with his wife and nine children he is now living; Catharine, wife of James Myer, of Goshen township, Clearfield county, by whom she has one child; and Josiah M., who married Elizabeth Parker, of Philipsburg, Penn., and with his wife and eleven children reside in Ramey, Clearfield county.

Ellis W. Evans, the subject of this sketch, completes the family. He was reared and educated in Graham township, and was there married to Miss Sarah A., daughter of George W. Hisel, of Lancaster county, Penn., and to them were born children as follows: Rebecca; Mary, who died at the age of five years; M. L. C., who died at the age of three years; Josiah M.; Henry H.; George W.; William W.; B. Ella; Grover C.; Ellis W.; F. C., and Aussie Pearl.

Mr. Evans resides upon a part of the old homestead, which he has improved with good

and substantial buildings, and in fact the whole place testifies to his industry, careful management, enterprise and sound judgment. He has always been a stalwart Democrat in politics, has served for two terms as constable, and is at present supervisor of his township. He is very popular throughout the community, and those who have known him from childhood are numbered among his stanchest friends. In the Methodist Episcopal Church he and his wife, with three of their children, hold membership.

SAMUEL LEWIS KESTER is one of the substantial citizens of Penn township, Clearfield county, whose sterling worth, irreproachable integrity and business activity make him a valued factor in the community. He follows farming and carpentering, and since the age of seven years has resided in Clearfield county. A native of Columbia county, Penn., he was born November 2, 1841, a son of Isaac and Mary (Winer) Kester, the former of whom was born in Columbia county, October 13, 1813, and was a son of Samuel Kester, a native of the same county. Isaac Kester was reared to and followed the occupation of farming, and in 1848 removed with his wife and five children to Clearfield county, Penn., purchasing 150 acres of partially improved land near Lumber City. There he erected a house, and made other substantial improvements during his residence, which covered a number of years. He then sold that property, and purchased what is now known as the David Young farm, of one hundred acres, whereon he passed the rest of his days, dying October 19, 1884; his wife was called from earth July 5, 1896.

Isaac and Mary Kester had a family of eleven children— nine sons and two daughters—namely: (1) Ellis, the eldest, wedded Mary J. Young, of Ferguson township, and resides on the Thomas Clever farm in Bloom township, Clearfield county; they have one son and two daughters—(a) Albert married Maud, daughter of Wilson Tate, of Curwensville, Penn., and they have two daughters, Myrtle and Martha; (b) Ida is the wife of George T. Underwood, a resident of Grampian, and they have one child, Russell; and (c) Emma, who is unmarried. (2) Our subject comes next. (3) Jesse wedded Mary E. Smith, of Bell's Landing, who died leaving four children—(a) Clarence, who is married, and has two children; (b) John unmarried, and living at home; (c) Thomas, who married Lizzie Newcomer, and resides at Bell's Landing; and (d) Harry, unmarried, and living at home. For his second wife, Jesse Kester married Clementine Bell, widow of David Bell, and they had one child that died in infancy. (4) William is a carpenter by trade, and resides with his brother John, at Bell's Landing. (5) Frank married Elizabeth Kester, of Columbia county, Penn., and follows lumbering in Greenwood township, Clearfield county; they have a family of nine children—Minta (wife of Fred Pentz, a farmer of Penn township, by whom she has two children, Allen and Jennie Pentz), Jason, Wallace, Susie, Truman, Mary, Delilah, Rosie and Grier. (6) Susan is the wife of John Parker, a farmer of Columbia county, and they have a family of ten children—Sylvanus T. (who married Miss Laura Haycock, of Benton, Penn.), I. Clark, Elias, Allen, Perry E., Ira P., Lewis W., Mary Araminta, Ellis H., and John Lundy. (7) Amos married Katie Johnson, of Mahaffey, Penn., and resides in Greenwood township, Clearfield county, with their two children—Jesse and Orvis. (8) Ella is the wife of Dan McCracken, a farmer of Penn township, and they have children—Frank and Bessie. (9) Isaac, who resides near Curwensville, Penn., married Lydia Bloom, of Pike township, Clearfield county, by whom he has five sons—Bruce, Vincent, Lynn, Ross and Ellis. (10) John P., of Bell's Landing, follows the carpenter's trade. He wedded Mary Jordan, of Lumber City, and they have five children—Edna, Albert, Charles, Margaret and Alice. (11) James, a photographer of Brockwayville, Penn., married Blanche Luther, of Troutville, Penn., and has one son—Luther.

When a child of seven years, S. L. Kester accompanied his parents to Clearfield county, and spent his boyhood on the homestead farm near Lumber City. In 1860 he began learning the carpenter's trade under the direction of A. C. Moore, with whom he worked for three years. On October 20, 1865, he was married in Penn township to Miss Alice Wall, daughter of Reuben and Sidney Wall, of Penn township. Her grandfather, David Wall, removed to Clearfield county from Centre county, Penn., in 1812, and purchased a large tract of land in Penn township, now known as the Lewis Kester farm. He cleared and improved that place, erected a log cabin in the midst of the forest, and there reared his family of nine children: (1) William Wall, the eldest son, married Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Wall, of Penn township, and they had a family of nine children: Jane, Elizabeth, Sidney, Lydia A., Amos, Lavina, Albert, Truman and Melinda. (2) Jane became the wife of Charles Underwood, and has three children—David, Reuben and Annie, all married. (3) James married Sarah Moore, and resided in

Brady township, Clearfield county, but both are now deceased; they had six children—Jeremiah, Andrew, David, Harvey, George and Mary Ann. (4) Reuben (the father of Mrs. Kester) married Sidney Wall, and lived in Penn township until his death in February, 1892; his wife died in 1885; they had two children—Alice (Mrs. S. L. Kester), and Miles, a resident of Curwensville, Penn. (5) Levi died of typhoid fever after reaching manhood. (6) Margaret grew to womanhood on the old homestead, and is now deceased. (7) Sarah became the wife of Samuel Young, of Bell township, Clearfield county, who resided there until his death; he left a widow and one child, David Young, now of Greenwood township. (8) John married Sarah Elinger, of Brady township, where they both died, leaving a family of four children—Mrs. Jane Gardner, of Brady township, who has four children; Mrs. Mary Counsil; Curtis, of Wall's Mill, who was married, had six children, and lost his wife in 1894: and Mrs. Elizabeth Crowell, who died leaving one son. (9) Jefferson married, and removed to Pittsburg, Penn. Mrs. Kester's mother was one of seven children—Isaiah, Sarah, Sidney, Eliza, Jonathan, Thomas and Elijah, all residents of Penn township.

S. L. Kester, whose name introduces this sketch, has lived on the old Wall homestead for twenty-eight years, locating there in 1868. Eight children were born to him and his wife: (1) Reuben P. wedded Mary Kirk, of Penn township, who died in 1892, leaving a daughter, Vinnie, who lives with her grandparents. Reuben P. afterward married Myrtie Davis, of Penn township, and is now living on the old homestead with his father. He has been a successful teacher in the public schools for eleven terms. (2) Howard, born in 1868, died September 9, 1877. (3) Jennie married Truman Davis, a son of Joseph Davis, and they now reside at Grampian, Penn., where Mr. Davis is engaged in the lumber business; their three children are—Alice, Joseph and Beulah. (4) Beulah, born in 1874, died September 6, 1877. (5) Adda, born August 25, 1775, died September 20, 1877. (6) Minnie A., born December 9, 1878, (7) Siddie, born June 10, 1880, and (8) Seymour, born June 23, 1884, are at home with their parents.

Mr. Kester was reared by his parents in the faith of the Friends Church, and he and his family now hold membership therein. In politics he was formerly a Republican, but now supports the Prohibition party. He held the offices of school director and overseer of the poor, but has never been an aspirant for official honors. His life has been a busy and useful one, devoted to both farming and carpentering, and he is one of the most industrious and energetic citizens of Penn township, whose career commends him to the confidence and good will of all.

SAMUEL G. KUNTZ, of Troutville, Clearfield county, deserves more than a passing notice, his ability, enterprise, and high character having won him an influential place in the community. Like many of the leading citizens of the county, he is of German blood.

The late Jacob Kuntz, father of our subject, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was married in the Fatherland to Fraulein Catherine Yockey. Some years were spent in their native country, and three children were born there; but, desiring for themselves and their family the wider opportunities for advancement to be found in the United States, they left the old home on May 5, 1830, and soon afterward sailed from Havre. Their long and tedious voyage ended July 19, 1830, at New York harbor, and they came at once to Union county, Penn., attracted by the fertile lands which were then being rapidly settled. On November 30, they took possession of a wooded tract near Troutville, where they made their permanent home, clearing and improving it for a farm. Mr. Kuntz was a man of more than ordinary business acumen, and his various enterprises prospered. In 1850 he built a gristmill which he conducted profitably, and he was also interested in lumbering to some extent. In 1856 he engaged in general mercantile business at Troutville, following it for a number of years with great success. He was prominent in local politics also, and in 1861 was elected county commissioner, taking the office in January, 1862, and serving until 1865. His wife died in 1890, at the age of ninety years, after sixty-nine years of happy wedded life; he passed away not long after, dying on April 26, 1892, at the age of ninety-four years, three months and seven days. They had eight children: Frederick, who was drowned near Reynoldsville, Penn., in 1850; Mrs. Bonsall, of Brady township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Elizabeth Grube, of Bell township, Jefferson county; Mrs. Rishel, of Troutville; Jacob, who resides in McCalmont township, Jefferson county; Susannah (Mrs. Limberg), of Butler county, Penn.; Caroline (now Mrs. Caroline Weber), of Troutville, and Samuel G., our subject.

S. G. Kuntz was born March 3, 1845, and was reared at the old homestead, receiving his education in the schools of the neighborhood. Since 1856 he has resided in Troutville, and it is

safe to say that no public enterprise of moment has been projected without receiving from him practical and effective aid. In business he has been unusually successful. Milling has occupied much of his attention, and from 1868 to 1884 he conducted a general store. On disposing of this he engaged in lumbering, and now has a sawmill in active operation. He also has a feed mill and roller buckwheat mill in the borough, which command a good business. In politics he is a Democrat, and his influence in local affairs is well recognized. In 1891 he was chosen to the office of justice of the peace, for one year; in 1892 he was re-elected for the term of five years, and again re-elected, in 1897, for five years, the people thus indicating their approval of his able discharge of duty. Socially he is identified with the O. U. A. M.

In 1869 Mr. Kuntz was married to Miss Elizabeth Weaver, a native of Bell township, Jefferson county, and a daughter of the late George Weaver, who was formerly a prominent resident of that locality, but died in Troutville in 1876. Three children, Clara C., Susie E. and S. Emory, brighten our subject's home.

THOMAS N. FULTON. The name of Samuel Fulton, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, holds a prominent place in the early history of Clearfield county, as it was through his labors as surveyor that the sparsely settled wilderness was set off by metes and bounds. He was born in Ireland May 1, 1782, and came to Pennsylvania in early manhood, locating first in Huntingdon county, where he married Miss Margaret Gahagan. He moved to Clearfield county in 1806, and made his home in the woods of Lawrence township, clearing a farm there. His death occurred in 1861; his wife survived him only ten years. They had nine children, namely: James, who died in 1873; Rebecca, born June 11, 1809, married Archibald Shaw, of Bradford township, Clearfield county, and died in 1894; Moses, our subject's father; Washington P., born August 26, 1814, died in Lawrence township March 8, 1893; Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph Shaw), born August 24, 1819, died in Clearfield, February 8, 1892; Mary, born July 7, 1816, the wife of William Fullerton, of Lawrence township; Susannah (Mrs. Thompson Read), born December 19, 1826, now of Goshen township, Clearfield county; Thomas H., who died in Clearfield county, in 1854, at the age of twenty-nine years; and Hannah (Mrs. Richard Shaw, Jr.), born August 9, 1828, died in Clearfield in 1861.

Moses Fulton was born May 21, 1812, on the farm now owned by our subject, and grew to manhood at his father's farm. He was married in Pike township, Clearfield county, May 21, 1839, to Miss Anna H. Caldwell, a native of that locality, and a daughter of Hon. Alexander and Margaret (Hartshorn) Caldwell. Her father was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and identified himself with Clearfield county at an early period, opening up a farm in Pike township, and taking a leading part in public affairs. At one time he was sheriff of the county, and in 1854-56 he was a member of the Assembly. He and his wife both passed away in 1876 at their home in Pike township.

Moses Fulton followed agriculture as an occupation until death cut short his useful life on May 28, 1865; his widow still resides at the old farm. They reared a family of eight children, namely: Samuel A., who died in Kansas in 1893; Thomas N., our subject; Joseph B., who enlisted in Clearfield county in 1863, and died at City Point, Va., in January, 1864; Martin T., a resident of Eureka, Cal.; Margaret C. (Mrs. Ford), who died in Kansas in 1893; Mary B., the wife of J. F. McGeorge, of Eureka, Cal.; Edgar R., of Marysville, Kans.; and Elmer E., of Atlanta, Georgia.

T. N. Fulton was born July 3, 1842, at the old home in Lawrence township, and was educated in the neighboring schools. He has followed agriculture as an occupation since early manhood, and now owns the homestead containing 130 acres, of which 100 are under cultivation. He was married, in 1881, to Miss Elmira Irwin, a native of Lawrence township, and the descendant of two highly esteemed pioneer families. Her parents, Henry and Mary (Odgen) Irwin (both now deceased), were natives of Clearfield county. To Mr. and Mrs. Fulton were born four children, as follows: Blaine, Ella H., Roy I. and Myra. The mother passed from earth March 12, 1888. In his political affiliations, Mr. Fulton is a Republican. He is greatly interested in all forms of local progress, especially in educational matters, to which he has given effective assistance as a member of the school board.

GEORGE HECKENDORN, who has for several years been actively identified with the industrial and agricultural interests of Karthaus township, Clearfield county, is a native of Cumberland county, Penn., but was reared in Perry county, where he acquired his education in the common schools. His parents were Adam and Susan (Fenical) Heckendorn. His paternal

grandfather, Christian Heckendorn, was a native of Germany, and on coming to America, when a young man, located in Pennsylvania. He was a skillful millwright, and became quite prominent and wealthy. He died in Perry county, and his wife, who survived him for some time, passed away at the advanced age of ninety-six years.

Adam Heckendorn, the father of our subject, was born in Berks county, Penn., and grew to manhood in Cumberland county, later becoming a resident of Perry county, where he owned a valuable farm on which he made most of the improvements. Being a natural mechanic, he repaired most of his machinery, and shod his own horses. He died in Perry county, as did also his wife, who survived him a few years. In early life he held membership with the Presbyterian Church, but, removing to a community where there was no organization of that denomination, he joined the Lutheran Church, to which his wife had always belonged. Seven children were born to them: Christian, Francis, John, William, David, George and Abraham. Only George and Abraham are now living, and our subject is the only one of the family who ever came to Clearfield county.

George Heckendorn remained with his parents until eighteen years of age, and in 1847 entered upon an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade, which he followed as a journeyman at Salt Lick, Karthaus township, after coming to Clearfield county in 1850. At the end of a year he rented a shop which he conducted until 1859, when he purchased fifty acres of partially-improved land, three miles east of the village of Karthaus. He has made many valuable improvements upon the place, including good barns and outbuildings, and has remodeled and enlarged the house, converting it into a commodious and comfortable residence. He has had the misfortune to lose two barns by fire, one residence at Salt Lick, and his recent home was damaged by that destroyer. In connection with his home farm he also owns a one-third interest in 120 acres of improved land, and, also a timber tract. After buying his place he at once erected a blacksmith shop, which he has since successfully conducted, while his farm has been principally operated by hired help. For about nine years he was also a partner of Dr. Gilliland in merchandising, but never gave his personal attention to the store.

In 1858 Mr. Heckendorn was married to Miss Sophia Yothers, who was born in Karthaus township in 1836, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Rider) Yothers. Her father was a native of Adams county, Penn., but at an early age he came to Clearfield county, where he was married, and, being a miller by trade, he conducted the Karthaus mill for many years. Later he purchased a farm, on which he spent his remaining days, dying at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife passed away four years later. They were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and the parents of eleven children: Maria, wife of J. Carley; John; Henry; Daniel; Mrs. Isabella Patterson; Sophia; Reuben; Adeline, wife of Joseph Gilliland; Christian, deceased; Joseph, and Mrs. Mary Heichel. Six of the family are still living.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Heckendorn, namely: Joseph A., a prominent merchant, mine owner, and coal operator; Sarah, deceased wife of Alvin A. Murray; Anna B., wife of Edward Read; Janetta E., wife of John Buchanan; William, who is an employé of the Pennsylvania railroad, residing at Johnsonburg; and Bertha, at home. They have also reared a niece, Mabel E. (a daughter of William Heichel), who has made her home with them since nine months old.

Mr. Heckendorn was reared in the Presbyterian Church, to which faith he still holds, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. At national elections, he supports the candidates of the Democratic party, to which his ancestors belonged, but at local elections votes for the man whom he considers best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party ties. A genial, courteous gentleman, he enjoys the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact, in either public or private life.

ALEXANDER D. STEWART. Man's success is not measured by the height to which he has climbed, but by the distance between his starting point and the altitude that he has reached. The success of our subject seems most marvelous, but has come to him not as the result of propitious circumstances, but as a reward for farsighted dealings, executive ability and discrimination. He is one of the most enterprising and prosperous business men of Houtzdale, and is the senior member of the well-known firm of Pidgeon & Stewart.

Our subject was born in Pictou county, Nova Scotia, in 1846, and is a son of Daniel and Isabella (McDougall) Stewart, who were married in that country. The father, who was a native of Invernesshire, Scotland, died in Nova Scotia, in 1853; the mother passed away in the same country in 1883. In their family were the following children: Peter, a resident of Pictou county, Nova Scotia; Roderick, of Hornellsville, N. Y.;

Mrs. Christina Cameron, of Pictou county, Nova Scotia; Isabella, who became the wife of Robert N. Banks, and died in Beaver Dam, Wis., in 1875; Janet, wife of John J. Sutherland, of Pictou county; and Alexander.

Mr. Stewart, of this review, was reared and educated in his birthplace, where he met with an accident when about nineteen years of age, cutting his left knee with an axe, crippling him for life, after which he followed the teacher's profession in Pictou county until 1869. In that year he went to Beaver Dam, Wis., but in October came to Clearfield county, with whose business interests he has since been identified. He first located at Osceola Mills, where he worked for Whitcomb & Townsend until 1871, when he took up his residence in Houtzdale, the railroad at that time having been completed to the Franklin Colliery. He was in the employ of Kirk, Beyer & Co., and Hoover, Hughes & Co., afterward with Luther & Flynn, as bookkeeper. In August, 1884, was formed his present partnership with Edward Pidgeon, since which time they have successfully engaged in the livery and undertaking business in Houtzdale, as proprietors of the Keystone livery and feed stables, where they own two large barns and keep on hand from thirty to thirty-five horses. They purchased the Woodin Livery stock, and, in connection with the general livery business, also do teaming. In 1894 Mr. Stewart embarked in the furniture and undertaking business, and has met with a well-deserved success along this line. Besides his excellent store and livery business, he also owns many lots in Houtzdale and ten acres of land in Woodward township, and is a stockholder in the Bank of Houtzdale.

In 1887 Mr. Stewart wedded Miss Rosamond Clark, a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., who died in 1888, and two years later he was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Persing, who was born in Decatur township, Clearfield county, and was a daughter of David and Isabella (Clark) Persing, pioneers of Houtzdale, where the father conducted the first hotel; he is now living in West Houtzdale. Mrs. Stewart died in February, 1892, in Houtzdale, leaving one son, Daniel Sherman.

Politically, Mr. Stewart is an ardent Republican, and has served as treasurer of Houtzdale four years, and secretary of the water works company three years. Socially, he affiliates with Osceola Lodge, No. 747, I. O. O. F. His actions have during life been such as to distinctively entitle him to a place in this publication, and although his career has not been filled with thrilling incidents, probably no biography published in this book can serve as a better illustration to young men of the power of honesty and integrity in insuring success.

B K. FISHER, proprietor of the "St. Elmo Hotel," Du Bois, is a man whose history confirms the truth of Lord Byron's oft-quoted remark, "Truth is stranger than fiction." It would take a good-sized volume to present at length all the varied scenes of the drama in which he has been the chief actor, but the book would be an interesting one, with its record of the adventure in war and peace, of fortunes won and lost, and of a home life which has been at once an incentive and a reward for his efforts. His entrance into business was not particularly promising, as he had had but limited educational privileges, attending school about six months in all.

His abilities were almost his only capital; but he had enjoyed an unusually careful training in conduct under the watchful eyes of Christian parents, and never wasted his time on games of chance or weakened his faculties by the use of tobacco or intoxicants; facts which will convey their own moral to the thoughtful reader.

Mr. Fisher was born in Berks county, Penn., June 21, 1834, the son of John and Katharine (Cramer) Fisher, who were both natives of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Penn., the father born in 1804, the mother in 1800. Our subject had four brothers and two sisters: (1) Elizabeth, the eldest in the family, married Abram Heck, of Berks county, and died in 1879, leaving three sons and three daughters. (2) Charles was born in Berks county, and now resides in Schuylkill county, where he owns 295 acres of farming land in a good state of cultivation; he married Miss Phœbe Byer, and has had seven children, of whom three daughters are now living. (3) Louisa (deceased), married Mr. Mudamouth, and had five sons, four of whom are living. (4) William was born in Schuylkill county, and now owns a large farm there; he married Phœbe Foust, and has reared a family of five daughters and four sons. (5) Elijah is a railroad employee at Palo Alto, Penn. He married, and has six children. (6) Daniel, also a native of Schuylkill county, is in the railroad business at Philadelphia. He married, and has eight children.

Mr. Fisher's youth was spent mainly in Schuylkill county, and in early manhood he married Miss Sarah Livengood, of Berks county. His first important business venture, undertaken soon after his marriage, was a contract for making four million brick, on which he cleared $4,000. He then bought a farm, gristmill and

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sawmill, with all improvements, in East Hanover township, Lebanon county; but after five years he sold it to Mr. Krider, of Lebanon, clearing about $7,000 on the transaction. In 1860 he leased his father's farm of 600 acres, and remained there until the war broke out, when he disposed of his interest in the estate, and enlisted in the three-months' service with the rank of lieutenant. At the close of his term he re-enlisted, and soon afterward became the wholesale sutler of the 173rd P. V. I., establishing his quarters at Norfolk, Va. This field of speculation he found extremely profitable, and after a short time he sold out, clearing $25,000, and returned home with $68,000 in cash. In 1864, he re-enlisted, and remained in the service until the close of the war. Among the engagements in which he participated was the battle near Gettysburg.

On his return home from the front Mr. Fisher engaged in the flour and feed business at Auburn, Penn., but sold it and purchased a farm in Schuylkill county, which he laid out in town lots, founding the present village of Johnstown. He invested largely in the place, constructing a brick-yard, and a large two-story frame building, in which he carried on a wholesale and retail mercantile business. He dealt in all sorts of commodities, including flour and feed, his sales often amounting to $15,000 or $20,000 a month; but after a time he disposed of the business for, $50,000.

Mr. Fisher then moved to Philadelphia, Penn., and continued the same line of trade, building a three-story frame house for his store. The Molly McGuire difficulties arose when he was in the full tide of success, he handling from $25,000 to $30,000 worth of goods per month, and he lost about $75,000; but he sold his stock and realty in order to meet his debts, and going to Philadelphia, returned with receipts in full from every creditor. His next venture was at Reading, Penn., where he carried on a wholesale and retail business in oysters and candy, buying the first by the car-load and the latter by the ton; and in 1876, on disposing of this store, he leased a hotel which he remodeled and fitted up for the Centennial trade with excellent results, his income for two weeks only in the busiest season amounting to $1,000 per day. While in Reading he resided in a brick house on Ninth street, for which he paid $5,000, and his three children were given every social and educational advantage. After the close of the Great Exposition, Mr. Fisher sold his interests in Reading and moved to Punxsutawney, purchasing the "Jennings House," which he remodeled and called the "St. Elmo." Here his usual luck deserted him. On June 3, 1879, the hotel, on which he held but little insurance, was burned, leaving him $3,750 in debt. He was thus obliged to begin anew under circumstances which would have discouraged most men; but in the same year he began to rebuild. Fortunately his barn, a large structure, 150 x 46 feet, and finished in front like a three-story house, was available for business uses, and he kept hotel there until October, 1880, when the new building was far enough advanced for occupation. He moved in time for the trade of fair week, which brought him $9,977.50, a comfortable sum for a man owing $20,000, as he did at that time. Just the week before he had borrowed $1,000 from Mr. Arnold, the banker at Reynolds, Penn., giving only his word as security, and ten days after opening the hotel he paid this back and deposited $5,000 in the bank.

Mr. Fisher continued in business until he had cleared off all his debts and expended $20,000 besides, and in 1886 he bought the "American House," in Brookville, Penn., paying $25,000 for the house and $7,000 for the stock. He remained there until 1889, spending $20,000 in improvements in the meantime, and then leased the place to his bartender, David Buffington, and the clerk, A. D. Long, at a rental of $368.68 per month. For three stores and a barber shop they paid $84.50 per month, making $453.18 in all. They had no capital, and he left them $122 in cash to pay current expenses at the start; but they succeeded, and after four years bought the furniture at $10,000. Later they bought the house for $40,000, giving mortgages of $10,000 for seven years and $20,000 for fifteen years, and paying the interest promptly every quarter. Mr. Fisher then bought the "Commercial House," in Wellsville, Ohio, for $15,000, which he sold afterward for $30,000. A jewelry store in which he then invested caused a loss of $1,100, and he next purchased a half-interest in the "McGuire House," at Pittsburg, Penn., but sold out in two months with a profit of $5,000. A farm of ninety acres at Brookville was bought for $3,000, and after spending $3,500 on improvements he sold the produce therefrom for $6,000, and later traded the farm for a double brick house and outbuildings at Punxsutawney, the deed for which called for $5,000, $1,000 being given to boot, making a total of $6,000 for the farm.

In 1894 Mr. Fisher removed to Du Bois, buying the "St. Elmo Hotel" for $5,000. This he has greatly improved, making extensive additions, and it represents at present an investment of $13,000. The hotel is managed upon strict principles, and, in fact, in the twenty years

that Mr. Fisher has spent in the business he has never allowed any card playing or other games, or admitted any guests of questionable habits. He has never been refused a license, but no liquor is ever knowingly sold to minors or to men of intemperate habits. Every detail of his immense business receives Mr. Fisher's personal supervision, his genial and kindly nature being often revealed, as in his rule that no clergyman should ever pay for entertainment and no needy man be turned away hungry.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are members of the Evangelical Church of Reading, and have carefully reared their family in that faith. In their home family worship was observed every day by the reading of a chapter from the Bible, followed by a prayer and a hymn. A blessing is asked before meals and thanks given afterward, these customs being handed down from previous generations. The three children have received excellent educations, no expense being spared, and they are now well established in life: (1) John M., who was born June 23, 1858, in Lebanon county, Penn., received his academy education mainly in Reading. He read law one year and then began the study of medicine at Columbus, Ohio, his course being completed in Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. His professional career has been remarkably successful, and at present he is city physician in Philadelphia at a salary of $10,000 per year. (2). Katie was born March 5, 1860, in Schuylkill county, and was educated at Reading. She married F. P. Graff, formerly of Punxsutawney, and now of New York City, where he is engaged in railroad and insurance business. They have four children—Bertha, Carrie, John, and one whose name is not given. (3) Jacob L., born March 12, 1862, in Schuylkill county, also attended school at Reading, and has mastered four languages, English, German, Latin and Greek. He also completed a course in pharmacy, winning the chief prize, a gold medal, among eight hundred students, and then read law with Reuben Winslow, of Punxsutawney, and the Hon. George Jenks, of Brookville, being admitted to the Bar in 1889. He has since been in practice at Punxsutawney, where he ranks among the best in his profession.

As will be seen, Mr. Fisher has every reason to feel proud of his children. Both of his sons promise to add distinction to the family name, and neither of them has ever touched tobacco or any kind of liquor, or indulged in card playing. Like their father, they are stanch Republicans, and are active and influential in political affairs. So far neither of them has married.

Mr. Fisher has held various positions of public trust: he has served as postmaster at Orwin, which office was closed; then as postmaster at Reynolds City; then re-established the Orwin post office, all within three years, three terms. Socially, he is prominent, and he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Patriotic Sons of America, the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ROBERT T. McMURRAY, of Ramey borough, Clearfield county, is one of the public-spirited citizens to whose energy and foresight that locality is indebted for many improvements. While Mr. McMurray as a prosperous business man has given close attention to his private affairs, he has never forgotten or ignored the bond of common interest which should unite the people of every community, and has always been ready to promote general progress. Something of the ardent Irish temperment is revealed in his earnest advocacy of various improvements, and we are not surprised to learn that his paternal grandparents were natives of the Emerald Isle.

Grandfather James McMurray was born in 1764, and was already in the prime of life when he and his wife, in 1808, came to America, locating in Half Moon Valley, Centre Co., Penn., where the grandmother died a few years later, leaving two sons, Russell and John. James McMurray for his second wife married a Miss Devine, and had several children. One, Rev. Jacob McMurray, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was for several years presiding elder in the Altoona district, and died in the work. Russell, another son of this union, was a wealthy merchant and lumberman, of New Washington, Pennsylvania.

John McMurray, the father of our subject, was born March 27, 1808, on the broad Atlantic Ocean, and grew to manhood at the new home in Pennsylvania. In 1830 he married Miss Dorcas Runner, and three years later located at New Washington. She died June 6, 1845, leaving one son, Jacob R., who passed away before the year ended, and one daughter, Mrs. Martha Mehaffey, also deceased. In 1848 John McMurray formed a second union, this time with Mrs. Jane (Alexander) Hegarty, widow of John Hegarty, of Becaria township, Clearfield county. For some years he resided at Hegarty's Cross Roads, but later purchased a partially-improved farm of 160 acres in Knox township, Clearfield county, known as the Wiley property. He added many improvements, clearing about sixty acres of it, and followed farming there during his active

life, with the exception of a few years when he was engaged in mercantile business in Ansonville. His wife died at the farm in 1874, and two years afterward he sold the place and made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Wiley, at Ansonvile, where he breathed his last in 1878.

There were four children by the second marriage: (1) John A., born at Hegarty's Cross Roads, February 14, 1849, received a common-school education in Knox township. In 1869 he married Miss Sophie Young, of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, and they now reside upon a farm near Beulah; they have had twelve children, of whom all but two are living. (2) Robert T. is mentioned more fully below. (3) Catherine Jane, born March 1, 1853, married James D. Wiley, formerly of Ansonville, and now a farmer of Gazzam, Penn.; they have had eight children, of whom five—Murray, Flora, Ethel Velma, Ruby and Vern—are living. (4) Charles D., born May 15, 1856, was married in 1878 to Miss Melissa Shoff, of Woodward township, Penn., and made his home at Madera. For some years he followed lumbering, but is now engaged in mercantile business. His first wife died in 1881, leaving one daughter, Myrtle, now a young lady of eighteen attending the Birmingham Seminary in Huntingdon county, Penn. Charles McMurray, for his second wife, married Miss M. L. McKeehen, of Ansonville, by whom he has two children, Georgie and Ruth.

The subject of our sketch was born April 18, 1851, and remained at the old home in Knox township, Clearfield county, until fourteen years of age, attending the local schools. He then left the parental roof, and found employment in the woods at hauling timber. In 1866 he went to Missouri with an uncle, Mr. Bell, but returned three months later, and for some time worked at any employment that he could find. In 1871 he married Miss Annie Hersh, daughter of John and Martha Hersh, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and established a home of his own, purchasing a partially-improved farm of 160 acres in Gulich township, which is known as the Robert Hegarty property. He finished clearing the place, made further improvements, and after a residence of about ten years sold it (in June, 1885), and bought the Davidson property in Ramey borough. That home he occupied four years, and then built an elegant modern house, 49 x 47 feet, fitted with bathroom, hot and cold water pipes, also with all the latest conveniences, and has it heated by a hot-water system. In fact, it is one of the finest homes in the vicinity. Mr. McMurray also owns five tenement houses in Ramey, with other valuable property, and in 1891 he purchased 600 acres of timber land in Garrett county, Md., to which he gives attention. For some years he was engaged in mercantile business at Ramey, conducting a grocery from 1883 to 1885, and then a general store until 1894, when his establishment was destroyed by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. McMurray have two talented and attractive daughters, whose accomplishments would be a source of gratification and pride to any parent: (1) Louise M., born May 13, 1873, was graduated from the high school at Ramey, and then pursued a course of study at the Mountain Seminary, in Huntingdon county, Penn.; she is a fine musician, and gives lessons to a few favored pupils at her home in Ramey. (2) Martha J., born August 4, 1875, is also a graduate of the Ramey high school, and attended the Mountain Seminary with her sister; she is highly gifted in music, and stood at the head of her classes in other branches of study throughout her school course. Two other daughters, rarely gifted and greatly beloved by all who knew them, died in 1892, from diphtheria, within twelve days of each other: (1) Ella May, who was born May 5, 1879, and died August 4, 1892, was one of the brightest pupils in the schools of Ramey, and a leader among her young associates. (2) Grace E., born March 22, 1883, died August 16, 1892, was also unusually bright, and the death of these two beloved children caused the deepest sympathy throughout the community for the afflicted parents.

Mr. McMurray's interest in higher education is shown by the careful education of his daughters, and he has been one of the most energetic and efficient workers in securing for Ramey its excellent graded-school system and fine modern building. Politically he is a Republican, and he has held various official positions, serving as school director, overseer of the poor, supervisor, street commissioner, and as a member of the borough council. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and he and his wife are prominent members of the Church in Ramey.

J. S. McQUOWN, an enterprising, wide-awake business man of Lumber City, Clearfield county, has through his own efforts established himself among the prominent and well-to-do citizens of the place. A native of Indiana county, Penn., he was born March 2, 1848, a son of John and Hannah (Wall) McQuown. The birth of the father occurred in 1812, in the same county, where throughout life he carried on agricultural pursuits, operating a farm near Marion

Center. He died in 1858, his wife about a year later.

The brothers and sisters of our subject were as follows: (1) Rebecca became the wife of Samuel Leisure, a farmer of East Mahoning, Indiana county, and had two children—Josephine and Matilda, who are both married and reside in that county. (2) Mary C. wedded T. A. Hendricks, of Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., where she still resides, but her husband was drowned while rafting, in the spring of 1888; they had three children. (3) Margaret married Watson Guthrie, a carpenter, and with their two children they resided in Punxsutawney, Penn.; the husband was killed by falling from a scaffold while at work on a building in Pittsburg, and his widow now resides in Punxsutawney. (4) William Wallace died at the age of three years. (5) Rev. James R. has been a minister of the Presbyterian Church for twenty years, and now has charge of a congregation in Caldwell, Kans.; he married Elizabeth Evans, of Jefferson county, Penn., and has nine children. (6) Lafayette M., who is engaged in the lumber business in Stambaugh, Mich., married Lucy McCalluster, of Jefferson county, Penn., and has six children. (7) H. K., who is engaged in the railroad business, married and has a family.

The early education of J. S. McQuown was such as the common schools of his native county afforded. Being left an orphan at the early age of twelve years, he was cared for by William Black and wife, with whom he resided for five years, during which time he worked on their farm and at the carpenter's trade. At the age of seventeen he took a year's course of study in the Covode (Indiana) Academy, and afterward engaged in teaching for one term in Richmond, that county. Coming to Clearfield county in the fa of 1866, he commenced work for John W. Rafferty, in Penn township, making timber, and later he was with J. W. Bell, of Bower, Bell township, serving as foreman of his mill, and looking after his lumber interests for eleven years. In 1876, Mr. McQuown married Miss Rebecca Ameigh, of Big Run, Jefferson county, daughter of John and Sophia Ameigh. Her father died in the spring of 1884, and her mother now makes her home in Jefferson county. Our subject and his wife have five children, all at home, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Edna, June 18, 1877; Alta, June 7, 1880; Wayne S., March 7, 1883; J. Roe, September 28, 1885; Carlton Read, October 22, 1890.

After his marriage, Mr. McQuown removed to Lumber City, where he followed the sawmill business for a number of years, and is still engaged in the work of scaling and estimating lumber. He is an energetic, progressive business man, but finds time to devote to public affairs, taking an active part in all the improvements of his town; and being a warm friend of the cause of education, he is prominently identified with the school interests. Politically, he was a Republican until 1891, when, on account of his views on temperance he joined the Prohibition party, and in the spring of 1897 was the candidate on that ticket for commissioner of Clearfield county. He has creditably filled the offices of tax collector and assessor for two terms, being the present incumbent in the latter position in Lumber City. He is also president of the school board, and a member of the Lumber City Classical Normal School board. Religiously, he is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife and two daughters also belong.

JOHN A. MURRAY, one of the self-made business men who constitute the most effective and successful workers in commercial life, is a well-known agriculturist, lumberman and land owner of Goshen township, Clearfield county.

The family is of Irish origin, but William Murray, the father of our subject, was born in this State, in Huntingdon county, and moved to Clearfield county in early manhood. There he married Miss Belinda Mains, a native of Vermont, and a daughter of Nehemiah Mains, who was a prominent farmer of this section, and passed his last days here. William Murray cleared a farm in the wilderness in Clearfield county, but was not successful in gaining a livelihood by it, and spent his time at various kinds of labor as occasion offered, doing some hunting also, the forests in this section being still full of game. In politics he was a Whig, and in religion a Presbyterian, his wife being a member of the United Brethren Church. He died in 1853, but Mrs. Murray lived to an advanced age, passing away in 1882. They had six children: Margaret, who married A. Hoover, a farmer; Miles, who was accidentally killed in Wisconsin, leaving a widow and six children; Phœbe, who married Henry Bumbarger, a farmer; Mary, the wife of John Shimel, a farmer; John A., our subject; and George W., deceased.

Mr. Murray, our subject, was born August 19, 1834, the family residence being then in Karthaus township, Clearfield county. His schooling was limited, and he was compelled to undertake the work of bread-winning at an early

John D Murray

Sarah T Murray

age, as he was only fourteen when his father died, and the widowed mother looked to him for help in the support of the family. He did any work that his hands found to do, and spent several years in a sawmill. Later he began to work in the woods at lumbering, and after a time undertook that business on his own account, buying lands and hiring help in clearing and working up the lumber. In this way he obtained a start in the world of business, and he has steadily progressed until he is now one of the substantial citizens of his locality.

In 1860 Mr. Murray married Miss Sarah J. Kyler, a lady of fine mental gifts, who was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, April 26, 1843. Her father, Joseph Kyler, a pioneer farmer of that locality, was of German descent. Her mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Hommaker, died in Clearfield county, and Mr. Kyler married a second wife. In 1863 he sold his farm and moved to Nebraska, and later went to Oregon, where he died after a residence of two years.

Mr. Murray and his wife went to housekeeping on a tract of land which he purchased in Bradford township. It was partially improved with a log house and a clearing of about twenty acres, and by energetic and skillful management he succeeded in paying for it. In 1864 he entered the army, joined the 57th P. V. I., Second Corps, Third Brigade. He served until the close of the war, taking part in a number of engagements, including those of the Weldon raid, in North Carolina, and the battles at Hatcher's Run and Petersburg, receiving only one slight wound. He was at the latter place at the time of Lee's surrender. On July 7, 1865, he returned home, having been mustered out of the United States service at Washington, D. C., and from the State service at Harrisburg. He resumed his interrupted labors upon his farm, which he sold in the fall of 1866 in order to go to Nebraska; but being dissatisfied with the outlook there he came back in the same year and bought one hundred acres in Goshen township. This he has cleared and improved, and he has added one hundred acres more, having now a fine estate with 140 acres under cultivation. His first house, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire, but he built a commodious two-story residence to replace it, and his large barn and other farm buildings are substantial and convenient structures. At another point on the farm he has a second residence, a two-story frame building with barn. He has given close attention to his farm, and his fine orchards and well-kept fields show his care. At the same time he has been extensively engaged in lumbering in the winter season. He owns several tracts of timber land, one of 900 acres and one of 300, and lately he purchased a 330-acre tract in Goshen township, with a sawmill, which he is now operating. In all respects he has a pleasant home.

Of eleven children seven are now living, four having died in childhood: Elmer E. is a farmer, blacksmith and miller at Shawsville; Lillie married James Stewart, of Clearfield; James I. conducts a hotel at Cataract; Mabel is the wife of Ashley Wilson, a farmer in Bradford township, Clearfield county; Grace married Silas Munn, a lumberman; Fannie and Lois are at home. Mr. Murray is a Presbyterian in religious faith, but there is no Church of that denomination near his home. He does not seek political honors, but is a Republican in principle, and has at times held various township offices. He is of medium size, and dignified in his deportment, yet very pleasant and agreeable to all who approach him. His financial success has been won by his continuous and well-directed effort, in which his estimable wife has been an active helper. Fortunately both are now able to enjoy together the reward of their well-spent years.

M B. CONAWAY. Prominent in the history of Clearfield county are the representative business men and enterprising farmers, and among them is the subject of this personal history. Besides being engaged in general farming, he has successfully followed lumbering for many years in Covington township, where he still makes his home. His entire life has been passed in the same county, his birth occurring in Bradford township, where he passed the days of his boyhood and youth.

On the paternal side our subject's grandfather was of Irish birth, while the grandmother was born in Germany. For seven years the former was a faithful soldier in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war, and also served in the war of 1812. On coming to Clearfield county, he located in the woods at Three Runs, below Karthaus, and there reared his four sons, Charlie, John, George and Enoch, who, as well as their parents, are now deceased. In the city of Clearfield, George Conaway, the father of our subject, married Catherine Forcey, and removed to what is known as the Forcey farm in Bradford township, where he reared his family. His first purchase, which consisted of one hundred acres, he sold, and then bought 132 acres of coal land at Three Runs, and there spent the last fif-

teen years of his life. His wife also died upon that place.

On reaching manhood, Mr. Conaway, of this review, was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Brunson, of New York, a daughter of Isaac and Margaret (Burge) Brunson, and they began their domestic life upon the McDowell farm, comprising 122 acres of good land in Bradford township. After residing upon that place for five years, Mr. Conaway sold and removed to Covington township, where he purchased 347 acres of wild land, which he has cleared and converted into an excellent farm, that is still his home.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Conaway: Margaret, who was drowned in Big Basin, at the age of seventeen years; Alexander, who resides on the homestead farm, wedded Mary E. Nearhood, and has six children; Anderson, who owns and operates what is known as the Shultz farm, married Gertrude Nearhood, and has one child; Katherine was the wife of Peter Smith, and resided on the old homestead until her death in 1874, when she left one daughter; Mary Ellen wedded Joseph Valimont, by whom she had three children, two still living, and she died on a farm in 1882; Miles, a farmer of Covington township, married Catherine Flood, and has nine children; Nancy is the wife of Henry Mowry, by whom she has six children, and they live on a farm in Covington township adjoining her father's; Henrietta is the wife of Joseph Killburn, by whom she has six children, and they live on a farm near the old homestead; and William McClelland and M. B. are still at home with their father. The wife and mother was called to her final rest November 7, 1894, and her death was widely and deeply mourned. She was an indulgent mother and an affectionate wife, who proved a faithful helpmeet to her husband.

In politics Mr. Conaway is an uncompromising Republican, and for many years took an active part in political affairs, doing all in his power to promote the interests of his party. His son Miles has now taken his place in that work. Our subject has served as supervisor and constable of his township, and in the discharge of every duty, whether public or private, has been true to the trust reposed in him. He is a faithful and active member of the Presbyterian Church, to which one of his sons also belongs.

ALONZO WHITE. Among the brave men who devoted the opening years of their manhood to the defense of our country from the internal foes who sought her dismemberment, was the subject of this biography, now a prominent resident of Ramey borough, Clearfield county. He comes of good New England stock, his ancestors being residents of Vermont in early days. His grandparents, Charles and Jemima White, removed from that State, about 1827, to Chemung county, N. Y., where they spent their later years.

Their son, David White, our subject's father, was born in Vermont in 1807, and had not yet attained his majority when the family removed to New York State. There he purchased, in the town of Erin, Chemung county, a tract of land, which he cleared and improved for a homestead. His parents were cared for in their last days by him, and his own death occurred there March 18, 1862. He was married, in 1839, to Miss Rachel Vanauken, who still makes her home at the old farm. At present she is visiting our subject at Ramey, and although eighty years of age, is well preserved physically, and retains to a remarkable degree her mental vigor. Of the five children of David and Rachel White: (1) Sylvester, born at the old homestead in 1841, married Miss Malonia Bogert, of Chemung county, N. Y., and shortly afterward located at Philipsburg, Penn., where he followed contracting and building for a number of years, accumulating considerable property. Later he sold out and returned to New York, and now resides in Elmira. He has two children—Nora, now Mrs. Rathborn, of Elmira, and Walter. (2) Alonzo, our subject, will be more fully mentioned below. (3) Mary, born December 21, 1845, married Ira Vandusen, formerly of Chemung county, N. Y., and now a resident of Oklahoma, where he is employed as superintendent of pumps on a railroad; they have one son, Alva, who is employed by the same company and works under his father's direction, and a daughter, May, who is at home. (4) Alexander L., born August 13, 1848, a photographer of Wayland, N. Y., married, but has no children. (5) Miss Nancy A., born May 3, 1851, resides at the homestead; she is a successful teacher in the public schools of that locality.

Alonzo White was born September 11, 1843, and grew to manhood at the home farm, his education being acquired in the local schools. In 1862 he enlisted at Elmira in Company I, 141st N. Y. V. I., and was sent to Washington, where his regiment remained for about four months, as a part of the force required to defend the city from threatened invasion. They then took part in the campaign in Virginia, and from their station on the peninsula were sent to assist in the siege of Suffolk, and later in the pursuit of Wise, whom they followed to Bottom's Bridge,

within a few miles of Richmond. After that exploit they joined the Army of the Potomac, near Gettysburg, just at the close of the battle there. From this point they went south again, going down the Rapidan to the Rappahannock, where they remained until fall. Their next move was to Chattanooga, Tenn., and, in connection with that campaign, they found serious work awaiting them at Wauhachie Valley, Mission Ridge and Knoxville, the siege of the last named place ending with the retreat of the Rebels and the capture and occupation of the city. The regiment was then assigned to Sherman's forces for the famous march to the sea, and during much of the time was detailed to bring up the rear as a train guard; but they finally joined the main body of the troops at Goldsboro, N. C. During these operations, Mr. White was taken ill, and spent some time in hospitals at Bridgeport, Ala., and the Cumberland field hospital at Nashville, Tenn. On rejoining his comrades, he participated in the march from North Carolina to Richmond, at the close of the war, and was reviewed at the latter city by Rebel generals as well as those of the Union army. Then came the triumphal pageant, the Grand Review, at Washington, and the final discharge on June 28, 1865.

Mr. White did not long remain at his early home near Elmira, for in the fall of 1865 he came to Clearfield county, Penn., and engaged in lumbering near Philipsburg. In 1868 he married Mrs. Andrew Miller (*née* Henderson), and about the same time bought a lot in Osceola and built the "Montour House," which he conducted five years. It was destroyed in the great fire of May, 1874, which burned the entire town, and a second hotel built in the same town burned down just as it was nearing completion. These mishaps naturally discouraged Mr. White, and he resumed his former occupation of lumbering, removing to Himes Mills, where he spent seven years. He purchased a mill property from J. B. McAnally, of Clearfield, and began manufacturing lumber; but in the following year his mill caught from a burning forest, and everything was destroyed, including the tramroad and other improvements, and a large amount of sawed lumber. After this Mr. White was employed by the Moshannon Land & Lumber Co. to take charge of a part of the building of their railroad, called the Moshannon extension, and remained with them one year. In 1881 he entered the service of Berwin, White & Co., as weighmaster, and after three years moved to the Goss farm in Decatur township, Clearfield county, to work for Himes & Co. Since leaving that employment he has been weighmaster for Berwin, White & Co., first at Eureka mine, No. 3, and then for seven years at the drain colliery, and, since 1891, at Eureka mine, No. 7, in Ramey borough. Previous to his removal to Ramey, he lived for some time at the Kephart farm, and followed agriculture in addition to his other work.

Mr. White is highly esteemed in his locality for his excellent qualities. He is a Republican, politically, but he has never joined in the scramble for office, and in religious affiliation he is a Presbyterian, his wife being also a member of that Church. They have reared a family of four children: (1) Harry M., born September 13, 1869, in Centre county, received a common-school education, and is now in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Altoona, Penn. In 1892 he married Miss Myrtle Metzgar, of that city, and they have two children—Anna E. and Charles M., both at home. (2) John K., born September 8, 1873, is now studying chemistry at Bissell Station, Penn., with the view of pursuing that science as an occupation. He is not married. (3) David H., born August 20, 1876, was educated in the public schools of Clearfield, and is now engaged in agriculture. He is single, and makes his home with his parents, as does also the youngest son, (4) Ralph Guy, born September 18, 1883.

Mrs. White had two sons by her first husband, who was killed on a railroad, where he was employed: (1) William E. Miller, born September 10, 1863, is now a conductor on a freight train on the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, and resides at Altoona. He married Miss Jessie McCully, of Houtzdale, Penn., and has two children. (2) Jacob H., born May 3, 1866, resides in West Newton, Penn., and is employed as baggage master on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, between that point and Pittsburg. He married Miss Mamie Mattern, of Decatur township, Clearfield county, but has no children.

Mrs. White was born in Centre county, November 22, 1843, the daughter of James and Mary Henderson. Her ancestors, on the paternal side, came from Ireland at an early day, and settled in Morris county, N. J. Her parents came to this State after their marriage, and located at Julian, Centre county, where the father died, in 1865, and the mother, in 1875. Mrs. White was next to the youngest in a large family of children: (1) Agnes, is now Mrs. Steele, of Forest county, Penn. (2) Eleazer served as a soldier in the Civil war, and died in Centre county, in 1882, leaving several children. (3) William E., a farmer of Clarion county, Penn., is married, and has three children. (4) David, a farmer and lumberman, of Jefferson county,

Penn., is married, and has eight children. (5) John, a merchant and lumberman, at Millstone, Elk Co., Penn., is married, and has eight children. (6) Margaret (now Mrs. Miller) has two daughters, both married, and living in Altoona. (7) James S., a lumberman, at Reynolds, Penn., is married, but has no family. (8) Rachel married John Spotts, who was killed at the battle of Spottsylvania, leaving two sons. (9) Mary married James Dilman, a veteran of the Civil war, now living in retirement at Reynoldsville, Penn., and they have three sons, of whom the eldest, John, is proprietor of the "Belknap House," at Reynoldsville. (10) Mrs. White came next. (11) Peter D. married Miss Mary Robley, of Huntingdon county, Penn., and afterward served as a soldier in the Civil war. He died at Hagerstown, Md., while on his way home, his widow surviving him with one daughter, Luella, now Mrs. John Irwin, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

P GALLAGHER. A brilliant example of a self-made American citizen, and a grand exemplification of the progress that an ambitious foreigner can make in this country of unbounded opportunities, is shown in the case of Mr. Gallagher, a leading citizen of Osceola Mills, Clearfield county. His singular success is due to his own energy, and the high ideal which his lofty and laudable ambition placed before him. Success in any walk of life is an indication of earnest endeavor and persevering effort—characteristics that he possesses in an eminent degree.

Mr. Gallagher is a native of Ireland, born in 1834, in County Donegal, where his parents, Edward and Mary (O'Donnell) Gallagher, spent their entire lives, the former dying in 1892, at the extreme old age of one hundred years, and the latter in 1840. In their family were six children, as follows: Mrs. Catharine Kennedy died in Ireland. Barney came to Clearfield county, Penn., in 1845, and engaged in lumbering and teaming from Tyrone and Millsburg, this State; he enlisted in the Union army during the Rebellion, and died in the service. Our subject is the next in order of birth. Hugh, a puddler by trade, also became a resident of Pennsylvania, and was killed by the cars near Allentown, this State. Mrs. Mary Gallagher is still a resident of County Donegal, Ireland, and Edward lives on the old homestead in that county.

The first fourteen years of his life Mr. Gallagher, of this review, spent in his native land, and he then went to Liverpool, England, where he boarded a sailing vessel, which reached the harbor of New York after a voyage of six weeks and five days. Coming at once to Clearfield county, Penn., he found employment in the lumber woods, making square timber, and teaming. As soon as he had saved sufficient capital, he purchased a partially-improved farm near Wallaceton, in Clearfield county, and still owns a valuable place of 125 acres in Boggs township, which he purchased in 1859 and operated for a number of years. In 1864, during the Civil war, Mr. Gallagher was drafted, and endeavored to send a substitute, going to Waterford, Penn., for the purpose of enlisting two substitutes, one for himself, and one for Mr. J. W. Haney. On arriving at Waterford there was much excitement there owing to a report of the shooting of a provost marshal. At that time many of the Clearfield county men were looked upon as Rebels, and from some cause the substitutes offered were rejected. Several weeks later our subject again went to Waterford for the same purpose, but was advised that it was too late to send substitutes, and that he, himself, would have to enlist. The condition of his business affairs was not such that he could well do this, so he declined to enlist, and stated that, as he was not naturalized, he really did not have to enlist or send a substitute, unless he desired to. After such conversation he was informed that he could enlist his substitutes into the service of the regular army, and to do so he would have to go to Erie, Penn., which he did, and there, after an attempt to be beaten out of $50, he finally enlisted two substitutes for himself and friend. This cost the two $1,000. From 1866 until 1868 Mr. Gallagher engaged in merchandising in Stoneville, and for the following two years carried on the same business in Wallaceton. Until 1873, he was then engaged in mercantile pursuits in Houtzdale, but since that time has been a resident of Osceola Mills, where for two years he successfully conducted a store, which in 1875 was destroyed by fire. Since 1882 he has engaged in the coal buisness, now operating the Wallace mine; has also leased the Mapleton mine, and is interested in the Donegal mine. He is also president of the Building and Loan Association, and is a business man of more than ordinary capacity.

In 1859, in Boggs township, Clearfield county, Mr. Gallagher was married to Miss Mary Ann Stone, a daughter of Alexander and Mary Ann (Kephart) Stone, the former a native of England and the latter of Clearfield county. Both parents are now deceased, and Mrs. Gallagher died in 1863. Two children were born of this union: Edward, who died in 1861; and Alexander, a

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prominent physician of Denver, Colo. Mr. Gallagher was again married in Boggs township, this time, in 1870, to Miss Mary W. Cross, a native of Centre county, Penn., and a daughter of Andrew and Jane B. (Wingate) Cross. Her father was born in Juniata county, her mother in Mifflin county, this State, whence they removed to Centre county, and in 1848 took up their residence in Boggs township, Clearfield county, where the father opened up a farm. He died in Boggs township; his wife passed away in Centre county.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Gallagher is a pronounced Democrat, and in 1881 was on that ticket elected justice of the peace, which office he has since continuously filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He also served as judge of election for twenty years, and in all the various relations of life, whether public or private, has been true and faithful to every trust reposed in him. He is an honored and valued citizen of Osceola Mills, and has the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

HUGH CAMPBELL. In the busy community located in the thriving borough of Osceola Mills, we find several energetic and thoroughgoing business men, who have attained success through their own tact, good judgment and perseverance. Among this number is the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical notice, and who, at the present time is the oldest druggist of the place.

Mr. Campbell is a native of Philadelphia, born in 1842, and is a son of Patrick and Johanna (McNutt) Campbell. The father was born in the North of Ireland, and at an early day emigrated to the United States, taking up his residence in the city of Philadelphia, where he continued to make his residence until called from this life in 1848. The mother died in 1871.

In the Quaker City our subject grew to manhood, and secured his education in its public schools. At the age of thirteen years he secured a position as clerk in a drug store, and has since devoted his time and attention to that business. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, completing the course with the class of 1866, and for a number of years he successfully engaged in the drug business in his native city. In 1883 he came to Osceola Mills, and succeeded to the business of Mr. Blandy, whose predecessor was Dr. Good, the first druggist in the place. In the year of his arrival Mr. Campbell erected his present commodious store building, and was soon at the head of a large and profitable business, which has steadily increased. He carries a large and well-selected stock of everything found in a first-class store of the kind, and this fact, together with his courteous treatment of customers, has gained for him a liberal patronage.

In October, 1870, Mr. Campbell was married in Philadelphia, to Miss Margaret Williams, and to them have been born four children: Margaret, is successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Houtzdale, Clearfield county; Charles, teaching the Ocean school in Woodward township, same county; Miriam and Hugh. Politically, Mr. Campbell is identified with the Republican party, and takes quite an active interest in public affairs. Being a warm friend of the cause of education, he has performed effective service as a member of the school board, and gives his influence to all worthy enterprises which will in any way benefit the community. In February, 1868, he was made a member of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, Ancient York Masons, of Philadelphia; he also belongs to Osceola Lodge, A. O. U. W., of which he is a charter member and the first past master workman. His sterling integrity and general urbanity of manner have won for him a large number of friends.

WA. GOULD. The study of American biography leads one to the conclusion that success in this country is almost always the result of certain conditions; that it depends upon energy, perseverance and careful management. Mr. Gould is no exception to the rule, and he is now numbered among the leading business men of Brisbin, being successfully engaged in general merchandising in that borough.

Mr. Gould is a native of South Wales, born in 1859 at Tredegar, Monmouthshire, a son of George and Sarah (Davis) Gould, the former born in the Parish of Crampton, Somersetshire, England, of English descent, and the latter born in Tredegar, Monmouthshire, of Welsh descent. They came with their family, then numbering two sons and two daughters, to America, locating in Bedford county, Penn., where the father followed mining for three or four years. He then removed to the anthracite coal regions, where he remained six months, after which he returned to Bedford county, and began contracting, selling coal to the railroad companies. After five years he removed to Everett, Penn., where for two years he engaged in contracting in the iron ore works for L. T. Watson & Co.,

after which he went to Huntingdon county, and accepted the position of superintendent of the mines of Reakert Brothers & Co., at Dudley. After four years were thus passed, he removed to old Moshannon, and in August, 1873, accepted a position as mine superintendent of the Moshan Coal Co., with which he continued until 1876, since when he has lived in Brisbin. He is now a contractor and shipper of coal at that point. In 1874 he purchased land there and built a house, to which he removed his family, January 1, 1877.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould have reared a large family: (1) Mary E., the eldest, was born in Wales, married W. J. Rosivear, a miner, residing in Osceola, but now engaged in silver mining at Park City, Utah. They have three children—Edward, George and William, all at home. In 1896 Mrs. Rosivear, after thirteen years spent in Utah, returned with her youngest son and made a three-months' visit with her parents in Brisbin. (2) John Gould, born in Wales, and educated in old Moshannon and in the State College, followed mining until his marriage, in 1879, to Sarah Morgan, of Brisbin. He then bought land, built a good home, and resided there for some time. Later he purchased property near Punxsutawney, Jefferson Co., Penn., and is now employed as weighmaster at the mines of Berwin, White & Co. His only child, Samuel, died in infancy. (3) W. A. Gould comes next. (4) Hannah, born in Wales, died in 1870, at the age of nine years. (5) Richard, born March, 1865, in Bedford county, and educated in Brisbin, followed teaming for his father until stricken with typhoid fever, which resulted in his death, January 21, 1886. (6) Sarah died in infancy. (7) Sallie, born in Bedford county, died at the age of four years. (8) Thomas, born in 1871, in Huntingdon county, Penn., removed with his parents to old Moshannon, where he acquired a common-school education. Later he graduated in a business college of Philadelphia in 1889, after which, he became clerk and bookkeeper in the store of his brother, W. A. Gould, with whom he remained until 1893, when he accepted the position of manager of the store of the Kettle Creek Coal Mining Co. In 1894 he married Myrtle Clark, of Houtzdale, and has two sons, Russell and George. (9) George Gould, born in July, 1873, in Huntingdon county, was reared in Brisbin, and is now clerking for our subject. In August, 1897, he married Margaret McKinn, of Brisbin. (10) Elvy was born and educated in Brisbin, and is living with her parents.

W. A. Gould accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, in December, 1863, and acquired his education at the schools of Huntingdon and Clearfield counties, and at the State College, in Centre county. He matriculated there in 1875, and pursued a two-years' course. Returning to his home in 1877, he was for two years engaged in coal mining, after which he accepted a position as clerk in the store of Andrew Gleason, with whom he remained eighteen months. He then became salesman for Liverwright & Co., remaining in their store for seven years. In 1886 he embarked in general merchandising on his own account, in connection with L. A. Flenner, and after four years purchased his partner's interest, and has continued the business from that time up to the present. He has a large and well-selected stock of goods, and from the public receives a liberal patronage. In 1893, in connection with the firm of De Long & Gould, he began operating the Henderson coal mines in Brisbin, and this also adds materially to his income. On May 1, 1897, Mr. Gould purchased the interests of Mr. De Long, and is now the sole proprietor of the business.

On September 16, 1896, Mr. Gould was married to Miss Martha Griest, an estimable lady of Osceola, and on January 8, 1898, Mrs. Gould presented Mr. Gould with a daughter, named Sarah Elizabeth. Their hospitable home is a favorite resort of many friends, and in addition to this property Mr. Gould owns valuable real estate in Brisbin. He is one of the recognized leaders of the Republican party in his locality, and is accounted one of the foremost citizens of Woodward township, his superior business ability gaining him leadership in the world of trade, while his personal worth has won him first rank in social circles. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 919, at Brisbin; also of the F. & A. M. Lodge No. 515, at Osceola; of the R. A. M. No. 228, at Clearfield, and of Moshannon Commandery No. 74, K. T., at Philipsburg.

H A. HARTZFELD, a thorough and systematic farmer of Brady township, Clearfield county, has there spent his entire life, his birth occurring in April, 1853, at the family homestead.

Christian and Caroline (Huether) Hartzfeld, his parents, were both natives of Germany, where their marriage was celebrated, and where their eldest child was born. With the hope of benefiting their financial condition they left the Fatherland for America in 1851, and on their arrival here at once took up their residence in Brady township, Clearfield county, where for two years the father worked for others. He

then purchased fifty acres of timber land three and a half miles south of Luthersburg, on which a little log cabin had been erected, and upon that farm has since made his home. He has cleared the entire tract, built a large barn, and in 1868 replaced the little cabin home by a substantial two-story frame residence. There he and his wife are spending their declining years, surrounded by many comforts and luxuries, which their former years of toil have brought to them. They are well known throughout the community and are held in the highest regard. Of their family of six children, Christian was born in Germany, in 1849, and on reaching manhood married Miss Lizzie Haag, of Bell township, Clearfield county. They began their domestic life in Troutville, where the husband worked at his trade of carpentering for a few years, and then purchased a farm in Bloom township, Clearfield county, where they now reside. They have seven children: Frederick, John, Frank, Ida, Carrie, Gussie and Paul. (2) H. A., our subject, is the second of the family. (3) Lewis, born in 1857, was born on the old homestead, and married Miss Catherine Haag, of Bell township. He owns and operates a farm adjoining his brother's, in Bloom township. His children are: Edward, Maggie, Milton, Emma, Harry, Lorina and A. J. (4) Caroline, born in 1860, married J. P. Korb, of Bloom township, and they live on his farm in Brady township, near her childhood home. They have eight children: John, Joseph, Alpheus, Emanuel, Lydia, Emma, Lewis and Jessie. (5) Charles, born in 1868, is now operating the home farm for his father. (6) Rosena, born in 1872, married John Shaffer, of Bell township, who is now engaged in farming in Brady township.

In much the usual manner of farmer lads, H. A. Hartzfeld spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and on reaching man's estate wedded Miss Mary Wulfert, of Jefferson county, a daughter of William and Caroline Wulfert, well-to-do farming people of that county. Four children grace their union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Simon T., in January, 1882; Annie C., in November, 1885; Sarah L., May, 1887; and Emma P., in August, 1892.

Previous to his marriage, Mr. Hartzfeld had purchased some seventy-five acres of the old Armagost farm which was slightly improved, and to its further development and cultivation he has since devoted his time and attention with most gratifying results. In 1886 he erected a pleasant residence, and five years later a large barn, and has made many other useful and valuable improvements, which add largely to the attractive appearance of the place. His political support is given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and in religious belief both he and his wife are Lutherans, belonging to the church near Troutville. Progressive and public-spirited, he has ever taken an active part in advancing the moral, educational and material interests of his locality, and he is recognized as one of the most valued citizens of the community.

GIDEON P. DOUGHMAN has, through the greater part of his life, been in the employ of the government, in either the military or the civil service. For almost twenty years he was postmaster of Grampian, and is now mail carrier. During the war of the Rebellion he was numbered among the "boys in blue" who went to the front in defense of their country, and valiantly espoused the cause of the Union. Faithful to his duties of citizenship in every walk of life, he is honored and esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. Doughman was born in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, July 4, 1840, a son of Jacob and Gula Elma (Widemire) Doughman. His father, a native of Half Moon, Centre county, removed to Penn township, Clearfield county, in 1848, and for nine years resided on the Widemire farm. He then purchased the adjoining property in Grampian, where he made his home until his death, in 1873. His wife died about 1844, and he afterward married Miss Mary A. Widemire, of Half Moon Valley. By the first marriage he had three children, and, by the second marriage, one son: Hannah, the eldest, became the wife of John H. Rowles, of Penn township, who died in the spring of 1892; she is still living near Grampian, and has seven children. Sarah is the wife of John Thompson, of Petroleum Center, Venango Co., Penn., who is now living in Grampian; they have two children. Gideon P. is the next of the family. Jacob, who was born in Grampian, October 9, 1851, made that place his home until his death, at the age of forty years.

Gideon P. Doughman was reared in Penn township, and obtained his education in the common schools, which he attended through the winter season. In the summer he worked on the farm and in the woods until eighteen years of age, when, in 1858, he began to learn the tanner's trade, working until 1861 under the direction of James L. Cook, who was superintendent of a tannery owned by John Russel.

On October 7, 1861, Mr. Doughman, prompted

by a spirit of patriotism, enlisted in Company K., 42nd P. V. I., known as the "Bucktail regiment." He joined the command at Curwensville, and, with the troops of Col. E. A. Irwin went south, crossing the Potomac and camping at Langly Cross Roads, at Camp Pierpont. That command first met the enemy at Drainsville, where they were supported by Easton's Battery, and succeeded in driving the Rebels back. Returning to camp, they went into winter quarters, and in the spring of 1862 moved to Hunter's Mills, and on to Alexandria, where they remained in camp two weeks. They then marched to Fredericksburg, and about the middle of June proceeded by transports down the Rappahannock and up the York river to the White House. Disembarking, they marched to Mechanisville, Va., where they joined McClellan's forces. The company to which Mr. Doughman belonged was detached as reserve pickets. The forces were also engaged in throwing up entrenchments there, and on the 24th of June, 1862, while serving in picket duty, Mr. Doughman was cut off from the army by Longstreet's command. The company made their way to the Chickahomie swamps, and on several occasions attempted to break through the enemy's lines, but failed. At Mechanicsville they were taken prisoners by Lee's cavalry, sent to Richmond, and for two weeks were incarcerated in the Pemberton tobacco warehouse, after which they were transferred to Belle Isle. A month later they were taken to Aikens Landing on the James river, and exchanged under a flag of truce. The members of the gallant Pennsylvania company then went to Harrison's Landing, and joined the regiment which formed a part of McClellan's army. The hardships of prison life had reduced them almost to skeletons, and for a few days they rested at Harrison's Landing, after which they were placed on board transports, taken to Fredericksburg and thence up the Potomac to Rappahannock Station, near where they met the enemy in the second battle of Bull Run. The Union lines were there broken, and the troops fell back to Centreville, whence they marched to Georgetown, and on through Maryland to Frederick City. Mr. Doughman was then transferred to Patterson Park Hospital, in Maryland, where he remained until December 29, 1862, when he was honorably discharged on account of disability.

For a year after his return, Mr. Doughman was unable to engage in any business. He was married August 9, 1865, to Elizabeth E. Walters, of Grampian, and removed to the family homestead in order to take care of his father, remaining with him until his death in 1873. Our subject and his wife have four children: (1) Walter G., who follows contracting and building in Grampian, Clearfield county, married Miss Agnes Dickey, of Greenwood township, a daughter of George W. Dickey; they have two sons—Gideon P. and Dudley H. (2) Zella T. is the wife of Roland G. Farwell, by whom she has four children—Thornton D., Richard O'Niel, James Frederick and Nora E. (3) Sadie E. is the wife of Burgess Willett, a son of George and Lunetta Willett, of Curwensville; they have three children—Blaine G., George Vernon and Daphne Elma. (4) Virginia, the youngest of the family, is at home.

Mr. Doughman is one of the prominent representatives of the Republican party in Clearfield county. He was appointed postmaster of Grampian Hills May 26, 1870, and held the office continuously until November 9, 1885. He was reappointed under John Wannamaker, a month after President Harrison's inauguration, and served until October 1, 1893—thus making an incumbency of nineteen years and ten months. His administration was most popular, for he discharged his duties with great promptitude and exactness, which, together with his pleasant, courteous manner, made him a favorite with the many patrons of the office. He was reappointed postmaster under McKinley, November 17, 1897. In the cause of education and the improvement of the schools he is deeply interested, and is as true to his duties of citizenship in days of peace as when he followed the "starry banner" on Southern battle fields.

FRANK L. COUDRIET, of Covington township, Clearfield county, has throughout his entire business career been prominently identified with the commercial and agricultural interests of the community, and has taken an active part in its upbuilding and progress. He has ever cheerfully given his support to those enterprises that tend to public development, and is accounted one of the leading and influential citizens of the township.

Mr. Coudriet was born in Covington township, in 1854, a son of L. M. and Jeanpeire (Gunot) Coudriet, while his paternal grandparents were Francis and Marguerite Coudriet, natives of France, who emigrated to this country in 1831, and located in Bellefonte, Centre Co., Penn. From there they came to Clearfield, where they made their home for two years, and then took up their residence in Frenchville. There the grandfather purchased land on which

he made his home until 1851, when he bought the Lamont property and commenced lumbering and also merchandising.

In the grandfather's family were the following children: S. M. married Nancy Leigey, by whom he had nine children, and they live on the old Coudriet homestead. L. M., the father of our subject, is next in the order of birth. Louis F., a farmer of Covington township, wedded Mary Patarotte, and they have a large family of children. Prosper A., a miller by trade, married Regina Cormont, and has several children. Virginia is the wife of John Bergey, a farmer of Covington township, by whom she has eight children. Alfont died when fourteen years of age. F. F. married Salina Moniac, and is a lumberman of Girard township, Clearfield county. Napoleon F., of Covington township, married Margaret Hugar, and has several children. Catharine was the wife of John Picard, formerly a farmer of Covington township; both are now deceased, and they had two children. Celestine married Felix Picard, by whom she had two children, and after his death she wedded Justin Treaponey, by whom she has six children.

L. M. Coudriet, the father of our subject, was born in Lebanon county, Penn., in 1831, and accompanied his parents on their various removals, finally locating in Frenchville, Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood. He was for a number of years entensively engaged in the lumber business, at first buying 1200 acres in Girard township, Clearfield county, where he carried on operations until 1867, when he removed to Mulsonburg, and in connection with his lumber interests also engaged in merchandising. He purchased 3,500 acres of land in Covington and Girard townships, and continued in active business up to his death, which occurred April 25, 1888. He was one of the most enterprising, energetic and successful business men of the community, and by fair and honorable dealing won the confidence and high regard of all with whom he came in contact.

Frank L. Coudriet was reared and educated in Mulsonburg. In November, 1877, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Mignot, of Covington township, a daughter of Francis and Mary Mignot. Five children were born of their union, of whom four are still living, namely: Clement, now aged seventeen years; Norbert L., aged fifteen; Hugh C., aged thirteen; and Edward A., aged eight. For a year after his marriage, Mr. Coudriet continued to reside in Mulsonburg, and then removed to his grandfather's old homestead in Covington township, where he still resides. In connection with his farming operations he has also engaged in lumbering since 1882, and in 1888 he embarked in mercantile pursuits, which he has since successfully followed. He also owns between two and three thousand acres of land, most of which is estimated to be underlaid with coal, in Girard and Covington townships. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man, whose name is a synonym for honorable dealing. He takes an active interest in the success of the Democratic party, which he always supports by his ballot; has held the office of school director since 1881, and has also served as collector of his township. Like the other members of his family, he belongs to the Catholic Church.

JOSIAH W. SMITH, an honored veteran of the Civil war, was numbered among the valiant sons that Pennsylvania sent forth to do battle for the Union. He is alike true to his country in times of peace, and is accounted one of the leading and influential citizens of Becaria township, Clearfield county, where he carries on agricultural pursuits, and is also interested in the lumber business.

Samuel M. Smith, grandfather of our subject, removed from New Jersey to Becaria township in 1817, purchased 134 acres of timber land, cleared away the trees, built a log house and developed a good farm. He married Ann Monroe, a native of New Jersey, who proved to him a faithful helpmeet in his pioneer experiences. After a few years, however, on account of the wildness of the place, they went to Philadelphia, where they remained for eight years, when they again came to the farm in Becaria township. They had nine children, of whom Joseph and Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart were the eldest two. (3) Samuel married Eliza Byer, daughter of John Byer, and resides in Bigler township, Clearfield county. (4) William married Miss Dodd, of New York, and resided near Becaria Mills until September, 1861, when he enlisted in the 105th P. V. I. He was captured at the battle of Fair Oaks, and died of starvation in Libby prison. Three of his six children survive Mrs. Martha Crabtree, Darius and Mrs. A. Hummel. (5) Mary A. is the wife of John Straw, of Belsena Mills, Clearfield county, and has five children—Mrs. Josephine Goon; Evie Jasper, at home; D. A., who is married and resides in Irvona; Charlie, who is married and lives at Belsena Mills; and Annie, wife of John Bodle, of Irvona. (6) Jane C. became the wife of John Luvely, who died some years ago, after which she married Jacob Rinefelt, who died at their home in Philipsburg. Her third husband

was David Pershing, and they made their home at West Moshannon. (7) Evie was killed by the stroke of a handspike while managing a raft after the falls of the Susquehanna river. (8) Sarah is the wife of Philip Lusher, of Forest county, Penn., and they have a large family, among whom are Annie, Albert, John Howard and Alice. (9) David C. married Anne A. Shoff, of Becaria township. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army in the nine-months' service, and in March, 1864, re-enlisted in the 82nd P. V. I. He was wounded at Cold Harbor June 1, that year, and died at Davis Island, N. Y., on the 9th of August, leaving a widow and two sons. Mrs. Smith has since married John Davis. The children are Andrew W. and David Ulysses, both of whom are married and live in Becaria township.

Joseph Smith, father of our subject, was born July 14, 1819, on the farm which is now the home of his son Josiah, and continuously resided there until 1880, when he removed to Utahville, where he died April 13, 1893, at the age of seventy-six years. He was married October 13, 1841, to Fannie Shoff, who was born February 24, 1813, and died May 18, 1873. She was a most estimable lady, attentively caring for the comfort of her husband and children. They reared a family of five sons, the eldest of whom is our subject. (2) William M. Smith was born in February, 1846, and married Rose Holliday, of New York. They resided in McKean county, Penn., until 1893, when they removed to Sisterville, Va., where William is employed by the Standard Oil Co., for which corporation he has worked for twenty years at a salary of $100 per month. He has two children living. When seventeen years of age he enlisted in the Union army and served through the war. (3) A. C. Smith, born in 1848, married Sarah J. Litz, of Becaria township, and resides on the old Litz estate. They have five children—Fannie, George A., Adda Blanche, Lena May and Mary E., all at home. (4) J. L. Smith, born in 1850, was for three years in the heavy artillery service during the Civil war, stationed at Fort Delaware. After his return home he worked in the oil district of McKean county until 1881, when he went to Ohio, and studied telegraphy. For six years he was in the employ of the Santa Fé Railroad Co., spent four years in Garden City, Kans., was then in Conway, Ark., and thence went to New Mexico, where he remained one year. He was one of the first men to enter Oklahoma, at which place he remained until 1895, when he removed to Virginia, and is now working at the pumping station of the Standard Oil Co., near Pittsburg, at a salary of $90 per month. (5) John N. born February 22, 1854, is engaged in merchandising in Irvona. He married Almira Litz, of Becaria township, and has one son, John M., who, after attending the common schools of Becaria township, entered the Westchester high school in 1893, and was graduated in 1896. He is now employed as a teacher in Westchester at a salary of $50 per month.

Josiah W. Smith was born in Becaria township, in September, 1842, and spent his youth in farm work and in study at the public schools. In 1868 he married Sarah J. Leonard, daughter of John and Marguerite Leonard, of Blair county, Penn. They began their domestic life on the farm which is now their home, it having formerly been owned by Mr. Smith's maternal grandfather. He purchased this place at Orphans' Court sale in 1865, and has since successfully carried on agricultural pursuits and lumbering. His keen discrimination and unflagging industry have brought to him prosperity, and he is now one of the substantial citizens of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have a family of nine children: John A., who was born March 23, 1869, and was educated in the common schools of Becaria township, is now employed by the Standard Oil Co., at Sisterville, W. Va. Fannie M., who was born January 6, 1871, and supplemented her common-school education with a course in the normal school at Mahaffey in 1891, was formerly a teacher. Mary Florence, born March 19, 1872, Anna E., born February 5, 1874, Harry F., born Janury 28, 1876, William Clyde born May 24, 1878, Margaretta J., born August 24, 1880, Walter L., born March 16, 1883, and Joseph M., born March 22, 1887, are with their parents.

During the Civil war Mr. Smith manifested his loyalty to the government by enlisting in June, 1863, in Company I, 82nd P. V. I. The regiment joined the Army of the Potomac near Fairfax, met the enemy at Rappahannock, and then advanced toward Richmond, again engaging in battle at Mine Run. The Union troops fell back near Brandy Station, and went into winter quarters. The brigade to which Mr. Smith belonged was ordered to Johnson's island to take charge of the Rebel prison, and there remained until spring, when it again joined the Army of the Potomac. They were engaged in the battle at Cold Harbor, where Mr. Smith was wounded, a ball piercing his left eye and coming out under the right ear After remaining for some time in the hospital at Washington he was transferred to Haddington Hospital, Philadelphia, where he remained until October, when he rejoined his reg-

iment and participated in all its service until after the surrender of Lee. He was mustered out at Hall Hill, Va. In politics he has always been one of the active workers in the Republican party, and is as true to his duties of citizenship as he was on the field of battle. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and throughout the community are held in the highest esteem.

E. J. CUNNINGHAM is one of the reliable and progressive agriculturists and representative men of Union township, Clearfield county, where he is actively engaged in general farming. He was born in 1857, near Mifflintown, in Juniata county, Penn., a son of John and Jane (McCrum) Cunningham, also natives of Juniata county, where for a number of years they continued to make their home upon Grandfather Cunningham's farm. The mother died upon that place when our subject was only one month old, her clothes taking fire while washing, and she was burned to death. The father, who is still living, now resides in Patterson, Juniata county.

Ephraim, the eldest son of his three children, was born in that county in 1851, received a fair education in the common schools of Port Royal, and continued a resident of the county until reaching manhood, when he went to Iowa, where he was married. After engaging in mercantile pursuits in that State for a time, his health failed and he removed to Marshall county, Iowa, where he edited the first newspaper printed within its borders, and later engaged in the real-estate business. Subsequently he removed to Wayne county, Nebr., and is now the editor and proprietor of the *Wayne County Republican*. Rebecca, the sister of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Juniata county, in 1853, and has always remained with her father, now caring for him in his declining years.

On the death of his mother, Mr. Cunningham, of this review, was taken to the home of his uncle, David Dresler, of Clearfield county, who, with his excellent wife, tenderly cared for him. He was reared to manhood on the farm where he now resides, and as soon as old enough began to assist in its cultivation. The well-tilled fields and neat appearance of the place indicate his thrift and enterprise and the careful attention that he gives to every detail of his business. In 1885 he married Miss Jennie Farley, a daughter of Morris Farley, an honored veteran of the Civil war, who enlisted in 1861, was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and again at the battle of Petersburg, and for a long time was confined to hospital. After four years of faithful and arduous service he was discharged, in 1865, and returned to his home in Brady township, Clearfield county. Subsequently he emigrated to Minnesota, where he still resides. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham have four interesting children: John, at this writing aged ten years; Nellie, aged eight; J. Russell, aged four; and Mabel, aged two.

Mrs. Cunningham is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, but our subject holds membership with no religious denomination. The Republican party finds in him a faithful ally, and for two terms he acceptably filled the office of supervisor of his township. He is a public-spirited and enterprising man, and takes an active interest in everything promising to benefit the community.

MICHAEL MAGUIRE. Like many other residents within the bounds of Clearfield county who started out in life with naught but an abundance of determination and indefatigable industry, and a strong and healthy constitution, and who succeeded through their own diligence, energy and economy, we classify the subject of this sketch, who is actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Morris township.

Mr. Maguire is a native of Pennsylvania, born June 15, 1851, and is a son of Mark and Rosana (Hatton) Maguire. The father, who was a son of Michael Maguire, was born in Diamond Valley, Huntingdon Co., Penn., and in 1855 came to Graham township, Clearfield county, where he purchased one hundred acres of land known as the Kyler farm, which he at once began to clear and improve. Later, he sold, and removed to Bald Eagle Valley, Centre county, where he rented a farm for a few years, removing finally to Centre county, where he passed the last years of his life. By his first wife, who was a Miss Monhollen, he had three children, James, Luke and Alfred. The mother of these dying in Ohio, Mr. McGuire afterward wedded Rosana Hatton, and Michael, the subject of this review, is one of the nine children born of this nnion, the others being as follows: Scott is married, and resides in Munson, Clearfield county; Ruth is the wife of Charles Gage, of Half Moon Valley, Centre county, by whom she has five children; Paul, who lives at Morrisdale Mines, Clearfield county, married Miss Myers, and has six children; John, a resident of Chester Hill, Clearfield county, married Miss McKenny; Mark is single, and makes his home in Centre county; Sarah is the wife of George Hoover, a farmer of Centre county; Rachel lives at the old home in Centre county;

and James married Emily Wilhelm, and resides in Clearfield county.

Our subject accompanied his parents on their various removals, and remained with them until he reached manhood, acquiring his education in the public schools. In 1881 he married Miss Jennie Rothrock, a daughter of William T. and Mary Jane (Flegal) Rothrock, and they now have six children: Oliver, who at this writing is fifteen years of age; Chester, born October 15, 1883; Orin, born January 2, 1885; Alfred R., born February 3, 1887; Walter, born March 31, 1890; and Paul, born December 17, 1891. After his marriage, Mr. Maguire located at Morrisdale Mines, where for seven years he was in the employ of R. B. Wegton & Son, either delivering goods or doing general work. He then purchased his present farm of 140 acres adjoining the village of Munson, and a part of it he has laid off in lots which he has sold. By industry and perseverance he has brought the remainder to a condition of most excellent culture, has erected good and substantial buildings thereon, and now has the finest property in Munson.

Financially, Mr. Maguire has reason to be satisfied with the result of his labors, and his course as a citizen has been such as to commend him to the people among whom he makes his home. Enterprising and progressive, he is regarded as one of the valued members of the community. As he is a strong temperance man, he uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Prohibition party, and in religion both himself and wife are consistent and earnest members of the Methodist Church. He was supervisor of Morris township for one term, and during the coal and iron strike served for three months as a policeman. His support is always given those measures which have for their object the upbuilding and advancement of the community, or the good of his fellow citizens.

ZACHARIAH OGDEN. In 1794, when the site of the present thriving town of Clearfield was still an inviting field for the pioneer farmer and lumberman, Daniel Ogden, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, settled there, cleared a farm in the woods and built the first mill erected in that vicinity. He and his wife were both natives of Pennsylvania. Their son Matthew, our subject's grandfather, was born in Lycoming county, Penn., but passed the greater part of his life in Clearfield county, following in his mature years the occupations of milling and farming. He settled in the woods in Lawrence township and cleared a farm for himself, where he and his wife, Elizabeth Bloom, reared a family of children, among whom was a son William, the father of our subject. He was born in 1804, grew to manhood at the old home, and then engaged in farming in Lawrence township, where his death occurred in 1878. He was married in Clearfield county to Miss Eleanor Selfridge, who was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1808.

Our subject was one of the ten children of this estimable couple. He was born February 6, 1835, and enjoyed the usual advantages of a country boy during his youth. In 1855 he purchased a tract of 150 acres of forest land, and after bringing that under cultivation he added forty-six acres more, the property being now one of the best farms in his locality. He was married in 1855, in Pike township, Clearfield county, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Bailey, a descendant of an old pioneer family. Her father, Titus Bailey, was a native of Clearfield county, and he and his wife, Lydia (Henry), spent their lives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden have had ten children, as follows: Harry is married and lives in Wisconsin; Flavius L. is married and resides in Indiana; Emma (Mrs. Kinsman) lives in Wisconsin; Jonathan is married and lives in Lawrence township; Cyrus is married and settled in Wisconsin; Emanuel died at the age of twenty-three; Lillie (Mrs. Henry Litz) resides in Lawrence township; Zachariah Bailey is a physician in Pittsburg, Penn.; and Jerad and Jasper (twins) are at home. The mother of these died October 8, 1887, and on October 18, 1888, Mr. Ogden was married to Henriette Rishel, of Clearfield county, born February 12, 1840, a daughter of Titus and Lydia (Henz) Bailey. By this marriage there are no children.

Mr. Ogden has always shown himself to be loyal to the best interests of his locality, and as a member of the school board he has been especially active in educational affairs. In his political views he is a Democrat, and among other offices to which he has been elected is that of treasurer, which incumbency he held seven years. Socially he is affiliated with the Grange, and also with Clearfield Lodge No. 198, I. O. O. F.

CLARK B. NORRIS is the proprietor of one of the most noticeable homesteads in Pike township, Clearfield county, and as a tiller of the soil is thorough and skillful. He was born September 2, 1848, in the township where he still makes his home, was educated in its public schools, and throughout his business career has there followed farming and lumbering with good success.

Zachariah Ogden

The Norris family is numbered among the pioneers of this section of the State, the great-grandfather of our subject locating in Centre county at an early day in its history, and during the time he was developing a farm in the midst of the forest underwent all the trials and difficulties of frontier life. The grandfather, Moses Norris, was for a number of years a leading farmer of Centre county, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Church.

Centre county was the birthplace of John Norris, the father of our subject, and when four years old he was brought by his parents to Clearfield county, where he was reared to manhood and throughout life followed agricultural pursuits, clearing and improving a farm in Pike township. Having received a good education for those early days, he engaged in teaching to some extent. His political support was ever given the Republican party, and he was called upon to fill a number of important local offices, serving as justice of the peace for a number of years, and also county commissioner. He died in September, 1894, at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. He married Priscilla Bloom, a daughter of Isaac Bloom, who belonged to one of the earliest families of Clearfield county, his father, William Bloom, having come here from New Jersey in 1802, accompanied by his seven sons and three daughters, from whom are descended all bearing the name in this section of the State. The father of these children aided the Colonies in securing their independence, serving all through the Revolutionary war. Isaac Bloom developed a fine farm in the midst of the wilderness, upon which he spent his remaining days. He was a prominent and influential man, a strong Democrat in politics, and a Methodist in religious belief. Mrs. Norris was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, to which her husband also belonged; she departed this life in January, 1883.

Of the sixteen children born to the parents of our subject, all grew to manhood and womanhood and married. They are as follows: Sarah, deceased wife of T. Moore; Thomas, deceased; John, who was a captain in the Union service during the Civil war; Mrs. Mary J. Starr, deceased; James, a farmer by occupation; Isaac, a lumberman; Moses, a farmer, Mrs. Martha Kirk, deceased; Clark B.; Mrs. Elizabeth Casada; George, a resident of Jordan township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Margaret Stage; Wesley, of Clearfield; Mrs. Lavina Wall; William, a farmer; and Ord, who is living on the old homestead.

Clark B. Norris remained upon the home farm until his marriage to Miss Sarah Wall, a lady of intelligence and culture, born in Clearfield county, May 16, 1858, a daughter of Thomas Wall, of Penn township, who was a farmer and lumberman by occupation, owning and operating a sawmill. He first married Hannah Davis, a daughter of Joseph Davis, and to them were born four children, one of whom died in infancy; the others are James D., a lumberman and miller of Penn township; Elisha M., who was murdered in California for his money; and Sarah E., wife of our subject. The mother of these children died in 1860, and the father afterward wedded Eliza Nicolson, by whom he had six children: Mrs. Mary E. Spencer; Mrs. Anna Magowen, now deceased; Leona, wife of J. Donahue; Blanche, who died at the age of fourteen; Charles, a farmer; and Maud at home with her mother. The father was accidentally killed by a team May 14, 1894. With the Society of Friends both he and his first wife held membership. Ten children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Norris: Wallace A., who was married September 2, 1896, and is at home; Alverda, wife of Charles Addleman, by whom she has one child, George L.; Alice, wife of Charles Smith, by whom she has one child, Ferman; and Ralph, Thomas, Allen, Laura M., Howard, Clara E., and Lida E., all at home with their parents.

Since fourteen years of age, Mr. Norris has worked in the lumber woods during the winter season, in the spring time has rafted his own lumber down the river to market, and since his marriage has also engaged in farming on his own account, first operating a rented farm for about ten years. In 1879 he purchased his present farm, comprising what was then known as the Andy Tozer and Balsard Rocker farms, consisting of 140 acres, 100 of which are under cultivation and improved with excellent buildings. Here he has a pleasant home situated about a mile and a half south of Curwensville. He takes an active interest in public affairs, uniformly votes the Republican ticket, and has served as auditor of his township, and constable four years. To enterprises calculated for the general welfare of the people around him he has ever been a cheerful and liberal contributor, and to a marked degree enjoys the confidence and respect of all. He and his worthy wife are earnest members of the Methodist Church.

A J. FRY, a leading and influential citizen of Becaria township, Clearfield county, manifests an intelligent and progressive interest in all matters pertaining to the public welfare. He follows agricultural pursuits, and his business dealings are most honorable and straightforward.

His long residence in the county, together with his upright life, has made him widely and favorably known, and he well deserves mention in this volume.

Our subject is the third child of Joseph and Jane (Watson) Fry, the former of whom was born near New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Penn., and spent part of his youth at the home of an aunt in Dauphin county, where he learned the shoemaker's trade, and also worked on the Pennsylvania canal. In 1839 he was married in Milesburg, Centre county, to Miss Jane Watson, of that county, and located in Birmingham, Penn., where he followed shoemaking some four years. He then purchased a tract of timber land on Clearfield creek, near Becaria Mills, and as he cleared away the trees manufactured square timber, which he rafted down the river and sent to the Eastern markets. After living on that place for seven years he sold to J. W. Lull, and removed to the Leonard farm above Glen Hope. In 1851 he located in Alleman's in Gulich township, Clearfield county, where in connection with Daniel Fulkerson he purchased 400 acres of land, erected a sawmill and manufactured lumber for several years. Ultimately he sold that property, and in 1868 bought the William Smiley place of 150 acres in Becaria township, but through the following year he remained on the David Alleman farm. In 1869 he removed to his new home, and several years later went to Glen Hope, where he spent one year. His last days were passed in Alleman's, where he died in 1885, having survived his wife five years. He was one of the honored pioneers of Clearfield county, and, in connection with Daniel Fulkerson and Henry Alleman, built the first school house erected in the village of Allemanville, presenting it as a gift to the township. He was a warm friend of the cause of education, and ever did all in his power to advance the welfare of the community.

Joseph and Jane Fry were the parents of nine children: (1) Rebecca, born, in 1840, in Huntingdon county and reared in Clearfield county, married Abram H. Brady, of Gulich township, who afterward followed milling near Janesville; they had six children—Mrs. Sarah Culbertson, who resides near Fallen Timber, in Cambria county, Penn.; Dorsy G.; Edward; Christopher; Mrs. Minnie Ross; and Mrs. Ida Thomas. (2) Margaret, born in Huntingdon county, November 26, 1842, is the wife of William Conrad, of Gulich township, who now resides near Janesville; they have five children—Edna, wife of John Riddle, of Janesville; Blanche, wife of William Bishop, of Janesville, by whom she has three children; Mrs. Clara Peters, who has three children; Ella and Eliza. (3) A. J. Fry is the next of the family. (4) John Fry, born near Glen Hope, October 11, 1846, and educated in the common schools, married Amanda, daughter of Samuel Davis, of Becaria township, and now resides in Cambria county; they have three children—Katie, Frederick and Gertrude, all at home. (5) Hannah, born in Becaria township, in 1848, and educated in Lumber City and in the Curwensville Normal School, was employed as a teacher in the public schools of Cambria county for about ten years. She married Robert Chilton, of that county, and after residing in Lloydsville for some time they removed to Gulich township, their present home; they have five children—Sarah and John (twins), Maggie, Pearl and Freddie. (6) Martha A., born in Gulich township, in 1850, is the wife of Levi Spangle, a farmer, residing near Coalport; their children are—Harry; Jennie, who is married and resides in Philipsburg, Penn.; John; Susie; Viola and Levi. (7) Jane A., born in Gulich township, in 1852, taught school for several terms, and then married Aaron Osman, of Allemanville. Their children are Charlie, Sarah, Lillie, Leah, Pearl, Ermest and the baby. (8) Frances M., born in 1854, in Gulich township, after successfully teaching for some time, married William F. Aikens, of Cambria county. They reside in Allemanville, and their children are—Charles, Alonzo, Albert, Kittie, Maggie, Roy, Blair (who died at the age of seven years), and an infant unnamed. (9) Ella M., born in Gulich township, in 1856, also followed teaching several terms. She married Joseph W. Gill, of Cambria county, and now resides in Coalport. They have had four children—Walter, Gussie and Clarence at home, and Raymond, who died in childhood.

A. J. Fry, who was born in Becaria township August 27, 1844, obtained his elementary education in the common schools, was afterward a student in the business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and spent two terms in the schools in Millersville, Penn. He then followed lumbering until his marriage, after which he located on the old family homestead near Utahville, where for twenty-seven years he has now made his home, successfully following agricultural pursuits. His farm is well improved, and its neat and thrifty appearance indicates his careful supervision. His business methods are above question, and his enterprise has brought to him prosperity.

In 1869 Mr. Fry married Ruth E., daughter of Samuel R. and Martha A. Tipton, of Gulich township, and representatives of pioneer families

of Blair and Cambria counties, Penn. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fry: Harry, born March 1, 1870, and Jennie, born in December, 1871, are at home; Frank, born September 24, 1873, was married in 1895 to May O'Donnell, of Becaria township, and resides on a part of his father's farm with his wife and two children, Ernest and an infant unnamed; Blanche May, born August 23, 1877, and W. L., born February 14, 1885, are at home. The children have all been provided with good educational privileges. In politics, Mr. Fry is a Democrat, and manifests an intelligent interest in political questions. He has served as justice of the peace of Becaria township for seventeen years, being the present incumbent, and was assessor for six years. He is prominent in the ranks of his party, and his sterling worth makes him a leader in all the walks of life.

JAMES IRWIN, an agriculturist of energy and ability, residing in Morris township, Clearfield county, was born April 6, 1834, a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Houts) Irwin. The father came from Buffalo Run, Centre county, to Clearfield county in 1830, and purchased one hundred acres of timber land, which he cleared, improved and developed into a good farm. Later he bought one hundred and nine acres adjoining, and a part of this he also placed under cultivation, leaving the remainder timber land. Here he died in 1875, and his wife, who long survived him, passed away in 1893.

Our subject was reared amid the scenes of frontier life, and as soon as large enough began to assist in the arduous labors that fall to the lot of the pioneer settler. On starting out in life for himself he chose the occupation of farming, with which he had become familiar, and now ranks among the foremost agriculturists of Morris township. He married Miss Jane Dillon, of Martha Furnace, Bald Eagle Valley, Centre county, and to them have been born nine children, all yet at home, with the exception of the eldest. They are as follows: Ida Nora, wife of William Merrow, employed on a railroad at Munson, Clearfield county; John W., Effa, Stella, Willard, Amanda, Sophia, James Ellia and Earl.

In politics Mr. Irwin was originally a Democrat, but, on account of his views on the temperance question, he now gives his unwavering support to the Prohibition party. He and his wife and their eldest daughter are all consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and take an active part in Church work. The family is one of the most highly esteemed and respected in Morris township, and at their hospitable home their many friends find a cordial welcome.

GEORGE HESS, a prominent and influential farmer of Boggs township, is a native son of Clearfield county, born March 24, 1821, and was reared within two miles of his present farm. He early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, but his literary training was more meagre, being limited to about three months' attendance at the subscription schools each year.

David W. Hess, grandfather of our subject, was born in Germany, where he married, and whence at an early day he came to the New World, taking up his residence in Pennsylvania, where his children were mostly born and reared. The birth of Abraham Hess, the father of our subject, occurred in York county, this State, and he first came to Clearfield county, in 1813, for the purpose of hunting. A few years later his father came to the county, when there were but few actual settlers, and located a tract of land, which he converted into a good farm. Abraham early became familiar with the river, and for some time engaged in rafting lumber and coal. He purchased a tract of land of David Litz, his father-in-law, opened up a farm, and there made his home during the remainder of his life; but he also owned other places, including the one on which our subject now resides. He erected the first mill in the county, more for his own use than for the public, and engaged in grinding flour and in sawing lumber. Besides rafting his own lumber he also took great quantities down the river for other parties, and was a public-spirited, progressive citizen, anxious to assist in all measures that would promote the general welfare of the community. In politics he was first a Democrat and later an ardent Republican, earnestly advocating the principles of that party.

In Clearfield county, Abraham Hess was married to Sarah Litz, a daughter of David Litz, an early settler of the county, who assisted in its organization, and here opened up a large farm, where he spent his remaining days. He was the first to run rafts on the branch of the river running through his locality, and was one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of the community. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hess, all now deceased with the exception of our subject, namely: Mary, who wedded Alex Storm, an Englishman; Sarah, who married Manly London, a farmer; Isaac, who went to the West; Rebecca, who

married John Hanny, a farmer; Martha, who married Joseph London, a carpenter; George, of this sketch; Abram; Alexander, who removed to the West; and Sophia, who married David Askey, a farmer. The mother of these children died February 23, 1843, after which the father was again married, and by the second union had two children—Rosa, who died when young; and A. L., who is living at Clearfield, Penn. The father died in May, 1858.

Upon the home farm George Hess remained until his marriage, when his father gave him one hundred acres—his present fine farm. To the original tract he has added fifty acres, and now has one of the most desirable and highly-improved farms of the neighborhood, it being pleasantly situated near Clearfield creek, five miles southeast of Clearfield. Besides his farming operations Mr. Hess has also engaged in lumbering, running rafts of his own, which has proved a profitable source of income; but of late years his attention has been mainly given to agricultural pursuits and stock-raising.

In 1847 Mr. Hess was united in marriage with Miss Mary Litz, a native of Clinton county, Penn., and a daughter of Abram Litz, who was born in this State, and came to Clearfield county in 1844. Here her father followed his trade of a brick and stone mason, and also operated his farm at Litz Bridge, where he died at about the age of sixty-four years. Eleven children were born to our subject and his wife: Alexander, deceased; D. W., a clay miner of Clearfield county; Sophia, wife of John Levitts, a farmer; Sally, Robert, Abraham, Isaac and George W., all deceased; Marietta, who married Charles Warren, by whom she had three children, and after his death wedded Fletcher Bailey, a carpenter of Clearfield; and two who died young. The mother and most of the children died in June, 1864, of typhoid fever. In the fall of 1865 Mr. Hess was again married, his second union being with Miss Lavina Crowl, a native of Clearfield county, where her father, Henry Crowl, was a prominent farmer. Three children graced the second marriage: Lavina, deceased; Uriah, at home; and Nancy, wife of David Litz. On June 7, 1896, Mrs. Hess was killed by lightning at the door of her home, while in the performance of her household duties. She was an affectionate wife and mother, an earnest Christian lady, and her death was mourned by the entire community. She was a member of the United Brethren Church.

Mr. Hess casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has creditably filled some minor offices, including those of supervisor of the poor and school director. He has lived an upright, honorable life, winning the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and has a host of warm friends throughout the county.

JAMES G. HARRIS, an honored and highly esteemed citizen of Du Bois, Clearfield county, has for a number of years been actively identified with the industrial interests of this region as a log scaler and timber estimator for John Du Bois, and his successor, John E. Du Bois. He is a business man of more than ordinary ability, and the success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own efforts.

John Harris, father of our subject, was a native of Wales, and on crossing the ocean in 1832 first located in Nova Scotia, where he remained until 1836, the year of the big fire in New York, when he took up his residence in the latter city. There he married Annie Griffith, and continued to make his home until our subject was fifteen years of age. By trade he was a blacksmith, and on leaving that city he established a shop in Almond, N. Y., where he carried on business until his removal to Hornellsville, Steuben Co., N. Y., in 1882. There he turned his attention to weaving for a number of years, but later bought property in the town of Hornellsville, where he was living at the time of his death in 1896. His wife had departed this life at Almond in 1860, leaving two children: James G., our subject, and Annie, who was born in New York City, and was reared in Almond. She married Lewis J. Prior, of the latter place, who was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. He was killed on the New York & Erie railroad some years ago, leaving a widow and two children: John, who is engaged in the grocery business in Hornellsville, N. Y., resides with his mother.

Born in 1839, in New York, James G. Harris attended the public schools of that city until the removal of the family to Almond, where he completed his education. There he married Miss Louisa, a daughter of John and Charlotte Brown, of Almond, and then removed to a farm near that place, but at the end of two years returned to Almond, where he worked in a shoe factory until his enlistment in the United States service.

In 1863 Mr. Harris joined Company H, First New York Dragoons, and from Elmira barracks accompanied his command to Camp Stoneman, near Washington, where they were mounted and sworn into the United States service. They

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were first sent to Mitchell's Station, near Culpeper, where they did picket duty until May 4, 1864, when they broke camp and started on the spring campaign of the Wilderness, participating in the following battles: Todds Tavern, May 7; Spottsylvania Court House, May 8; Yellow Tavern, May 11; Meadow Bridge, May 12; Mechanicsville, May 12; Haws Shop, May 28; Old Church, May 30; Cold Harbor, May 31 and June 1; Trevillian Station, June 11 and 12; and Deep Bottom, July 27. Receiving a sunstroke at the last named battle, Mr. Harris was taken to City Point field hospital, where he was under the care of Dr. Mitchell until the 25th of August. Sheridan at that time was advancing to the Shenandoah Valley, and he joined his regiment at Shepherdstown on that date. On the same day they met the enemy in battle at that place and at Kenneysville. The Dragoons lost heavily in that engagement, and were driven back to where the infantry was stationed. On the 28th and 29th of August they met the enemy at Smithfield, and Opequan, September 19, and on the same day at Winchester. Later they took part in the battles of Fisher Hill, September 23; Mount Jackson, September 24; New Market, September 25; Port Republic, where a severe engagement was brought on September 26; Tom's Brook, October 8; Newmarket, October 9; Strasburg, October 14; Cedar Creek, October 19; Liberty Mills, December 22; and Gordonsville, December 23, thus ending the campaign of 1864. They remained in camp at their winter quarters in Loudoun county, Va., until March 31, 1865, when Mr. Harris with others was detailed for guard duty. On leaving that place they were on garrison duty along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Charlestown. General Lee surrendered at Appomattox, April 9, 1865, and on the 1st of the following May, Mr. Harris with his company joined their regiment at Bailey's Cross Roads, and from there marched as infantry to Capital Hill. After participating in the grand review they were mustered out of the United States service, and taken on transports to Rochester, N. Y., where the regiment was discharged July 17, 1865, after almost two years of arduous and faithful service on Southern battlefields.

Returning to his home in Almond, Mr. Harris engaged in wagonmaking for two years, and in 1870 became agent for a mowing-machine company, traveling in its interests over thirty-nine counties of New York State. He embarked in lumbering in 1871; being for the first three years in the employ of Nick Brockway, in Elk county, Penn., but in April, 1876, became connected with John Du Bois, of Clearfield county, and has now for twenty-one years faithfully served the same firm as log scaler and timber inspector.

Mr. Harris was again married, October 18, 1878, his second union being with Miss Mary J. Grogan, of Beech Woods, Penn., who was born in Mauch Chunk, January 5, 1849, a daughter of Michael and Eleanor Grogan, of Jefferson county, Penn. They began housekeeping in Du Bois, where they still reside, Mr. Harris having purchased a lot in 1881 on North Fourth street, of John Du Bois, and erected thereon a comfortable and commodious two-story frame residence, equipped with all modern improvements. There hospitality abounds, the many friends of the family always being sure to find a hearty welcome.

By his first marriage Mr. Harris had one daughter, Nellie A., born October 8, 1860, at Almond, N. Y. She received a good education, and on reaching womanhood married Lafrone Merriman, now the musical director of the Silver Lake Orchestra, and they have one child, Patti; they reside in Hornellsville, N. Y. Three children grace the second marriage: James F., born August 31, 1879, pursued his studies in the schools of Du Bois, and also took a commercial course. He is now engaged in scaling logs with his father. Irvin S., born April 30, 1882, is attending the home school; and Mary Pearl, born April 20, 1884, is also at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, being a strong temperance man, he is an earnest supporter of the men and measures of the Prohibition party. He has been especially active in promoting educational interests in his locality, has served for three years as school director of Du Bois, and while a member of the school board was instrumental in securing the erection of two elegant and substantial brick school buildings, one in the First ward and the other in the Fourth. He has witnessed the entire growth of Du Bois, having located there when no polling district had been established in the place, and its citizens went to Luthersburg to vote. With its progress and development he has been prominently identified, always giving his support to any movement calculated to advance its welfare. Fraternally, Mr. Harris is a member of the F. & A. M., Blue Lodge, No. 559, of Du Bois; Jefferson Chapter, No. 225, Brookville, and Knapp Commandery, K. T., No. 40, Ridgway; of the I. O. O. F., at Du Bois; of the K. of T., No 475, of Du Bois; of Mountain Queen Castle, K. G. E.; of the A. O. U. W.; of the P. O. S. of A., of Sabula; of Grange Lodge, Narrows Creek, and

of the G. A. R., No. 229, of which he is a charter member and past post commander, and is now quartermaster.

ANDREW LIDDLE is one of the stalwart and substantial citizens of Sandy township, Clearfield county, who are of alien birth, but who have, by their own unaided exertions, raised themselves from a state of comparative poverty, in which they came to this country, to their present prosperous condition. Since coming to the county our subject has successfully engaged in general farming, and is to-day one of the most substantial and highly respected citizens of his community.

Mr. Liddle was born in Ireland, in 1820, a son of James and Elizabeth (Crawford) Liddle, who made their home near Castle Derg, in County Tyrone, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in 1832. The mother also died on the Emerald Isle when our subject was about seven years of age. At thirteen he and his brother John took passage on the brig "John and Mary," bound for the West Indies, but two weeks after leaving Liverpool the vessel was overwhelmed by a storm and driven into the Bay of Biscay. After returning to Liverpool for repairs they again started on their journey, reaching their destination after a voyage of nine weeks. They spent a year in the West Indies, during which time the colored people on the islands were liberated by the English government.

On his return to Ireland Mr. Liddle lay ill at Liverpool for two weeks with fever and ague, and, as his parents were dead, he then made his home with his brother James until large enough to begin the battle of life for himself. For some time he worked for farmers in his native land, but ultimately decided to try his fortune in America. On April 15, 1848, he arrived in Philadelphia, and from there went to Wilmington, Del., where for two years he worked for Dr. Gibbons, as a gardener, and for the same length of time was with Mr. Adams. Coming to Brady township, Clearfield county, he then purchased fifty acres of partially-improved land of Andy Wilson.

While in Delaware, Mr. Liddle became acquainted with Miss Mary A. Fleming, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, who had come to America previous to our subject's arrival. In the capacity of cook, she accompanied the family of Dr. Vandusen to Pittsburg, and after Mr. Liddle had erected a house upon his new farm in Brady township, he went to that city, where, April 9, 1853, they were made man and wife. He at once took his young bride to his new home, and together they labored, earnestly and persistently, until they now enjoy a handsome competence. In 1863 their first little home was replaced by a commodious two-story frame residence, and a good barn has also been erected. To the original tract Mr. Liddle added 200 acres, known as the E. Long farm, and in 1876 he bought 100 acres of John Du Bois, which adjoins his place on the northeast. Upon the latter tract his son James now resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Liddle have reared a family of eleven children, namely: (1) Fannie J., born February 2, 1854, died in May, 1855. (2) James A., born January 30, 1855, grew to manhood on the home farm, and married Mary Nelson, of Brady township, by whom he has ten children —Charles, Andrew, James, Eugene, Grover, Hulda, William, Robert, Anna and Emogene, all at home. (3) William H., born April 11, 1856, received a good education in the schools of Brady township, and subsequently became a successful teacher. In 1882 he entered the Commercial Business College, of Lebanon, Ohio, where he graduated the following year. He married Josephine Marsh, of New York, and located upon his father's farm, where his wife died in 1888, leaving three children—Celia; John, who died in 1895; and Josephine. (4) John T., born in July, 1857, died in 1858. (5) John T. (the second of the name) was born May 28, 1859, and after being well educated was appointed principal of the high school of Du Bois; he was a young man of great promise; he died June 3, 1882. (6) Fannie A., born June 3, 1860, married Peter May, of Canada, who is now civil engineer for the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal Co. They reside in Stanley, Clearfield county, and have one daughter, Blanche, now attending school. (7) Eliza Jane, born July 28, 1861, attended the Brady schools, but completed her education in the State Normal of Edinboro. She then followed the profession of teaching for several terms, but in 1883 gave her hand in marriage to William Porter, of Clearfield, a son of Robert Porter, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county. Her husband is one of the leading lumbermen of the county, and they reside in Clearfield. Their children are Robert, Mary, Ruth, Marguerite, Elizabeth, Frederick, Sarah and Frances, all at home. (8) Mary E., born September 20, 1862, died August 23, 1864. (9) Andrew J., born August 2, 1865, died of diphtheria July 29, 1875. (10) Edwin M., born February 27, 1867, grew to manhood upon the home farm, and acquired a good common-school education. He now re-

sides upon a part of the old homestead. In 1888 he married Jennie Keil, of West Liberty, Clearfield county, and they have four children—May, Frederick, Hazel and Edwin, all at home. (11) Samuel C., born August 14, 1868, completed his education in the Leonard high school of Clearfield county, and is now successfully conducting the home farm for his father.

Mr. Liddle is now the owner of 350 acres of the best farming land in Brady township, but he is a man to whom the most envious can scarcely begrudge success, so well has he earned it, and so admirably does he use it. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Episcopal Church, of Du Bois, are kind, unaffected and approachable, and are always ready to aid and relieve suffering and distress. They are worthy examples of the true type of loyal Irish-American citizens, and have the high regard of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Liddle is a Democrat in politics, and served for three years as school director in Sandy township, being one of the first elected to that office in his district

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ABIAL D. JOHNSON is successfully operating a good farm in Cooper township, Clearfield county, which, with its neat and substantial buildings, and its general air of thrift and comfort, forms one of the most attractive spots in the landscape of the community. As a citizen and business man he stands high in the esteem of his neighbors. In the various enterprises inaugurated for the advancement of the community he has been a cheerful and ready assistant, and takes a lively interest in the progress of the people around him.

Mr. Johnson was born in Bradford county, Penn., November 9, 1828, a son of Artemas and Polly (Chafey) Johnson. His grandparents, Asel and Beulah (Hitchcock) Johnson, came from Connecticut to Bradford county at an early day, and there died. Artemas Johnson was a native of Connecticut, whence when quite young he was brought by his parents to Bradford county, where he was reared and married. By his first wife he had two daughters: Mrs. Adeline Wells, who died leaving one daughter, Jessie; and Mrs. Lucina Mingle, who at her death left one son, Robert. For his second wife, Artemas Johnson married Mrs. Polly (Chafey) Browning, who, by her former marriage, had three children: Mary, wife of C. R. Williams, by whom she had one child, Smith; Sarah, who is living with our subject; and Herman, who died in Bradford county, leaving two children. Our subject is the third in the order of birth in a family of five children, the others being Dennison, who died in Minnesota; Wealthy, wife of J. Hoover; Lucian, deceased; and Nancy, who died at the age of ten years. The mother of these children died in 1850, after which the father broke up housekeeping, and found a pleasant home with our subject until he, too, was called to his final rest in 1859. Both were members of the Swedenborgian Church, and he was a Whig in politics. Throughout his active business life he followed agricultural pursuits.

In the common country schools, Mr. Johnson, the subject of this sketch, secured his education, and was reared upon the home farm in Bradford county, where he remained until 1850, when he purchased a tract of 125 acres of raw land in Clearfield county, which he at once began to clear and improve, now having sixty-five acres under a high state of cultivation. Upon the place he has erected a good two-story frame residence, barns and outbuildings, and set out a fine orchard. It is pleasantly located three miles from Kylertown, and two miles from Peale. He also has two other farms, aggregating about ninety acres of improved land, and in 1882 he established a general store, which he conducted for eight years. It is now carried on by his son, who removed the stock of goods a short distance from its former location, and is also serving as postmaster of Grassflat. Underlying the farm of Mr. Johnson is a good grade of coal, and he has sold the mineral right to the Clearfield Bituminous Coal & Mining Co., who now operate the mine. Since coming to the county he has been interested in the lumber business to a greater or less degree, for the first fifteen years spending the winters in the lumber woods; but since 1884 he has given his attention principally to his agricultural interests, in which he has met with good success.

Mr. Johnson was married, in 1853, to Miss Sarah Dillon, who was born in Clearfield county, January 21, 1832, a daughter of George and Catherine (Merritt) Dillon, now deceased. They were natives of Centre county, Penn., where they were married. They became the parents of seven children: Mary, deceased wife of John Hoover; Eliza, wife of George McClellan; Sarah, wife of our subject; James, a farmer of Cooper township, Clearfield county; Miles, who was killed during the Civil war; Austin, a carpenter by trade, and Phillis, wife of M. Lewis. The grandparents of these children, James and Susie (Rickard) Dillon, were of Scotch descent.

Eight children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, namely: Charles E., a farmer of Clearfield county; Edgar, a merchant and post-

master of Grassflat; Mary, wife of William Pelton, a farmer of Clearfield county; Bertha, who became the wife of W. Marshall, and died in 1884, leaving one child; M. Grant, a butcher by trade; Andy C., a farmer of Huntingdon county, Penn., and Guy and Helen E., at home. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are devoted members of the United Brethren Church. Since the organization of the Republican party Mr. Johnson has been one of its most faithful supporters, being the first to cast his ballot for that party in Cooper township, at which time there were only six Republicans within its borders. He has held some local offices, but has never cared for political distinction.

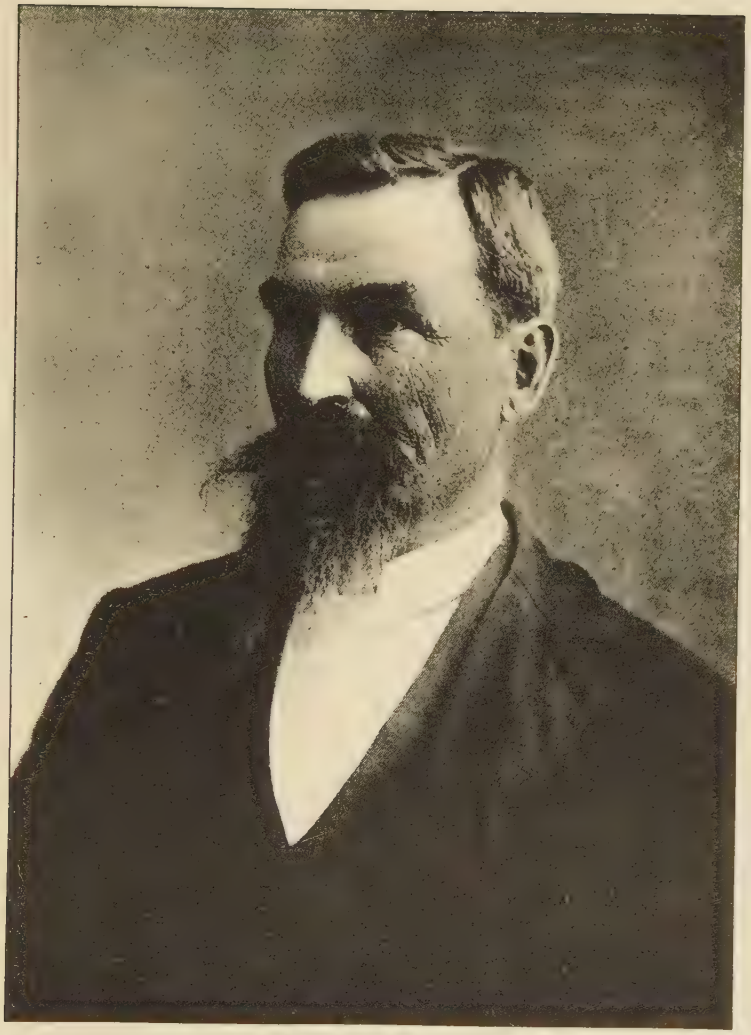
BERTEN MERRITT, whose ability as a financier, has brought well-merited success to him, is numbered among the prominent citizens of Clearfield county. The financial and industrial history of that community would be very incomplete and unsatisfactory without a personal mention of those whose lives are interwoven so closely with the business development of the State. The subject of this sketch finds an appropriate place in the annals of those enterprising men, whose force of character, sterling integrity, fortitude amid discouragements, and good judgment in the management of business interests, have brought to them success. Mr. Merritt is a representative of this class, and is in its broadest sense a self-made man, being both the architect and the builder of his own fortune.

A native of Bradford county, Penn., born June 23, 1839, Mr. Merritt was reared in Wyoming county. His parents were Elijah and Jane A. (Yearington) Merritt, the latter of whom came of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Elijah Merritt was a son of Hezekiah, a native of England, whose father was the first settler of Bradford county, and an island in the Susquehanna river was named in his honor. Elijah Merritt was reared and married in Bradford county, but for many years resided in Wyoming county, where he died in 1875, aged eighty-six years. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and in politics was a stanch Democrat. In his younger years he followed the trade of a millwright and carpenter, but afterwerd engaged in farming. His wife was a native of Luzerne county (then a part of Wyoming), and a daughter of honored pioneer people, her mother having been sheltered in a fort near the scene, and at the time of the Wyoming massacre. Mrs. Merritt died in 1845, at the age of forty-four years, after which the father married again. The children of the first union were: George, a farmer of Boggs township; Elijah (deceased); Mrs. Clarinda Kinney (deceased); Nelson; and Berten.

The last-named assisted his father in the development of the home farm until attaining his majority, and had no educational privileges, learning to read and write after his marriage. On leaving home he went to Centre county, where he began jobbing in the lumber business for Judge Munson, of Philipsburg. While thus engaged he purchased a sawmill on Morgan run, and continued its operation for eight years. In 1868 he sold his mill to Samuel Mitchell and engaged in jobbing for him for two years, when he purchased a half interest in the mill and timber lands. About a year later Mr. Mitchell died, and in his will made a provision that his widow should carry on business as before. This was done for about five years, and ultimately Mr. Merritt became owner of the entire plant, of which he has been sole proprietor since 1882. In 1884 he came to Cooper township, where he entered into partnership with Weaver & Betts, and A. B. Weaver, under the firm name of B. Merritt & Co. They conducted a sawmill for two years, near Kylerstown, during which time they used the timber from 300 acres of land.

Mr. Merritt was the pioneer settler of Winburne. He came to the site of the present town in 1886, laid out the roads, and moved his mill to its present location. He purchased the timber on 1,800 acres of land, and now cuts about 16,000 feet of lumber daily, while the annual output is more than two million feet. He also conducts a planing and shingle mill in connection with his other interests, and has upon his place forty substantial tenement houses for his employes. In connection with his son he conducts a general merchandise store, and has been one of the most important factors in the substantial development of this part of the county. His home is situated on a valuable farm of 200 acres of cleared land adjoining the village. The town of Winburne stands as a monument to his thrift and enterprise. It contains a graded school, Presbyterian, Swedish and Lutheran Churches, a gristmill, and two stores, and has a population of about ten hundred.

Mr. Merritt has been twice married. He wedded Catherine Coulter, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of John Coulter. Her grandfather was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and, running away from home, he came to America with the father of Governor Curtin. Locating in Centre county, he was employed in the iron works. John Coulter followed lumbering in early life, and afterward cleared and im-



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proved two farms in Clearfield county. His death occurred in Boggs township. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt had six children: George, who acquired a good education, and prepared for the Bar, practiced law in Clearfield for a time, and is now associated with his father in merchandising; John is a sawyer at the mill; June is at home; Howard is engaged in school teaching; and Josephine and Martha are with their father. Mr. Merritt has provided his children with good educational advantages, thus fitting them for life's practical duties. The mother of this family, who was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died January 16, 1885.

Mr. Merritt was again married, December 23, 1886, his second union being with Mrs. Emily Wiser, a widow. Her father, James Dixon, of Clearfield county, was of Scotch descent, and her mother was descended from a Hessian family. She had one daughter by her former marriage, Fannie Wiser, who married Charles Lenig.

In early life Mr. Merritt was a Methodist, and held several Church offices, including that of steward. All of the family now attend the Presbyterian Church. Politically, he has ever been a stanch Democrat, has served for twelve years as school director, is postmaster of Winburne, and is a most progressive citizen, doing all in his power to advance the interests of the community. His life record is well worthy of emulation, and he is honored by all who know him.

JOHN H. AND EDWARD S. TURNER, wide-awake and progressive agriculturists of Boggs township, are worthy representatives of an honored pioneer family of Clearfield county. Their parents George and Sarah Turner, were both natives of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent, and came to Clearfield county at a very early day in its history.

The father, who was prominently identified with its development and progress, cut the first tree used in the erection of the old Graham mill, which, on its completion, he operated for some time, being by trade a miller. He also operated a sawmill attached, and bought the Gearhart farm, which he cultivated for a number of years. Later he purchased another tract which he improved with good buildings, and there spent his remaining days, dying in 1888, and leaving a valuable estate as he had become quite a land owner. He served as captain of a company of militia, and was an expert at drilling. In Church work he was also a leader, being a faithful member of the United Brethren denomination, and donated liberally toward the erection of Salem church. He also gave freely to all religious organizations, and contributed large sums to missionary work. For over twenty years he served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school, and was also trustee of Salem Church. On his removal to his last farm he erected a sawmill, which he operated. He was a good financier, accumulating quite a fortune, and, as he often kept large sums of money in his house, he was at one time robbed of several hundred dollars, which he never recovered. He took an active interest in all public affairs, first supporting the Democratic party, later affiliating with the Republicans, but never aspired to office, though he held some township positions.

George Turner wedded Sarah Williams, a daughter of William Williams, a prominent old settler and farmer, of Clearfield county, Penn., who in the winter engaged in the manufacture of hickory brooms, which were much used in early days. Twelve children—nine sons and three daughters—were born of this union. Those living are—John H.; William (a resident of Philipsburg, Penn.); Edward S.; Zenas (a prominent farmer of Boggs township); George S. (a resident of Clearfield), Lewis (living on the old homestead farm); and Mary A. (wife of Thomas Woodside); those deceased are—Silas, Jane (deceased wife of Lewis M. Lumadue), Priscilla (who married Lindsay Stone, but both are now deceased), Martin, Luther, and one son that died when young.

John H. Turner was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, Penn., in 1826, and was of great assistance to his father during pioneer days, aiding in the erection of the sawmill and home buildings, and in clearing and developing the land. He is a thorough and skillful farmer, still devoting his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, and now makes his home with his brother Edward.

Edward S. Turner was born in Boggs township, in 1836, was reared to habits of industry upon the home farm, and was educated in the subscription and public schools of the neighborhood. When about twenty years of age he started out in life for himself as a carpenter, but after his marriage, in 1866, he located upon a tract of 150 acres of raw land given him by his father, and at once began to clear and cultivate the same. He has now placed sixty acres under the plow, erected a pleasant frame dwelling with good barns and outbuildings, and set out a fine orchard, so that he now has one of the most desirable farms in the locality, pleasantly located one mile south of Woodland, in Boggs township. In connection with farming and stockraising he

has also done considerable lumbering, running one raft on his own account.

In 1866, Edward S. Turner was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Kephart, a native of Boggs township, and a daughter of John Kephart, who was born in Clearfield county, and was a son of Andrew Kephart, a pioneer of the county. At one time the grandfather removed west, but returned to Clearfield county, where he died in 1889. His wife, who has now reached the ripe old age of seventy-seven, is still a resident of Boggs township. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have one daughter, Mary Ann, now the wife of Calvin Parks, a miner, by whom she has six children. Mr. Parks is a son of Thomas Parks, a pioneer and prominent farmer of Boggs township. For twenty-six years both our subject and his wife have been active members of the United Brethren Church, in which he has filled many offices, and in politics he is a stalwart Republican. The Turner brothers are well and favorably known throughout the community where they have so long made their home, and are held in universal respect and esteem.

JACOB B. MOORE well deserves mention among the honored and valued citizens of Clearfield county. During the dark days of the Rebellion he laid aside personal interests, enlisted in the army, and marched to the front with what was known as the "old Bucktail Regiment," which did such gallant service on Southern battle fields. He has a right to be proud of his military service, and, although he returned home a cripple for life, he has the pleasure of knowing that he aided in the preservation of the Union, and in the freeing of four million slaves.

Mr. Moore was born August 4, 1833, in Perry county, Penn., whence when three years of age he was taken to Juniata county by his parents, George W. and Elizabeth (Bowers) Moore. His grandfather, George Moore, was of Irish descent, and was reared in Adams county, this State, but died in Maryland. By occupation he was a farmer. The father of our subject, who was a carpenter by trade, enlisted in 1846 for service in the Mexican war, and was killed in battle. He was a Catholic in religious belief, but the mother is a Lutheran. She is still living in Juniata county at the age of seventy-nine years. Her father, Jacob Bowers, who was of German origin, followed the occupation of shoemaking and farming, and died in Perry county, Pennsylvania.

Jacob B. Moore is the eldest of four children; Sarah A. is the wife of B. Martin; George W. was also a Union soldier, and died from the effects of his service a few years after the war had closed; Benjamin F. was for three years a member of the regular United States army, and is now a farmer of Kansas. Our subject continued to remain at home with his widowed mother until eighteen years of age, when, in 1851, he went to Centre county, and in the lumber woods filled various positions for about seven years. On August 30, 1857, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah C. Wyland, who was born in Centre county, April 5, 1838. There her father, John Wyland, spent his entire life, and during his business career engaged in teaming and at work in the iron foundries. In politics he was a strong Democrat. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore, namely: William F., who died when six years old; Elizabeth, wife of P. Boyle; Alice, deceased wife of a Mr. Record; George C., who died at the age of twenty-four years; J. Wesley, a mechanic by occupation; Mrs. Louie Wrightmire; Mrs. Laura Reinhart; Harry, at home; Mrs. Jennie Pierce; and Blair W. and J. Roscoe, both at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Moore returned to Juniata county, where he engaged in farming for one season, for two years was employed as a stage driver, and then engaged in the manufacture of hoops. In 1861 he removed to Huntingdon county, Penn., where he followed teaming until August, 1862, at which time he enlisted in the 149th P. V. I., or the "Bucktail regiment." On being mustered in at Harrisburg, the regiment was sent to Washington, D. C., where it did guard duty until the spring of 1863, when it was sent to the front in Virginia, under command of Col. Roy Stone. With his command, Mr. Moore participated in many important battles, and at the battle of Gettysburg was struck by a minie ball below the left knee, which shattered the bone. All night he lay on the battle field inside the Rebel lines, and succeeded in crawling to an old stone barn; but the Confederate soldiers would do nothing for him, not even give him something to eat. When the Rebels fell back he was taken in a Federal ambulance to a Catholic church in Gettysburg, used as a hospital, and was cared for by the Sisters until the following week, when he was taken to the regular hospital in Philadelphia, where he received good care. The surgeons wanted to take his limb off, but he objected, and it soon began to improve. After being transferred to Chestnut Hill Hospital, thirty-nine pieces of the bone were extracted, and on October 5, 1864, he was honorably discharged. He now receives a pension of $24 per

month, which compensates in a small way for his disability.

After his return home, Mr. Moore engaged in teaming until 1866, when he removed to Blair county, Penn., and purchased a piece of land, on which he erected a house. There he made his home for about eight years, during which time he worked at the stone mason's trade, and also engaged in railroading to some extent through the winter months. On selling out in 1875, he purchased eighteen acres of land in Cooper township, Clearfield county, on which he is still residing. It is pleasantly located a mile and a half north of Kylertown, and is improved with a comfortable residence, barn and fine orchard. When he bought the land it was covered with a heavy growth of timber, but this he has cleared, and has placed the land under cultivation. He continued to work at the stone mason's trade until 1891, when he was no longer able to perform such arduous labor, and for two years gave his whole time and attention to his farm. Since 1893 he has carried the mail from Kylertown to Munson on the railroad, making two trips per day, and also takes passengers in his hack.

Mr. Moore is a stanch adherent of Republican principles, always supporting that party by his ballot. He is as true to his duties of citizenship in days of peace as when following the old flag to victory on Southern battlefields. He and his excellent wife are earnest, sincere Christians, faithful members of the Methodist Church.

H. EVANS, a well-known agriculturist of Graham township, is a native of Clearfield county, born in Chest township, in 1835, a son of Moses C. and Rebecca (Smeal) Evans. The father's birth occurred in Chester county, Penn., where his parents, Jonathan and Priscilla Evans, were also born. At an early day the grandparents removed to Mill Hall, Clinton county, Penn., where the grandfather conducted a tannery for a time, and then located in Pike township, Clearfield county, near Curwensville, where he opened up a farm. He and his wife both died in Grampian. In their family were six children: Josiah, who first lived in Pike township, and died in Curwensville; Moses C. is the father of our subject; Jonathan, a shoemaker, of Grampian; Priscilla, who was the wife of William Johnston, and died in Grampian; and Mrs. Sarah Moore, and Mrs. William Carson, who died at the same place.

At the age of fourteen years, Moses C. Evans accompanied his father to Pike township, Clearfield county, where he learned the tanner's trade, and also drove a stage from Bellefonte to Lock Haven, Penn., and to Curwensville. In Philipsburg, Centre county, he married Rebecca Smeal, and they began their domestic life in Curwensville, where he operated a sawmill. Removing to Chest township, he engaged in lumbering until 1838, when he came to Graham township, and located on the farm now owned by J. Kyler. He erected a log house in the midst of the forest, three miles from any settlement, and there made his home for ten years, at the end of which time he located on the farm where Ellis Evans now resides. There his death occurred in 1880; his wife had died on the same farm some years previously. Only two families had located here previous to their coming to Graham township, and therefore they witnessed almost its entire development and progress, in which they bore an important part, and are justly entitled to a place among its honored pioneers and representative citizens. In their family were seven children: Mrs. Elizabeth Emigh, of Morris township, Clearfield county; H. H., of this sketch; J. C., of Cooper township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Catharine Mayer, of Graham township; Ellis, of Graham township; Josiah M., of Ramey, Clearfield county; and Rebecca Jane, who died at the age of eight years.

Since the age of three years, H. H. Evans, the subject of this review, has made his home in Graham township, was educated in its schools, and on starting out in life for himself there engaged in farming and lumbering. In 1863 he purchased a partially-improved farm of 120 acres, upon which he located in April, 1866, and has since given his time and attention to its cultivation and improvement with most satisfactory results, converting it into one of the most desirable farms of the locality. In the same township he was married, March 20, 1866, to Miss Kate E. Willhelm, who was born in Salona, Clinton Co., Penn., a daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Wann) Willhelm. In 1848 her parents came to Graham township, Clearfield county, where the father developed a farm, and died in 1874. The mother's death occurred at the home of our subject, about ten years later. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Evans, namely: Clarence, who died at the age of three months; Frank W.; Judson W.; Willard H. (who also has taught three terms in the township); Cordelia C., one of the successful teachers of Graham township; Helen Augusta; Edna Blanche, and Emily Winifred.

An ardent Democrat in politics, Mr. Evans always takes an active interest in public affairs,

has served as constable three years, also as township auditor, and is now serving his thirteenth year as a member of the school board. His duties are always discharged in a prompt and efficient manner, thus winning the commendation of all concerned, and as a citizen he is deserving of the high regard in which he is universally held. His estimable wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Centre Hill, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS M. LINGLE, a prominent farmer of Clearfield county, and a veteran of the Civil war, is one of Pennsylvania's native sons. He was born in Centre county, May 15, 1833, a son of Thomas and Eliza (Morrison) Lingle, the former of whom was born in Bedford county, Penn., of German descent, the latter born in Lycoming county, of Irish lineage. They were married in Centre county by Squire Barlow. The father followed mining the greater part of his life, but his last years were devoted to farming. In politics he was a Democrat until after the repeal of the United States banking law, when he joined the Whig party and became a strong supporter of Henry Clay. He held membership with the Methodist Church, his wife with the Society of Friends. He died in Centre county in 1857, and his wife in Clearfield county in 1883. They had seven children: Cyrus (the eldest) died in early life; Thomas M.; James, who served in the Civil war, and is now deceased; Sampson B., of Missouri, who lost his right arm in the service of his country; George W., also a soldier, and now a prominent farmer of Clearfield county; Priscilla, who died at the age of thirty years; and Elijah, of Clearfield county.

Thomas M. Lingle was reared in the county of his nativity, remaining with his parents until he had attained his majority. He followed mining until 1854, and in 1856 took charge of a sawmill. In the following year he came to Clearfield county and followed the logging business until 1863, when he enlisted in the 45th P. V. I., Ninth Army Corps, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He remained at the front until the cessation of hostilities, returning home in July, 1865. At the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864, he sustained a gunshot wound in the left hip, was taken to the hospital and soon sent to a hospital in Philadelphia, where he remained six months. He was then transferred to the Reserve Corps, and aided in guarding prisoners near Washington, among the number being Mrs. Surrat. He there continued until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged in Harrisburg, Penn. He now turned his attention to the hoop business, and the same year he bought an interest in his present farm, containing 174 acres, six of which were cleared. He now has eighty acres of well-developed land, and has erected a commodious residence, barn and other necessary buildings, planted a good orchard and made all the improvements found on a model farm. His place is situated in the Susquehanna Valley, nine miles southeast of Clearfield. He carries on general farming, and also engages in stock raising.

In 1855, Mr. Lingle wedded Mary M., who was born in Centre county, June 29, 1837, daughter of Adam Maughamer. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and were of German lineage. Her father followed fence building in this State until 1854, when he removed to Wisconsin, where both he and his wife died. They were members of the Methodist Church. Eleven children were born of this union, of whom two died in early life, the others are: Winfield S., of West Virginia; Nora, wife of Allen Shaw; Icadora, who became the wife of William Banner, a veteran of the Civil war, who died, leaving three children, and since his death has become the wife of James Dickson; George B., a farmer, of Goshen township; Ida, wife of Valentine Rowles, a brick molder; Alma J., wife of James A. Hainsey, a carpenter; Clara E., wife of Burton Clark, a tanner; Grace, wife of J. E. Jury, a farmer; and Warren G., at home.

Mr. Lingle and his family attend the Methodist Church. He takes an active interest in public affairs, and has served for years on the election board. In politics he is a radical Republican, and has filled many township offices, having served for twelve years as school trustee. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

AMOS BONSALL is a leading agriculturist of Brady township, Clearfield county, whose long and honorable career has won for him the respect and confidence of all who know him. He belongs to one of the representative and prominent pioneer families of the county, it being founded here when this region was almost an unbroken forest and the settlers were widely scattered. In the growth and development its members have borne an important part, and deserve honorable mention in a work of this character.

Benjamin Bonsall, the father of our subject, was born near Millerstown, in Perry county, Penn., where the grandfather lived and died. On reaching manhood the former married Maria Fowler, of the same county, and they continued

to reside upon his father's old homestead until November, 1824, when they located near Luthersburg, in Brady township, Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of timberland and erected a log cabin. During the sixteen years of his residence there he cleared a part of the farm, but at the end of that time he sold out and bought at Coal Hill, two miles east of Luthersburg, where he also developed a good farm. He first built a hewed-log house and barn, but later replaced the former by a large frame residence, where both he and his estimable wife died in 1863, the latter surviving her husband only three weeks. He was the first justice of the peace in Brady township.

There were eleven children in the family, namely: (1) Rebecca, a native of Perry county, married Samuel C. Fleming, of Curwensville, Penn., and later in life they removed to Stark county, Ill., where she died, leaving a family of eight children, who still live in the Western States. (2) John, born in Perry county, married Isabel Oats, of Penn township, Clearfield county, and they resided upon his farm near Grampian, in that township. He died in 1890, leaving a wife and four children—Mary J., now Mrs. McCracken, of Penn township; Amos P., who married Eliza Barnet, and lives in the same township; Anna M., who is married, and lives near Burnside, Penn.; and Nathan. (3) Jackson, born in Perry county, accompanied his parents on their removal to Clearfield county, and here married Sarah A. Wriglesworth, of Penn township. He located on a farm near Luthersburg, where he died in 1894, leaving three children—Amos; Mary Louisa, now Mrs. Wash Ogden, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county; and Ella, wife of Henry Sylor, of Brady township. The mother of these children died in 1856, and Jackson Bonsall afterward married Elizabeth Donley. (4) Sarah, a native of Perry county, became the wife of Elias Rishel, of Brady township, Clearfield county, where both died some years ago. (5) Amos is next in order of birth. (6) Jane and the following children were all born on the old home in Brady township. In 1854 she visited friends in Iowa, where she died of typhoid fever, respected by all who knew her. (7) Emily married George Elder, of Bell township, Clearfield county, where they lived for some time, but finally removed to Indiana county, Penn., and there her death occurred. She is survived by a husband and five children. (8) Joseph F. emigrated to Illinois, where he married and still makes his home, but his wife died in 1896, leaving nine children, three of whom also live in that State. (9) Anna M. is the widow of James Wilson, of Brady township, who resided near Salem, and died in February, 1897. (10) Reuben B. married Annie Cleaver, of Pike township, Clearfield county, but died shortly afterward upon his father's farm in Brady township. He left a widow and one child, Reuben. (11) Mary Louisa married Adam Foust, of Jefferson county, and they now live near Redfern, in Brady township, Clearfield county. Their children are Edith and Annie.

Amos Bonsall, our subject, was born in Perry county, August 31, 1822, and in his infancy he was brought to the farm in Brady township, where he grew to manhood amid scenes of frontier life. On January 25, 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Kuntz, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, November 25, 1824, and in 1830 was brought to America by her parents, Jacob and Catharine Kuntz, who became prosperous agriculturists of Brady township. The young couple began their domestic life at Coal Hill, where Mr. Bonsall purchased fifty acres of land, upon which he made many improvements, but in 1855 he sold and bought 161 acres, known as the Kuntz homestead, where his wife had spent her childhood days.

Ten children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bonsall, as follows: (1) Jacob L., born in Brady township, in 1849, obtained his education in the public schools, and on reaching manhood married Louisa Couch, of Jefferson county. They lived on the old homestead until his wife's death in 1879. Four years later he married Maggie Peoples, of Clarion county, Penn., and they now reside on his farm in Lumber City, Clearfield county. (2) Maria died in infancy. (3) Susanna, born in 1853, became the wife of Isaac Pifer, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, where she died in 1886, leaving a husband and five children—Jacob K.; Lydia E.; Luther J.; David; and Wilson D., who died in childhood. (4) Sarah M., born in 1855, married Christian Haag, of Brady township, who is now engaged in the undertaking business in Troutville. They have five children: Amos, Orpheus, Morris W., Lavina and Hulda. (5) Mary C., born in 1857, married Jonas Pifer, of Jefferson county, and they live on a farm in Brady township, Clearfield county. Their seven children are—Amos, Philip I., Agnes C., Walter, Cyrus W., Clara and Harvey Raymond. (6) Lavina, born in 1859, is the wife of George H. Weber, formerly of Brady township, who now owns and operates a fine farm near Alexandria, in Huntingdon county, Penn. They have four children, Otto L., Nora, Maud and Ada. (7) Benjamin F., born in 1862, and (8) Martin L., in 1864,

both died in infancy. (9) Andrew J., born in 1865, is operating the old homestead farm. He married Louisa Weber, of Brady township, and has three children—Harry W., Amos C. and Susie J. (10) Lizzie, born in 1869, is the wife of William Schoch, who lives on his fathers farm in Brady township.

Politically, Mr. Bonsall is a strong Jacksonian Democrat, does all in his power to insure the success of his party, and has held the offices of constable one term and school director for the same length of time. With the English Lutheran Church he and his wife and children all hold membership. Their home is noted for its generous hospitality, and in this regard they have no equals in the county. Mr. Bonsall is sympathetic and liberal, extending a helping hand to the poor and needy, and always ready to aid those less fortunate than himself.

JOHN S. JOHNSON, who occupies a prominent place among the farmers of Clearfield county, was born on August 21, 1839, in Greenwood township, where he still resides.

Mr. Johnson comes of an old and honored family of this section of the State, his grandfather, Samuel Johnson, who was born in York county, Penn., in 1781, having emigrated to Centre county at the age of seventeen. As his father had died when he was very young he was obliged to make his own way in the world unaided, and learned the cabinet maker's trade, at which he worked in Half Moon Valley until 1812. He was married, in 1804, to Miss Hannah Fisher, and eight years later they came to Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of 150 acres of land at Grampian Hills. After building a house of round logs, he began clearing and improving his land, and devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. He was a great woodsman, taking great delight in hunting all kinds of game, which was quite plentiful in those early days. In 1824 his little cabin home was replaced with a large and commodious residence. For many years he served as justice of the peace, and, being one of the best read men in the county, he always took an active interest in educational matters. In 1851 he accompanied his son Garrison to the State of Indiania, where he died in 1863, at the age of eighty-two years. His family comprised the following children: James; Elah; William F.; Garrison, who died in 1861; Elizabeth and Thirzah, who became residents of Illinois; Mrs. Nancy Daily, a resident of Dubois, Penn.; Hannah, who died in 1824; and John.

James Johnson, the father of our subject, was born in Centre county, July 10, 1806, and was six years of age when brought by his parents to Clearfield county. During his boyhood he attended the district schools for three months during the winter season, but his education was principally obtained by studying nights under the direction of his father. Until he had attained his majority he gave his father the benefit of his labors, and then he and his brother Elah purchased 150 acres of land on Bell's run, where they erected a sawmill in 1832–3, and later a dwelling house. Subsequently they bought 163 acres additional, which they improved and prepared for farming purposes, remaining in partnership for eleven years. On dividing the property, James Johnson took the first purchase, which he continued to improve and cultivate in connection with lumbering, and met with excellent success in his undertakings. Subsequently he bought another fifty-acre tract, and (again) 300 acres from Governor Bigler, and in 1866 he erected a woolen-factory and sawmill on Bell's run, which he successfully operated for some time in addition to his other labors. At the end of four years the woolen-mill was destroyed by fire, but within ten months another was erected and set in operation. In 1861 he also built a fine brick residence, where he continued to make his home until called to the world beyond.

James Johnson was married, in 1835, to Miss Sarah, daughter of John Stewart, and they became the parents of nine children: William P.; John S.; David H.; Mathew W.; James A.; Francis D.; Hannah E.; Eliza, who died in February, 1848; and Elizabeth. The father owned a Bible which was printed in 1749 and belonged to his grandfather, who gave it to his father in 1795. The parents of our subject were both faithful members of the Society of Friends, and in politics the father was a stalwart Democrat, but never cared for office. He died in 1884 at the age of eighty; his wife is still living at the age of eighty. Both enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew them.

Mr. Johnson, the subject of this review, early became familiar with the work of the farm and with the labor in the lumber woods. During his early manhood he remained at home assisting in the sawmill and woolen-factory, and after his marriage operated his father's farm for eight years. He then received 145 acres from his father's estate, of which only forty acres had been cleared and a small house erected thereon, but now seventy-five acres have been placed under the plow, while excellent buildings make it one of the most desirable homesteads in Greenwood

township. He has sold his interest in the factory and mill, but still engages in lumbering to some extent in connection with his agricultural pursuits.

In 1872 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Laura E. McCracken, a lady of intelligence and culture, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth McCracken, honored pioneers who resided in Ferguson township, Clearfield county. By occupation the father was a farmer and lumberman in early life, but later engaged in hotel keeping in Lumber City, where he died in 1861. His wife survived him many years, passing away in 1889. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church; in politics he was a Democrat. Of their five children two died in infancy; those living are: Ellen, wife of our subject; Blake, a merchant of Mahaffey, and Ketura, wife of A. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have had eleven children, all still living, with the exception of one who died in infancy. They are Gertrude, who received an excellent education at the State Normal, and has successfully engaged in teaching since 1892; Dora, at home; Sarah, who is also being educated for a teacher; Bessie, at home; and Garrison, Hannah, Roxy, Jessie, Bernice and Gladys, all attending school. Mr. Johnson was reared in the Friends Society, to whose teaching he still adheres, while in politics he has always been a supporter of Democratic principles. Public-spirited and enterprising, he has contributed much toward the development and progress of his township and county, and is justly numbered among the most valued citizens of the community.

DANIEL S. MITCHELL is one of the native sons of Clearfield county, who for many long years has been identified with its farming interests. He now resides in Bradford township, but was born in Lawrence township, November 16, 1837, a son of James and Hester (Spackman) Mitchell. The father was a native of Ireland, and a son of John and Isabella (Allen) Mitchell, natives of the same country, whence they migrated to Philipsburg, Penn. The grandfather worked in a screw factory until 1830, when he purchased a tract of wild timber land in Lawrence township, developing therefrom a good farm, on which he made his home until his death, in 1849.

James Mitchell came to Lawrence township when a young man, and was married there to Miss Spackman, a native of the township, and a daughter of Daniel Spackman, of Chester county, Penn., who in pioneer days opened up a farm in Lawrence township. Mr. Mitchell began his domestic life in Bradford township, and transformed a tract of wild timber land into rich and fertile fields. He also engaged in the lumber business. Both he and his wife died in Bradford township. They had four children: Daniel S.; Robert, who resides in Indiana; Jennie, who is living with her elder brother, and Mrs. Minta Cross, of Lawrence township.

Daniel S. Mitchell was reared on a farm, and acquired his education in the district schools. He was always engaged in farming and lumbering, and for a time followed the sawmill business, at what was known as Mitchell Station, the place being named in his honor. On March 19, 1882, he came to his present home in Bradford township, and now has a well-developed property, with highly cultivated fields, and substantial improvements in the way of buildings. He is industrious and energetic, yet in the midst of his active business cares has found time to faithfully discharge his duties of citizenship. In politics he is a Republican, and he served as a member of the school board for one term.

Mr. Mitchell was married in Lawrence township, in 1871, to Miss Hattie Read, who was born in Lawrence, a daughter of John J. Read, who for many years was a resident of Lawrence township, and there died. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have nine children: Jessie, Lelia, Wilmer J., Ashton, Clifton, Robert, Ethel, Clair and Fred.

MILES READ, a leading agriculturist of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, is a member of a well-known pioneer family of that section, his grandfather, Alexander Read, a Revolutionary soldier and a man of marked ability, having located on the Mitchell farm, in Lawrence township, in 1802. He and his wife, Jemima (Alexander), were both natives of Cecil county, Md., and had settled at an early day in Penn's Valley, Centre Co., Penn., whence they moved to their new home in Clearfield county in 1803. They reared a large family of children, among whom were Alexander and Thomas, who died in Clearfield county; John Ross, our subject's father; James and Sarah (Mrs. Dunlap), who died in Clearfield county; Rachel (Mrs. Alexander B. Reed), who died in Clearfield borough.

John Ross Read was born in Cecil county, Md., in 1789, but the greater part of his life was spent in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. He married Miss Mary Reed, a native of Pennsylvania, whose father was a Revolutionary soldier and a pioneer settler of Pike township, Clearfield county. J. R. Read purchased, in 1815, the farm now oc-

cupied by our subject, which then comprised one hundred acres of timbered land. This he cleared and cultivated, making it his permanent home. He died there June 30, 1858, and his wife passed away on the same farm December 6, 1873. They had seven children, of whom our subject was the youngest; William A. died in Coalport, Clearfield county, in 1890; Eliza died in 1878; Martha died June 30, 1840; Jemima (Mrs. Robert Porter) resides in Pike township, Clearfield county; Louisa died in Clarion county, Penn., August 18, 1896; and Jane (Mrs. Caldwell) died April 6, 1871.

Miles Read was born June 24, 1830, on his present farm, his early home being in a log cabin. The schools of the neighborhood afforded him an education, and he has followed farming and lumbering there from early manhood. Since the old homestead came into his possession he has done much to improve it, and of the 120 acres which it now contains he keeps 105 under cultivation.

On January 15, 1856, Mr. Read was married in Milesburg, Centre Co., Penn., to Miss Ellen Blair, a native of that county, where her parents, Samuel and Margaret (Eaken) Blair (both now deceased), had settled at an early day. Six children blessed this union: J. Blair is married and resides at the homestead; Elma (Mrs. Bradshaw) lives in Washington, D. C.; Willard L., an attorney at law, is married and lives in Seattle, Wash.; Jennie (Mrs. W. E. Tate) resides at Glyndon, Minn.; Louisa is at home; Glasgow died in Indiana, in 1895, while at college. The mother of these died January 15, 1897, and is buried in Pine Tree Cemetery, in Lawrence township.

Mr. Read is interested in all public questions, and in politics is an adherent of the Democratic party. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church at Clearfield, and holds the office of elder.

JOHN B. FERGUSON. This gentleman, who is known to the people of Clearfield county as one of the most progressive and energetic agriculturists of Penn township, is well-deserving of prominent mention in the pages of this work.

John Ferguson, Sr., grandfather of the above subject, came to this country from Ireland in 1753 with an only brother. Together they enlisted in the Revolutionary army, and were engaged in guarding the frontier against Indian raids. During one of these raids the brother was taken prisoner, and was not heard from afterwards. After doing service for his country, the grandfather rejoined his family in Cumberland county, Penn., moving from there in 1803, and traveling by way of Lock Haven, where they tarried for a short time, sending two sons to locate a home farther up the Susquehanna river. Finding a suitable place, they began improving it the same year, the family arriving in the summer of 1804, at which time the country was yet infested with roving bands of Indians and dangerous animals—panthers, wolves, bears, and plenty of wild game, two panthers being killed in the immediate vicinity. There being no roads, they had to carry their supplies from Lock Haven, a distance of 120 miles, by a canoe poled up the Susquehanna river. It is evident that they had to endure many privations.

The family of John Ferguson, Sr., consisted of twelve children, of whom the following sons grew to manhood: David, John, James and William. Of these, David, the father of this subject, was by profession a civil engineer, and located nearly all the lands in Clearfield county, as well as considerable in adjoining counties. He was county surveyor of Clearfield county, nearly continuously during his life; was elected to and served two terms in the Legislature of the Commonwealth, and also served in many minor offices during his life, such as county commissioner, justice of the peace twenty years, school teacher, school director, besides holding several other township offices. After leaving the old home he settled on the farm now owned by Anthony Hile, in Lumber City; from there he moved, in 1838, upon a farm of 160 acres on the south side of the river, near where his brother John was already located, and assisted in developing that section of the country. The township was named in honor of him and his brother John.

David Ferguson was married to Rachel McKee, of York county, Penn., who died in 1853 aged fifty-four years; he died in 1865 aged seventy-nine years. Their family consisted of (1) Sarah, who died in Harrisburg (while her father was serving in the Legislature), aged eleven years. (2) Alexander, who resides on the old homestead, was married to Amanda Straw, now deceased; his family consisted of Murray E., a farmer living near by; Oscar, in California; Alice located in Oregon; Newton, an engineer in Colorado, and Jennie, living near by. (3) Mary Jane, of Ferguson township, married Frampton McCracken, a soldier of the Civil war, who died in 1890, and left no family. (4) David L., who during the war of the Rebellion was attending College, left his studies to assist in raising a company of cavalry which was mustered into the

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2nd Pennsylvania Cavalry, he being commissioned a lieutenant, and serving during the entire Rebellion. Leaving home, he married Eliza Ferguson, and entered into the lumber and mercantile business in Lumber City, where he continued for twelve years, during which time he was interested in the cause of education, and through his efforts the Lumber City Academy was founded. Having his store burned, and meeting with other reverses, he closed out his business and moved to Humboldt county, Cal., where he pre-empted 160 acres of redwood timber land; entering in with a company, he took charge of a trading post on an Indian reservation in Hoopa Valley, Cal., where, in 1895, having contracted pneumonia while crossing a snow-capped mountain, the disease terminated his existence. His family consisted of the following: Maud, who died in California, aged twenty-four; Frank now in business in Eureka, Cal.; and Chester, who lives with his mother at Bayside, Cal. (5) James H., now residing on his farm in Ferguson township, is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1861, in Company I, 84th Reg. P. V. I., and served his country throughout the struggle, and took part in nearly all the engagements in which his regiment participated; once taken prisoner, and was incarcerated for a time in Libby Prison. After returning home, he married Lucy Owens, of Ferguson township, and they have one son—Ralph, at home. (6) Sarah Eliza married Edward Mills, of Oil City, Penn., and they resided there until his death, which was caused by an explosion in an oil well, after which his widow returned to her old home in Ferguson township, where she resided until her death, January 16, 1898. (7) John B. completes the family.

Upon the old home in Ferguson township our subject was raised, and continued under the parental roof until the outbreak of the Rebellion, when, feeling his country needed his services, he enlisted in the summer of 1861, and assisted in raising a company of 110 men in Lumber City and vicinity, of which he was commissioned first lieutenant. The company rendezvoused at Camp Crossman, near Huntingdon, Penn., from there moved to Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Penn., where it was assigned a place in the 84th P. V. I., and in December, 1861, was marched into West Virginia, and was in active service from that time until one year later, going into winter quarters at Fredericksburg, Va., the company being then reduced to less than fifty men. The subject of this sketch participated in all the engagements the regiment was in, and was in almost constant command of the company, the captain being in delicate health, and resigning in the summer of 1862. The regiment had many skirmishes and battles with Jackson's army, and its colonel was killed at the battle of Winchester. In the latter part of the summer, owing to exposure and other causes, Lieut. Ferguson was stricken down with typhoid fever, and was confined in Columbia College Hospital for twelve weeks, where he hung between life and death for many days, having the constant attendance of three surgeons. After becoming somewhat improved in health, he rejoined his regiment at Fredericksburg, and, being unable to stand camp life any longer, was honorably discharged from the service.

In order to describe some of the hardships of a soldier life, the following instance is related: On January 3, 1862, the regiment, being pressed by Jackson's army, had to effect a crossing over the Potomac river in the night. The river being frozen over (all but one ripple, and this under the guns of the Rebels from the heights in the regiment's rear), the troop had to be transported with difficulty across in one small scow, holding seventy-five men, Lieut. Ferguson's company acting all this time as rear guard, and protecting the ferry. The colonel, seeing the danger of this company being captured, ordered it to ford the river, which was done very reluctantly, the lieutenant taking the lead; but in the darkness of the night he lost his bearings, plunged into deep water, but through desperate efforts succeeded in gaining the shore almost perished, the Rebel shells encouraging them greatly all this time in their efforts.

After returning home from the army, he engaged for a few years in the merchandising business in Lumber City, but, finding his health failing in so confining a business, he left the store and purchased his grandfather's farm, bordering on the Susquehanna river, moving there in 1870, where he still resides.

In January, 1870, he was married to Adranna Kirk, daughter of Samuel Kirk, of Lumber City. Their family consists of Byron C., Alice Josephine, David V., Florence B., John M., Anna Grace, and Samuel Kirk, all at home. Byron C. is a born genius, having designed and erected a wire cable suspension foot bridge across the Susquehanna river at his home, twenty feet above the water, doing the entire work in its construction, making and twisting the cables, and doing the entire structure work. His inventive genius does not stop with this structure, for he has other projects in view.

Politically, Mr. Ferguson is a Prohibitionist, but formerly was a Republican; his father was a Democrat in early life, but united with the Re-

publican party at its organization, voting with it the remainder of his days. The family is one of prominence in the community, holding a high place in social as well as business circles. With the United Presbyterian Church they hold membership, our subject being a ruling elder therein, and interested in all worthy enterprises in the community.

John, second son of John Ferguson, Sr., improved a farm in Ferguson township, subsequently moving therefrom to Lumber City, where he entered into mercantile business. Later on in life he moved to Lock Haven, continuing in the same business, and there resided until his decease in 1874. His surviving children are: Mary Hannah, Deborah, John C. and Elizabeth. James Ferguson, third son of John Ferguson, Sr., resided on the old home near Lumber City until his death, taking care of his aged parents while they lived. He held many responsible positions in life, serving one term as sheriff of the county. He was the father of three sons and seven daughters: James and William, surviving sons, reside in Penn township; the five surviving daughters being—Sarah Jane, Margaret, Isabelle, Emma, and Eliza, who is now residing in California.

William Ferguson, the youngest son of John Ferguson, Sr., settled on a farm adjoining the old home where he lived for some time. He sold the same and moved West, remaining there many years; but having a desire to end his days in Clearfield county, he came back and settled on a farm at Susquehanna Bridge, where he died in 1889. He left children surviving: George M., who served as register and recorder of the county for six years; Mary, in the West, and Sallie, living at the old home at Susquehanna Bridge.

The daughters of John Ferguson, Sr., were: Polly, Betsey, Margaret and Jane. The last named married William Reed, who has two sons living in Ferguson township—David R. and James R.; Betsey, married Joseph Wiley, and reared a large family, generally living in what is known as the Wiley settlement, they having converted it from a wilderness to a beautiful farming settlement.

DANIEL BEAM, a leading and influential farmer and early settler of Cooper township, Clearfield county, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Dauphin county, June 12, 1822. He is a son of Henry and Nancy (Richards) Beam, who were born, reared and married in the latter county.

The family, which is of German origin, was founded in Pennsylvania. About 1826 the father of our subject removed to Centre county, where in the midst of an almost unbroken wilderness he made his home until 1833; which year witnessed his arrival in Clearfield county. He located in what was then Morris township (now Cooper), and first purchased 100 acres of land, to which he later added a like amount, and still later a fifty-acre tract. Of this, he cleared and improved 130 acres, making it one of the most desirable farms in the locality. He made a specialty of wheat, which he would carry over the mountains and market at Milesburg, Centre county. In his family were twelve children: John, deceased; Jacob, a resident of Kylertown; Henry and Samuel, deceased; Daniel, of this sketch; Mike, of Nebraska; George, who died in Missouri; Jesse, a merchant of Kylertown; Polly, wife of G. Williams; Catherine, wife of J. Hoover; Margaret, wife of S. Hoover; and Elizabeth, widow of P. Miller. The parents who were universally held in high regard, were members of the United Brethren Church, and in politics the father was a Democrat.

The boyhood and youth of Daniel Beam was mainly passed in the neighborhood where he still makes his home, and in its public schools he acquired his education. He remained with his father until he had attained his majority, and then started out in life for himself, first operating rented land. For five years after his marriage, in 1845, he was thus employed, and then, in partnership with his brother, engaged in farming until 1861, when he located on his present farm which he had previously purchased, the same year erecting a good residence, and the following year building a large barn. Ninety-five of the 175 acres he has cleared and brought under a high state of cultivation, and to its further improvement and development he devotes his entire time and attention; in former years, however, he also followed lumbering and rafting.

In 1845 Mr. Beam was married to Miss Susanna Cooper, a daughter of David and Polly (Cox) Cooper, who were born, reared and married in Virginia, and were the very first settlers to locate in what is now Cooper township, where the father died about 1844. In his family were nine children: Ann, Elizabeth, Purnina, Jemima, Keziah, Mary, Susanna, and two sons who died in childhood. Five children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Beam, as follows: Nathan, a farmer by occupation; Mrs. Addie Williams; McClain, a farmer; Lidda, wife of C. Beightol; and Mrs. Esther Marcus. The wife and mother, who was a devout Methodist, departed this life in 1885.

Mr. Beam is an active and prominent member of the United Brethren Church, of which he is serving as trustee. Although he usually votes with the Democratic party, he endeavors to support the man whom he thinks best qualified to fill the office, regardless of his politics. He is one of the representative farmers of the community, honored and respected by all for his sterling worth, generous hospitality and unbounded liberality.

JOHN SHIVELY. Many of the best class of Clearfield county have come from over the sea, particularly from the Empire of Germany. They have transported into the New World the industry, thrift and economy of their native land, and have been important factors in the upbuilding and development of this section. Of this class of honest, hardworking, alien-born citizens there is none who occupies a more prominent place than Mr. Shively, who now makes his home in Decatur township.

Our subject was born in 1836, in Wurtemburg, Germany, where his parents, Gottlieb and Margaret (Shively) Shively, spent their entire lives. He remained in his native land until he had attained his sixteenth year, when he took passage on a sailing vessel at Havre, France, and after a tedious voyage of sixty days landed in New York, whence he proceeded at once to Philadelphia. He next went to Montgomery county, this State, and in 1854 first came to Decatur township, Clearfield county, where for many years he engaged in lumbering. While thus employed the Civil war broke out, and he then laid aside personal interests in order to aid his adopted country in preserving the Union. At Bellefonte, Penn., he enlisted in June, 1861, for three years, in Company E, Fifth Pennsylvania Reserves, and was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg, the regiment becoming a part of the Army of the Potomac. He participated in many hotly-contested engagements, including the battles of Mechanicsville, Gainesville, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Wilderness, Po River, Spottsylvania, North Ann River, Sheldon Lane, Cold Harbor, the first and second battles of Deep Bottom, Hatcher's Run, Fort Steadman, and the capture of Petersburg. On December 2, 1862, Mr. Shively veteranized, becoming a member of Battery C in the regular army, and served for some time after hostilities had ceased, being honorably discharged at Fortress Monroe, in December, 1865, after four years and six months of arduous and faithful service. His discharge papers certify to his bravery and meritorious conduct.

Mr. Shively returned to his home in Decatur township, where he continued to reside until 1882, when he purchased an improved farm of 220 acres in Centre county, which he successfully operated until 1892. In that year he again took up his residence in Decatur township, Clearfield county, where he now has charge of the stables of a livery and coal company, but still owns a good farm in Taylor township, Centre county. For twenty-four years he engaged in lumbering, being a part of the time in the employ of Mr. Steiner, and assisted in clearing the present site of Philipsburg, Centre county. In Decatur township he was married, in 1868, to Miss Charlotte Ewings, a native of Centre county, where her father, William Ewings, located at an early day. Five children were born to this union: Nora; Harvey, who died at the age of three years; Edward; Bertha; and Alice, who died at the age of two months.

Mr. Shively uses his right of franchise in support of Democratic principles, and does all in his power to promote the interests of the land of his adoption. He merits and receives the high regard of the entire community. His war record is one of which he may be justly proud, and from private he was promoted to duty sergeant of his regiment in the regular army. He is now an honored member of James McClaren Post, No. 553, G. A. R., of Osceola Mills, and also belongs to Osceola Lodge, No. 747, I. O. O. F., of the same place.

JOSEPH WASHBURN, a prominent agriculturist of Huston township, Clearfield county, is one of the early comers to that section, having been brought there by his parents in 1841, as a boy of eleven years. Many changes have taken place since that time, and it is to him and others of like energy, ability and public spirit that those changes are due.

Mr. Washburn comes of the best American stock. His grandfather, Solomon Washburn, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He lived and died in Massachusetts, and his son, Josiah, our subject's father, was born there, and in his turn served his country in the war of 1812. In early manhood he went to New York State, and was married there to his first wife, Miss Fox, by whom he had five children: Jeremiah was a dentist, settled in Chicago, Ill.; Ethren died in Brookville, Penn.; Lewis died in Michigan; Julian married and went west; and Eunice Maria

died some years ago in New York State. Josiah Washburn was married, a second time, in New York State to Mrs. Nancy Steward Shoemaker, a native of Yates county, N. Y. She was the widow of Godfrey Shoemaker, and a daughter of Charles Steward, a Revolutionary soldier, who also served in the earlier wars and was present at Braddock's defeat.

Our subject's father was a millwright by trade, but after his removal to Huston township, Clearfield county, he purchased sixty-six acres of land in the wilderness and prepared it for cultivation. He made his home there, and combined agriculture with the business of building mills in various places in the county. All of the discomforts of pioneer life were experienced before civilization brought its conveniences, and for some time the nearest market was at Luthersburg. Mr. Washburn was well known and highly respected throughout the county. He held the office of justice of the peace for twenty years, and was a leading worker in local affairs, his influence being given to the Republican party. His death occurred in 1876, and his widow followed him eight years later. They had six children, of whom our subject is the eldest; Charles E., who resides in Sandy township, served in the Civil war; Joseph was drafted into the army; Jane and Philinda died at an early age; Josiah was lost in the woods when he was four years old, and his body was not found until after seven days had elapsed. C. E. Washburn held several offices of trust in Sandy and Huston townships, among them being that of supervisor, four years, during which time he proved himself to be a model road maker.

Our subject was born in 1830, the home of his parents then being near Olean, N. Y. For a short time before going to Clearfield county the family lived in Ridgway, Elk county. There was much to be done upon a pioneer's farm, and Mr. Washburn established habits of industry while assisting in the work at home during boyhood. Later he became interested in agriculture on his own account, and is now exclusively engaged in it, but for twenty-five years he also operated a sawmill and dealt extensively in lumber. In 1850 he was married in Huston township to Miss Catherine Ann Smeltzer, a native of Centre county, Penn. Her parents, Jacob and Esther (Clyster) Smeltzer, were born in that county, and were both of German ancestry. They moved to Elk county in 1852, and settled first in Fox township, where they cleared a farm in the woods. Mr. Smeltzer died in the West, but his wife passed her last years in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn have had five children, namely: Esther (Mrs. Wyncoop), of Sandy township; Daniel R., a resident of the same township; Elizabeth (Mrs. Dunlop), who died in 1895; Amanda C. (Mrs. A. W. Dunlop), a resident of Sandy township; and Ada, who died at the age of two years. Daniel R. was elected township auditor on the Republican ticket; after serving three years as such he was elected constable, and is now serving his second term of office.

In local affairs, Mr. Washburn has always been a progressive and influential worker. He is a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Sabula, and in his political affiliations he is a Democrat.

JOSEPH GILLILAND has for a number of years done a successful and lucrative business along the lines of general merchandising and milling in Potterdale, Clearfield county, and as the result of his untiring labors, his ambition, his energy and well-directed efforts, he is to-day the possessor of a handsome competence and a good home, where he spends his leisure hours, enjoying the society of his family and friends in the midst of all the comforts that go to make life worth living.

The Gilliland family was founded in America prior to the Revolutionary war, by Scotch-Irish emigrants, and in 1800 Joseph Gilliland, the grandfather of our subject, took up his residence in Centre county, coming from Chester county, Penn. He was among the very first settlers of Penn's Valley, where he purchased land of the Potter family, who had obtained a large tract from the government and sold the same in small amounts. To the cultivation and improvement of his farm he devoted his attention for the remainder of his life.

John Gilliland, the father of our subject, was born in 1806, and, being a cripple, was consequently given good educational advantages, as he was unable to assist in the work of the farm. His principal teacher was Timothy Ladd, also a cripple. At the age of eighteen Mr. Gilliland commenced teaching, which profession he successfully followed for eighteen years, and then, in connection with a partner, bought the mercantile interest of the Penn Valley Trading Company. The business proved very profitable until the panic of 1857, which caused the failure of the firm, and he moved to Clearfield county, making his home upon a farm until his death, in 1888. He was a very intelligent, moral, upright man, who stood high in the estimation of his fellow citizens, and took a prominent part in public affairs, always voting with the Democratic party. He held some of the most important of the town-

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ship offices, but cared nothing for political distinction. In religious belief both he and his wife were Presbyterians, and took quite an active part in Church work.

John Gilliland was married to Miss Lydia Smith, who was born in 1808, in Centre county, and died in 1889. Six children blessed their union: Hannah; Joseph; William S., a prominent physician of Karthaus; Edward I., a farmer and merchant; Mary; and Robert C., who resides in Snow Shoe, Centre county.

The maternal grandparents of our subject were William and Hannah (Little) Smith. The great-grandfather, William Smith, Sr., was an officer in a Pennsylvania regiment in the war of the Revolution, and after its close located upon a farm in Lancaster county, this State, where, in connection with its operations, he also operated a mill. He was quite a popular man of the community, served as justice of the peace, which was an important office at that time, being the same as county judge, and was also county coroner. William Smith, Jr., being well educated, engaged in teaching when a young man, and in 1784 commenced merchandising at Warriors Mark, Huntingdon Co., Penn., where he conducted his store until coming to Centre county, in 1808. He located at what was known as Smithfield, now a part of the city of Bellefonte, and there followed mercantile pursuits for a number of years, but later he again taught school. His death occurred at Boalsburg, Centre county.

Joseph Gilliland, of this review, was born January 6, 1841, in Centre county, and received a good common-school education. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Clearfield county, and remained with them until his marriage in May, 1866, Miss Adeline Yothers becoming his wife. Her parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Reiter) Yothers, were honored pioneers of Karthaus township, Clearfield county, where her father developed a good farm from raw land, and also engaged in milling. His death occurred in 1872. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and the parents of eleven children—Mrs. Maria Corley; Mrs. Isabel Patterson, of Illinois; John; Henry; Daniel, deceased; Mrs. Sophia Heckendorn; Reuben, a resident of Kansas; Adeline; Christian, deceased; Joseph; and Mrs. Mary Heichel. Mrs. Gilliland departed this life December 30, 1878, and left two daughters—Lydia E., at home; and Clara B., wife of J. Haney, of Pottersdale, Pennsylvania.

In October, 1880, Mr. Gilliland was again married, his second union being with Miss Lucetta B. Lucas, of Snow Shoe, Penn., a native of Centre county, and the ninth in order of birth in a family of ten children. Her father, John Lucas, was an early settler of Centre county, and a veteran of the war of 1812, having served his country on board of Commodore Perry's fleet, and in that memorable engagement on Lake Erie, September 10, 1813, he was wounded. On his return home he was ever after called "Perry John" to distinguish him from the many other Johns among his kindred; he died September 27, 1858, aged sixty-nine years, leaving, as an heirloom to his family, the medal that a grateful Congress voted the survivors of Perry's victory, on which is engraved the laconic dispatch of Perry, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Five of the six sons of "Perry John" served in the war for the Union, viz., Nelson, McCalmont, Isaac, Thomas and Jesse. Nelson was killed at second Bull Run; McCalmont died in camp at Langley, Va.; Thomas died of disease contracted in the service after having been discharged; Isaac and Jesse are still living. The only other living member of this noted family besides Mrs. Gilliland, is Martha, wife of Rev. Thomas Cameron, of Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

"Perry John" Lucas was an enterprising, prosperous man, who was quite successful in his farming operations, and acquired a large interest in coal mines, but at his death his heirs were cheated out of most of the property.

For three years after his first marriage, Joseph Gilliland operated rented land, and then engaged in hotel keeping at Salt Lick, Clearfield county, for two years. On selling out there in 1873, he removed to Three Runs, where he secured a position with J. W. Potter in his store and mill, and continued to work for him until May, 1877, when, in connection with a partner, he purchased his employer's store and rented the mill. In 1882 he bought his partner's interest and continued the business alone until September, 1883, when his brother became a member of the firm. Selling out in 1888, he removed to Salt Lick, so that he might care for his mother, and after her death, which occurred the following year, he and his brother bought the entire property, including the store, stock of goods, mill, and 194 acres of land, which they to-day own. Our subject is one of the most energetic and progressive business men of the county, and his success is well merited. In 1877 he was appointed postmaster of Three Runs, which position he continued to fill until April, 1881, when he resigned; but on his return to that place the following year, he was re-appointed, and still acceptably fills the office. In connection with his other property he also owns sixty acres of land which is under cultivation, and upon which is found a good grade

of coal and fire clay. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable business methods that he has followed have won him the support and confidence of many. In politics he has always been a Democrat, has served in a number of township offices, and for one term of three years was auditor of Clearfield county. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church.

EDWARD I. GILLILAND is classed among the enterprising citizens of Karthaus township, Clearfield county. He does not confine his energies to one line of operation, but is a successful farmer, merchant and lumberman at Potterdale. His prosperity has been attained along the line of well-tried maxims of honesty, perseverance and diligence, and to his own efforts is due the position he has achieved in business circles.

Mr. Gilliland was born in Centre Hill, Centre county, June 9, 1845, the fourth child and third son of John and Lydia (Smith) Gilliland. His grandfather, Joseph Gilliland, was descended from Scotch-Irish ancestors who came to America prior to the war of the Revolution. About 1800 he removed from Chester county, Penn., to Centre county, and was one of the first pioneers of Penn's Valley. He purchased his land from the Potters, who had secured it by grants given them by the government. Here Joseph Gilliland opened up a farm, reared his family, and became a well-known citizen of the community.

John Gilliland, father of our subject, was born in 1806, and reared on the family homestead, secured the greater part of his education under the direction of Timothy Ladd, and when eighteen years of age began teaching school, which profession he followed some eighteen years. He then turned his attention to merchandising, and in connection with a partner purchased the store of the Penn Valley Trading Co., continuing business until the financial panic of 1857, when he lost all he had. He then removed to Clearfield county, where he died, in 1888, at the age of eighty-two years. He was a prominent supporter of the Democratic party, and held a number of township offices. Both he and his wife were Presbyterians. He married Lydia Smith, who was born in 1808, and died in 1889. Her parents were William and Hannah (Lytle) Smith, the former of whom was a son of William Smith, Sr., who served as an officer in the Revolutionary war. He afterward located on a farm in Lancaster county, Penn., and operated a mill. He was a prominent and popular citizen, and served as justice of the peace for a number of years. William Smith, the maternal grandfather of our subject, engaged in teaching in early life, and afterward followed merchandising in Huntingdon county, Penn. About 1808 he removed to Smithfield (which in that year was incorporated into the borough of Bellefonte), Centre county, where he again followed merchandising and subsequently taught school. He died in Boalsburg. John and Lydia (Smith) Gilliland had six children: Hannah; Joseph, a partner of his brother; William S., a physician of Karthaus; Edward I.; Mary; and Robert C., of Snow Shoe, Centre county.

Edward I. Gilliland attended the common schools until fourteen years of age, but his educational privileges were very meagre. After his parents' removal to Clearfield county he aided in the cultivation of the home farm. When fifteen years of age he began working in the lumber woods during the winter, and was thus employed for many years. In 1864, in response to an advertisement, he secured employment on the "Monticello," a ship sailing from New London, Conn., engaged in the whale fisheries, and chartered to take the Hall Arctic expedition to the northern regions. For eighteen months he was on that vessel, and then returned home, following lumbering through the succeeding winter. In the spring he shipped on the first steamer ever engaged in the American whale-fishing trade, and went to Hudson and Repulse bays, returning late in the autumn of the same year. In the following summer he resumed farming, and in the winter engaged in lumbering. In 1870 he began clerking in the store, and for twelve years he was engaged in farming and lumbering, the farm property which he operated being still in his possession. Later our subject came to Potterdale, where he entered into partnership with his brother Joseph in mercantile and milling business, under the firm name of Joseph Gilliland & Brother. They have one of the best general stores in this section of the county, and their sales amount to about $15,000 annually. As lumber merchants and farmers they are also successful, and their honorable dealing and careful management have brought to them a merited competence.

In 1870 Mr. Gilliland was united in marriage with Miss Hannah C. Hertlein—born in Clearfield county, October 12, 1850, died at Karthaus, Penn., September 19, 1897—a daughter of G. Lorenz Hertlein, who came from the Kingdom of Wurtemberg to America about 1830, purchasing a tract of raw land in Karthaus township, Clearfield county, whereon he made his home until his death, in 1889. He was a leading Dem-

ocrat, filled many township offices, and was a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland have a family of nine children: Rosa M. (wife of F. G. Evans, a farmer), John L. (a bookkeeper), Frank, William E., Bertram P., Estella M., Laura, Ralph and Bernice. Mr. Gilliland was reared in the faith of the Democratic party, and he has ever since affiliated with it. His wife was a member of the Lutheran Church, and both are people of the highest respectability. [The accompanying portrait of Mr. Gilliland was taken June 8, 1895, while attending the Centennial of Bellefonte, Centre county.]

HENRY E. KYLER. Prominent among the successful farmers of Clearfield county may be named the subject of this historical notice, whose homestead lies in Goshen township, and who, by his enterprise and energy in the direction of his chosen industry, has given to his work a significance and beauty of which few deemed it capable. He was born in Girard township, Clearfield county, August 8, 1839, was reared to agricultural pursuits, and educated in the country schools.

Henry and Mary (Humel) Kyler, parents of our subject, were also natives of Clearfield county, where they were married. The paternal grandfather, George Kyler, who was born in Pennsylvania of German ancestry, located in that county at a very early day, passing his remaining days. The father assisted in the operation of the home farm, and after his marriage began the development of a tract of wild land in Girard township, where he continued to live throughout life. During his active business career he engaged in lumbering to some extent, making and handling square timbers and rafting them down the river. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious belief a Lutheran. His wife survived him, dying in Illinois about 1892. In their family were four children: Arnold, who died in Virginia while serving his country in the Civil war, and was buried at Winchester; Sarah J., who married Robert Leonard, and on their deaths left one child; Henry E., of this sketch; and Mary, who wedded William Clarus, a farmer of Illinois, and resides in that State.

Henry E. Kyler grew to manhood upon the home farm, and on starting out in life for himself worked at farm labor in the summer season and in the woods during the winter months, making square timber. For thirty years he never missed a spring that he did not run the river, piloting rafts. In 1861 he volunteered for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of the 84th P. V. I., and was consigned to the Army of West Virginia, with which he served for sixteen months, when he was discharged on account of disability, being twice wounded, one gunshot wound being through the left wrist. He was sent to the hospital near Washington, D. C., where he remained for eight weeks, and then rejoined his command, but later was sent to the Convalescent hospital, and was subsequently discharged on account of disability.

Returning to his home, Mr. Kyler was married in September, 1863, to Miss Margaret J. Welch, a lady of intelligence and taste. Her father, Andrew Welch, was a native of Clearfield county, a farmer by occupation, and a strict Methodist in religious belief. The wife of our subject was a member of the same Church, and was a most estimable lady. She died July 26, 1886, at the age of forty-four years. Twelve children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy, the others being as follows: Sarah J., now the wife of Tom Livingood; McClellan, a farmer; Edith, wife of Mart Brown; Candis, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Henry A., at home; Ellen V., wife of S. Kephart, a farmer; and Bertha, Minnie, Adda and Charles, all at home.

In 1866, Mr. Kyler purchased a tract of 133 acres, to which he removed and at once began its improvement and cultivation. Seventy acres have now been placed under the plow, an orchard has been set out, a commodious two-story frame residence erected, as well as good barns and outbuildings, and the whole comprises one of the valuable farms of the locality, pleasantly situated in the Valley of the Susquehanna river, nine miles southeast of Clearfield. Mr. Kyler uses his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and is numbered among the valued and highly respected citizens of Goshen township.

H. J. MILLIREN, of Du Bois, Clearfield county, is one of the gallant veterans of the Civil war, and carries about an unpleasant reminder of that struggle in the shape of a bullet received during the battle of the Wilderness. His family is noted for valor and love of freedom, and his great-grandfather, Henry Markes La Milliren, a native of France, came to America as an officer under Gen. LaFayette, with whom he served in the Revolutionary war.

Like many of LaFayette's companions, Henry Markes La Milliren remained in the country which he had helped to free from English rule. His son Henry, who was born in Armstrong

county, Penn., became a pioneer farmer of Jefferson county, but later settled in Westmoreland county, where he died in 1869. He married Mary Nulf, and their son Henry, our subject's father, was born at the Jefferson county home in 1817. He also followed agricultural pursuits, though he was a tanner by trade, remaining in Jefferson county until 1845, when he went to Ohio, and followed his trade there four years. On returning to Pennsylvania he located in Clarion county, but in 1850 made his permanent home in Knox township, Jefferson county.

In 1864, notwithstanding his advanced age, the father of our subject showed his patriotic spirit by enlisting in the Union army. Entering Company G, 105th P. V. I., in April, he had hardly reached the front before he received a serious wound (May 21, 1864); but recovering from its direct effects, he continued in the service until discharged on June 27, 1865. After his return home he did not regain his former health, and he died on March 18, 1876, his life being doubtless shortened as a result of his wound. His wife, Sarah (Smathes), breathed her last on January 1, 1880. Of their ten children five are living: H. J., our subject; Simeon R., of Lanes Mills, Penn.; Mrs. Rachel Guthrie, of Jefferson county; Martha (Mrs. Hetrick), of Knox township, same county; and Mary (Mrs. Platt), of Bradford county, Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was born October 26, 1843, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, and, except for the short residence in Ohio, he was reared in that county. The outbreak of the Rebellion stirred his young and ardent soul, and on August 28, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, 105th P. V. I., "for three years or the war." He was mustered into service at Callarama Heights, near Washington, D. C., and, his regiment being assigned to the Army of the Potomac, Third Army Corps, he took part in some of the severest engagements of the war. In December, 1863, he veteranized in the same company and regiment, and on May 5, 1864, he was wounded in the right leg, where the bullet still remains; but he remained in service until the close of the war, being honorably discharged at Pittsburg, July 11, 1865. Returning to Jefferson county, he engaged in lumbering and farming, and in 1867 went to Allegan county, Mich., where in addition to these lines of business he operated a stave factory and shingle mill, but making a specialty of tight barrels. In 1891 he returned to his native State and located in Du Bois, where he worked for a time in a machine shop. In 1893 he was elected to the office of constable in the Second ward, which position he has since held, his faithful service being appreciated by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Milliren has been twice married. By his first wife, Mary Minch, to whom he was married January 24, 1864, he had two sons: David H., now a resident of Chicago; and William Albert, of McKees Rock, Penn. His second wife, to whom he was married November 23, 1875, was Mrs. Susannah Morey (*née* Hetrick), a native of Jefferson county, born April 3, 1845. Her parents, Adam and Melinda (Swab) Hetrick, were early settlers of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, and both died in that locality, the mother in 1872, and the father in 1890. In politics, Mr. Milliren is a Republican of the stanchest kind. Naturally he is interested in the military organizations that have sprung up since the war, and is a member of Enston Post, No. 229, G. A. R., at Du Bois, and the Union Veterans Legion, No. 46, of Brookville. He also belongs to a number of social orders—the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the United Mechanics, the Home Protection Circle, and Hamilton Lodge, No. 315, I. O. O. F., at Hamilton, Michigan.

JAMES SPACKMAN, a leading agriculturist and lumberman of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, is one of the most enterprising and successful citizens of the State.

Mr. Spackman was born December 10, 1841, in Lawrence township, with which locality his family has been identified since 1818, when his grandfather, Daniel Spackman, a native of Chester county, Penn., moved to Clearfield county to make his permanent home. He settled near Pine Grove school house, and for many years was engaged in farming, shoemaking and tanning. His death occurred in 1873; his wife, Sarah (Mathers), passed away about 1862. They reared a large family, all of whom but the youngest, Deborah, are now deceased. Their names are as follows: John, Thomas, Benjamin, William, Mary (Mrs. Leonard), Jane (who never married), Hester (Mrs. James Mitchell, of Lawrence township) Elizabeth (Mrs William Mitchell, who died in Clearfield), Sarah (Mrs. Jordan Read, who died in June, 1895), and Deborah (Mrs. David Brown, who resides in Olanta, Pike township, Clearfield county).

William Spackman, our subject's father, was born in Chester county, Penn., in 1809, and grew to manhood in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where he married Miss Isabella Read. Her parents, Thomas and Mary (Jordan) Read, were both natives of this State, and had

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settled early in their married life upon the farm now occupied by our subject, and there Mrs. Spackman was born and reared. Her mother dying, her father subsequently married Miss Margaret Ferguson. His death occurred March 14, 1851. William Spackman made his home in Lawrence township, purchasing a tract of forest land which he transformed into a good farm. He died September 10, 1895, and his wife passed away April 3, 1888. Four children were born to them, namely: Thomas, a farmer of Lawrence township; James, our subject; Margaret (Mrs. Wise, of Knox township, Clearfield county); and William Alexander, who resides at the old farm.

As a farmer's son James Spackman, our subject, enjoyed the usual advantages of country life, attending the local schools and becoming acquainted at home in a practical way with the business of agriculture, which he has followed for many years in connection with lumbering. He and his brother Thomas bought the Read farm in 1866; in 1872 our subject purchased the latter's interest, and now owns the entire estate of 172 acres. He continued to reside at home, on the river, until 1881, when he moved to the Read farm.

On October 19, 1869, Mr. Spackman was married to Miss Mary E. Read, daughter of J. R. and Mary (Wrigley) Read. Her father was born at the old Read homestead, and he and his wife are still living in Lawrence township. Three children have blessed this union: L. E., L. W., and Helen. Mr. Spackman is actively interested in all of the progressive movements in his locality. He and his wife are members of the Grange, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and as a member of the school board he is doing good service for the cause of education, this being his third term. Politically he is a Democrat.

ISAAC F. BLOOM. Among the self-made men of Clearfield county—men who have accumulated a fair amount of this world's goods through their own energy and thrift—may be mentioned the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is one of the leading farmers of Jordan township, where he has also served as justice of the peace for many years.

Abram Bloom, the father of our subject, was a native of Germany, and was quite small when his father, Herbert Bloom, emigrated with his family to America and located in New Jersey, where he grew to manhood and married Miss Nancy Freeman. There most of his children were born. Being in limited circumstances, he first came to Clearfield county, Penn., on foot, and purchased a small tract of land in Jordan township. In 1832, with his household effects and family in a one-horse wagon, he removed to his new home, erected a cabin, and at once commenced to transform the heavily-timbered tract into a productive farm. Being a natural mechanic, his services were often in demand in this sparsely-settled region where few artisans were then found, and he manufactured many sleighs, repaired and did other work in wood and iron. After residing there for about ten or twelve years he went to Harrisburg, where he worked for a time, but soon afterward died in Cumberland county, Penn., leaving his widow with several small children to support, and only about fifteen acres of the farm under cultivation. With the exception of our subject, she managed to keep her children together, and made her home on the farm for many years. Subsequently it was divided between the two eldest sons, and she went to live with her children, dying at the home of one of them, at the age of seventy-three years. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. The father was ninety-three when called to his final rest. In their family were the following children: William T., now deceased; John F.; Peter, living in Iowa; La Fayette, deceased; Jacob, who was a Union soldier in the Civil war, and is now a farmer in Iowa; Isaac F., of this sketch; Abram; Hannah, deceased; Mary J.; and Elizabeth, deceased.

Isaac F. Bloom was born in Clearfield county September 4, 1834, and his early education was limited to a four-months' attendance at the district schools. His parents were poor, but provided him with every opportunity that their circumstances would permit. At the age of eight years he bound himself out to a farmer, with whom he remained until sixteen, when he left the place, bare-headed as well as bare-footed, going to Curwensville, where John Patton sold him $40 worth of clothing on credit. He then worked on the river and in the lumber camps for $8 per month, until he had paid off his indebtedness; then secured employment on the pike between Tyrone and Pennville, where he remained for two years, in the meantime contributing some of his earnings to the support of his mother. After her death he paid all doctor bills and other necessary expenses. For a number of years he was interested in the lumber business, made eleven rafts from the timber of said tract of land, and owned a portable sawmill, which he operated for eighteen months.

In 1859 Mr. Bloom purchased his present

farm, which was then a heavily-timbered tract of 123 acres, but he has since sold a portion of the amount and bought another tract of seventy-five acres. After his marriage he erected a small frame house upon the place, which he has remodeled and enlarged, making a commodious two-story residence. On his home farm fifty acres are now under cultivation, and twenty acres of the other farm. In connection with his other business he has also dealt to some extent in coal lands.

Mr. Bloom was married, in 1860, to Miss Isabella Johnston, a native of Jordan township, a daughter of Robert Johnston, who located here in 1833 and developed from the wilderness a good farm, on which he spent his remaining days. He was born in Scotland. Six children blessed the union of our subject and his wife: Mary E., now the wife of S. K. Ames, railroad agent at Irvona, Clearfield county; Priscilla J.; Herbert W., a lumberman and farmer residing at home; John C., who is engaged in lumbering; William D., a farmer; and Emma R., wife of James A. Rea, a merchant and lumberman.

During the Civil war, Mr. Bloom was twice drafted, but hired substitutes. By reading and observation he has acquired a good practical education, and has become one of the prominent and influential citizens of his township, taking an active part in public affairs. In politics he has been independent, generally voting with the Democratic party, and since 1864 he has faithfully served his fellow citizens in the capacity of justice of the peace, during which time he has joined in wedlock over fifty couples, and has tried many civil cases. Only four of these were appealed to the higher courts, and but one decision reversed, which fact reflects great credit upon his judgment and ability. His wife holds membership in the Scotch Presbyterian Church; but he belongs to no religious organization; fraternally he is a member of Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, F. & A. M.

JOHN S. JURY, a leading and representative farmer of Graham township, Clearfield county, was one of the brave "boys in blue" during the dark days of the Civil war. On September 25, 1861, he enlisted for three years in Company K, 84th P. V. I., and was mustered into service at Camp Crossman. He was commissioned second lieutenant May 1, 1864, and on the 3d of the following September was promoted to first lieutenant, and he served in that capacity until the close of the war. On the expiration of his term of service he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment, which was afterward consolidated with the 57th P. V. I., and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in twenty-three important engagements, including the following: Winchester, Cedar Mountain, Cross Keys, second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Spottsylvania, Wilderness, Cold Harbor, and was, later, with Gen. Grant until the war ended. At Chancellorsville he was taken prisoner, but after being confined in Libby prison for about ten days he was paroled and exchanged, and rejoined his regiment after the battle of Gettysburg. He participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., and near that city was discharged June 29, 1865.

Mr. Jury is a Pennsylvanian by birth, born in Dauphin county, April 11, 1831, and is a son of George and Susan Jury, also natives of Dauphin county, where they were reared and married. There the mother died in 1836, leaving four children: Simon, who located upon a farm in Girard township, Clearfield county, in 1851, and died there in 1893; Mrs. Rachel Stever, who died in Girard township, March 26, 1870; John S.; and Mrs. Catharine Livergood, of Goshen township, Clearfield county. After the death of his first wife, the father was again married, and his second wife also died in Dauphin county. In 1851 he came to Girard township, Clearfield county, where he passed away December 17, 1869. At the age of twenty years, John S. Jury left the county of his nativity and came to Girard township, and for a time engaged in teaching in Congress Hill; but in 1866 he purchased a 100-acre tract of timber land, on which he located and at once commenced to clear and improve the same. At one time he was the owner of 800 acres, but his present farm consists of only fifty acres of well-improved and valuable land.

In 1866, in Girard township, Mr. Jury was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca McCorkle, a native of Ireland and a daughter of John and Mary (Wilkie) McCorkle, who were born in Ireland of Scotch ancestry, and in 1849 removed with their family to Glasgow, Scotland, whence they came to the United States in 1860. In Girard township, Clearfield county, her father opened up a farm, but is now a resident of the city of Clearfield, while her mother died in Graham township in 1881. In their family were four children: William T., a resident of Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Margaret Shirey, and Mrs. Fannie Smith, of Girard township, and Mrs. Jury. Having no children of their own, our subject and his wife have adopted a child. They are widely and favorably known throughout Graham township and vicinity, where

their circle of friends is only limited by their circle of acquaintances.

Politically, Mr. Jury votes independently, supporting the best men regardless of party affiliations, and is now acceptably serving his second term as auditor. Mrs. Jury is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and takes quite an active part in all Church work. Public-spirited and progressive, he has given his support to all worthy enterprises which are intended to promote the welfare of the community, and is numbered among the valued and honored citizens of Graham township.

DANIEL CURLEY, who is pleasantly located in Graham township, is operating successfully as a general farmer, and is numbered among the industrious and enterprising men of Clearfield county. A native of Ireland, he was born in 1839, and when two years of age was brought to America by his parents, John and Catharine (Glennon) Curley, who died in Covington township, Clearfield county.

In Covington and Karthaus townships Mr. Curley was reared and educated, early becoming familiar with agricultural pursuits, and on coming to Graham township, in 1857, he purchased 125 acres of timber land, which he has cleared and transformed into a fine farm. The entire place is highly creditable to his skill and industry, the fields being well cultivated and the buildings of a neat and substantial character. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, 5th Pennsylvania Reserves, for three years, and was mustered in at Harrisburg, Penn. Going at once to the front, he participated in the battles of Bull Run, Antietam and Fredericksburg, where he was taken prisoner, and he was confined in Libby prison. On his release he rejoined the regiment at Washington, D. C., and later took part in the battles of Gettysburg, Mine Run and the Wilderness. He also participated in the campaign before Richmond, known as the Seven-days fight. At Harrisburg, he was honorably discharged June 11, 1864, and returned to his home in Graham township.

At Tyrone, Penn., Mr. Curley was married June 2, 1868, to Miss Theresa McGovern, who was born in Girard township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Charley and Catharine (Beatty) McGovern, who died in Grampian, Penn., in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Curley have six children, namely: Paul, Bruce, Ruth, Mark, Emmet and Hugh.

Mr. Curley always uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, in the success of which he takes a deep interest, and has served as chairman of the Republican committee of his township. He was one of the three who first supported the party in the township, and has since been one of its most earnest advocates. He has watched with interest the many changes that have taken place in the county since locating here, and has borne an important part in its upbuilding and progress.

JAMES DAVISON. Among the well-to-do and successful farmers of Clearfield county, who have accumulated a competency through their own exertions and economy, and who are carrying on the business of farming in a manner which draws forth praise from everyone, is the subject of this biographical notice, who resides on a valuable farm in Chest township. He is a native of the Empire State, born in Albany county, September 27, 1831, but the greater part of his life has been passed in Pennsylvania, in whose development and prosperity he has borne an important part.

His paternal grandfather was a Revolutionary hero, serving for seven years in the Continental army, and after the war he removed from his Connecticut home to New York, where he died. By trade he was a carpenter. Cottington Davison, the father of our subject, was a native of Connecticut, and was a child when taken by his parents to New York, where he grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Warner. Coming to Pennsylvania, in 1836, he located on the Gilpin and Fisher survey in Indiana county, and upon his place made many useful and valuable improvements, including the erection of a good house and barn. Later he went to Green township, in the same county, where he improved a place, but subsequently sold out and made his home with our subject in Clearfield county, until called from this life in August, 1891, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Throughout his active business career he followed the occupations of carpentering and farming, and in politics he was a strong Republican.

John Warner, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Germany, whence at an early day he emigrated to the New World, locating in New York, where he owned and operated a gristmill, and also engaged in farming. In religious belief he was a Methodist. While on a visit to Albany he was seized with yellow fever, and died. Seven children were born to Cottington and Elizabeth (Warner) Davison, namely: Maranda, who married a Mr. Wolf, and had eleven children, and after his death wedded a Mr. Dodson, by whom she has two

children; Mrs. Matilda Buchanan; William, a merchant of Taylorsville, Penn.; James, of this sketch; Charles, a farmer; Mrs. Keturah Allen; and Emeline, wife of N. Thompson.

When six years of age, James Davison accompanied his parents on their removal to Pennsylvania, remaining on the home farm in Indiana county until sixteen, when he entered the employ of Mr. Stannard, with whom he remained for two years. Learning the blacksmith's trade, he worked at that occupation for the following two years, and then came to Clearfield county, where he was employed in the lumber woods, and also engaged in jobbing for himself to some extent. After his marriage, in 1861, he purchased 120 acres of heavily-timbered land in Chest township —the farm on which he still resides. For twenty years he and his wife made their home in the first cabin there erected, but it has since been replaced by a commodious two-story frame residence, which is now surrounded by substantial outbuildings, a fine orchard—in fact, all the accessories found upon a model farm of the nineteenth century. For many years he engaged in lumbering, during which time he converted the timber from his own land into a marketable product, and also engaged in blacksmithing and farming. Of his farm sixty acres are now under a high state of cultivation, and he has never sold the minerals underlying it, including coal and fire clay. Through his own efforts he has steadily worked his way upward, overcoming all the difficulties and obstacles in his path to success, until to-day he is one of the most prosperous and substantial citizens, as well as one of the most highly respected, in Chest township. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and religiously both himself and estimable wife hold to the faith of the Presbyterian Church, in which they were reared.

In 1861, Mr. Davison married Miss Ellen J. Hunter, who was born November 15, 1841, in Scotland, and in 1848 was brought to the United States by her parents, Robert and Sophia (Swanson) Hunter, also natives of Scotland. On landing, the family, which numbered twelve persons, came by canal and on foot to Clearfield county, where the father purchased land and developed a farm, on which he spent his remaining days, dying in 1882 at the age of seventy. His wife, who survived him, passed away in 1893 at the age of eighty-one. Prominent Scotch Presbyterians, both were widely and favorably known throughout the community. Mrs. Hunter spent her declining years with her daughter, Mrs. Davison. Her father, Andrew Swanson, died in Scotland, after which his family crossed the Atlantic and located in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter had three children: John H., a farmer of Jordan township, Clearfield county; Ellen, wife of our subject; and Sophia, who died unmarried.

Six children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Davison: Sophia, now a resident of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Emaline Pierce; Elizabeth; Walter, who was accidentally killed September 21, 1888; and two who died in infancy.

JOHN M. ROSS, a well-to-do and prosperous farmer of Bell township, Clearfield county, is one of those men who throughly understand the business which they are pursuing, and are progressing toward a state of ample competence. He is the architect of his own fortune, having started in life with but little capital beyond his own industry and laudable ambition to rise in the world.

Mr. Ross was born in Boalsburg, Centre Co., Penn., August 17, 1831, a son of John and Anna (Barnhart) Ross, the former of Irish and the latter of German descent. The father was a native of New Jersey, and in early life learned the shoemaker's trade, which he principally followed throughout his business career. As a young man he went to Centre county, where he was married, and about 1833 took up his residence in Clearfield county, near McGee's Mills. In the spring he followed piloting on the river for many years, the rest of his time being devoted to his trade. He died in 1872, and two years later his wife was called to her final rest. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belonged to an honored pioneer family of Centre county. Her brothers and sisters were as follows: Jacob, Philip, John, Henry, Katie, Mary and Sophia, all now deceased, and the father of our subject was one of five children, the others being: William, of Clarion county, Penn.; Henry, Delilah and Rachel.

Mr. Ross, the subject of this review, is the sixth in the order of birth in a family of ten children, namely: Philip; Susanna, wife of I. Garrison; Elizabeth; Sarah, wife of Major Wise; Delilah, wife of J. Savage; John M.; Jacob, deceased; Henry; Mary S., wife of J. M. Rose; and William, now a resident of Oklahoma. In the public schools near his childhood home John M. acquired his literary education, and under his father's direction learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for many years, and has also done considerable rafting and lumbering. In 1855 he went to the West, where he spent one season; and then returned to Clearfield county,

working at his trade in New Washington until his marriage in 1859, when he located upon his present farm in Bell township, and in connection with its operation still engaged in lumbering and shoemaking for some time.

In 1859 Mr. Ross was married to Miss Nancy J. Mahaffey, of Centre county, a daughter of James Mahaffey, who came to Clearfield county, with his father in 1828, making the first settlement at the present site of Burnside, but later located in Centre county, where he died. By this marriage our subject had eight children: Elizabeth, now the wife of J. M. Weaver; James H.; William M.; Robert F.; John E.; Sarah K., wife of H. Wetzel; Orin B.; and Nancy J. The wife and mother, who held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in 1873. In 1876, Mr. Ross was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Rachel, daughter of William Smith, a molder, of Howard, Centre county, where he and his wife are still living. Seven children grace the second union: Mary (wife of J. Brady), Susanna (wife of Samuel Gaylord), Karl, Della, Mathew, Ralph and Walter. The mother died October 11, 1890, a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Although Mr. Ross takes an active interest in public affairs, he has never aspired, and is unwavering in his support of Democratic principles. He has, however, filled minor township offices, in which he has rendered effective service, and is a supporter of all worthy enterprises calculated to prove of benefit to the community, with whose interests he has long been identified.

MRS. ELIZABETH C. MULLEN has for many years resided in Pike township, and deserves mention among the esteemed pioneer settlers of Clearfield county. She was born in Brady township, in August, 1830, a daughter of Jonathan Ogden, whose father, Matthew Ogden, came to this county at a very early day, making the journey up the Susquehanna river in a canoe. Jonathan Ogden was born in Clearfield county, in 1800, and throughout his life followed the occupation of farming. He married Elizabeth Leonard, daughter of Abram Leonard, who was prominently identified with the pioneer interests of the county. Mr. Ogden was accidentally killed October 5, 1835. His children were: Rachel, Leonard, Mathew and Elizabeth C.

Elizabeth C. Ogden spent her girlhood days in her parents' home, and obtained her education in the public schools. In 1853 she gave her hand in marriage to Hugh W. Mullen, who was one of the leading and influential farmers of Pike township. His parents were Patrick and Martha (Finley) Mullen, the latter a native of Erie county, Penn. The father was born in Ireland, and when nine years of age accompanied his parents to America, the family locating in Centre county, where the grandfather of Hugh Mullen died, and where Patrick Mullen was reared. In Erie county the latter was married, and he made his home there until after the birth of his children. In 1830 he came to Clearfield county, purchased a small tract of land, erected a home thereon, and continued to improve his property until his death, which occurred in 1856. He was a shoemaker by trade, and followed that pursuit throughout his life. Patrick and Martha Mullen were the parents of eight children, namely: Mrs. Jane Baker; Fianna, wife of B. Colwell; Emeline, wife of William A. Read; Mrs. Mary A. Fullerton; Margaret, wife of William Welch; Hugh; James, a carpenter by trade; and Mrs. Caroline Leach.

In the year after his marriage, Hugh W. Mullen purchased what was known as the Huey Hall farm, and afterward added to that property until he owned 140 acres of good land, seventy-five of which are under a high state of cultivation. He improved the place with commodious and substantial buildings, and his farm, pleasantly situated two miles east of Curwensville, is known as one of the best in the township. It is still occupied by his children.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullen had a family of seven children: Homer, who is living in South Dakota; Ida, wife of Harry McCormick; Owen, who died at the age of five years; Eva, wife of Joe Read, of Goshen township, Clearfield county; Ellis, in British Columbia; Rissie; and Edith, deceased wife of S. S. Fulton, of Sacramento, Cal. Mr. Mullen gave his political support to the Democratic party, and took a deep and commendable interest in all matters pertaining to the public welfare, yet never sought public office. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his upright life won for him the respect of all who knew him. He passed away May 11, 1890, deeply mourned throughout the community. Mrs. Mullen holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. During the greater part of the time since her husband's death she has resided with a brother in Riverside, Cal., spending five years on the Pacific slope.

JOSEPH OWENS, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, is one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of that section, and has done much to promote its set-

tlement and development. Through his enterprise many fertile tracts of land have been cleared and made ready for the plow, and thus, while making his own way to an honest competence, he has worked to the lasting benefit of the community.

Mr. Owens was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, in 1821, and is of pioneer stock. His grandfather, John Owens, was born, reared and married in York county, Penn., and moved to Clearfield county with his family in 1802, settling in the woods one mile from Clearfield, and clearing a farm. He and his wife both lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years. They had eight children, none of whom are now living: Mary (Mrs. Dixon) died in Iowa; Elizabeth (Mrs. Letz), in Clearfield county; Elizabeth (Mrs. Wadsworth), in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Anna (Mrs. Lounsbury), in Bradford township, Clearfield county; Keziah (Mrs. Young), in Lawrence township; Peter, in Ferguson township, Clearfield county; John is mentioned more fully below; and Robert died in Lawrence township.

John Owens, our subject's father, was born in York county, Penn., in 1797, and was five years old when he accompanied his parents to their future home. He married a native of Clearfield county, Miss Mary Burge, whose father, Joseph Burge, was a well-known pioneer. John Owens followed agriculture as an occupation until his death, and he and his wife were highly respected by all who knew them. Of their large family of children, our subject was the eldest; Rachel (deceased) married Mr. Kline; Robert died at the age of eight years; John married, and his death occurred in Kittanning, Penn.; Peter died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Sarah (Mrs. Whelny) died in Elk county, Penn.; Ella (Mrs. Barger) died in Chester Hill borough; Martin resides in Lawrence township; Rebecca (Mrs. Shaffner) died in Lawrence township.

Mr. Owens, our subject, has always had his home in Clearfield county. He was educated in the common schools, and in early manhood he engaged in agriculture, which he has since followed continuously. In 1842 he purchased one hundred acres of land "in the woods," which he cleared and added to until he now owns a fine estate of two hundred and seventy acres. He has cleared and developed a number of farms for sale, and has at times owned large quantities of land. In 1843 he was married, in Lawrence township, to Miss Martha Jane Wallace, a native of Perry county, Penn., and the daughter of William and Sarah (Fowler) Wallace, well-known residents of Brady township, Clearfield county. Mr. Wallace died at the age of sixty-six, but his wife lived beyond the ordinary limit of life, dying when eighty-eight. Mr. and Mrs. Owens have had seven children, four of whom are now living: Sarah Jane (Mrs. Korp) resides in Bloom township, Clearfield county; M. J. is married to Margaret L. Read, and lives in Lawrence township; Mary (Mrs. Flegal) resides in Goshen township, Clearfield county; Amos resides at the homestead. Of the deceased children, William was married to Susannah Beaumont; his death occurred January 5, 1892.

In politics, Mr. Owens is a Democrat. He is widely known, and, wherever known, is held in high esteem. He has held every office in the township, including that of assessor, and was treasurer for seven years. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a leading member.

THOMAS McPHERSON, a well-known resident of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, shows the characteristics of the typical American in his loyal interest in all that relates to the public good, and his energetic and successful business career. He comes of a good old pioneer stock. His grandfather, Thomas McPherson, was born in this State, and resided in Centre county, where John McPherson, our subject's father, was born and reared. As a young man he went to Curwensville, Clearfield county, and learned the tanner's trade, which he followed later at Luthersburg and Clearfield. He was married in Clearfield to Miss Margaret Bloom, a native of Pike township, Clearfield county. Her father, Benjamin Bloom, Sr., was a pioneer farmer of that locality, and he and his wife, Sally (McClure) passed their later years at the home which their industry had established amid the trials of frontier life. Mrs. Margaret McPherson died in 1852, and our subject's father was subsequently married, in Clearfield, to Mrs. Sarah Jordan Carey, a widow.

By the first marriage there were nine children, of whom our subject was the second in order of birth, the others being: (1) Louisa married Henry Snyder, and died in Clearfield in 1880. (3) Benjamin Bloom enlisted at Clearfield in 1862, in Capt. McCullough's company, and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. (4) James L., who married Miss Antes, enlisted in 1861 in the Clearfield Cadets, and served three years. He lost his life in 1894 through an accidental injury. (5) Reuben resides in Patton, Cambria Co., Penn. (6) William R., ex-sheriff of Clearfield county, resides in Clearfield. (7)

John P. lives in Burt county, Neb., near Tekamah. (8) Miles and (9) Clark did not live to adult age. There was one child by the second marriage, Marilla (Mrs. Lorimer), of Clearfield. Our subject's father was a prominent citizen and a leader of the local Democratic party, and he served two terms as treasurer of Clearfield county. He died in 1864; his second wife passed away in July, 1893.

Mr. McPherson, our subject, was born in 1836, at Clearfield, and his boyhood was spent at the home of his grandfather, Benjamin Bloom, in Pike township, where he acquired his education in the local schools. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in farming, lumbering and milling on Montgomery creek, and constructed there the first circular-saw mill in the county. In 1869 he purchased his present farm near Clearfield, a 100-acre tract, then covered with timber. He has sixty acres cleared and under good cultivation. The property is underlaid with coal and fire clay, and is a valuable estate. He was married in 1865, in Lawrence township, to Miss Eliza Addleman, a native of Centre county, Penn., where her parents, Andrew and Margaret (Gates) Addleman, were also born. They moved to Lawrence township, Clearfield county, in 1850, and settled at Centre, but their last years were spent in Virginia. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McPherson, namely: Margaret (Mrs. Geulich), of Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Ida May, who lives at the Dansville (N. Y.) Sanitarium; Powell and Belle, who are at home; Emma who died at the age of five years; Harry who died when eight months old; Paul, who died in infancy; and Elsie, who was called from earth at the age of thirteen.

Mr. McPherson has always been prompt to encourage local progress, and his fellow citizens have marked their appreciation of this fact by choosing him to fill the office of supervisor twice, and for a number of years he was called upon to serve as school director. In politics he is a Democrat.

S. M. BAILEY is an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of Clearfield county. His identification with the interests of the community in which he lives covers a period of almost sixty years, throughout which he has discharged his duties with the same loyalty that he manifested when on Southern battle-fields he followed the "stars and stripes" to victory.

Mr. Bailey makes his home in Union township, on the farm where he was born in 1838. He is a son of Caleb and Jemima Bailey, the former of whom, also a native of Clearfield county, was a son of Daniel Bailey, who was born in Pennsylvania, and became one of the pioneer settlers of Pike township, Clearfield county, where he followed farming for many years and spent his last days. Caleb Bailey was reared to farm life, and at an early day carried the mail between Bellefonte and Franklin, Penn., two weeks being required to make the trip. After his marriage he purchased one hundred acres of timber land, and began the arduous task of developing a new farm. As the years passed by his labor was visible in well-tilled fields and good improvements. His wife died on that farm in 1875, after which he moved to Du Bois, where he passed away in 1885, at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years. They had a family of six children, as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Smeal, who is now living in Pike township; Henry, who resides in Union township; Moses, who died in Pike township in 1881; John, a resident of Du Bois; Mrs. Melinda Courtney, who died in Du Bois, and S. M.

Mr. Bailey, of this review, was reared in Union township, and attended the district schools, where he acquired a fair English education to fit him for life's practical duties. He followed lumbering for some time, rafting on the river, and through the greater part of his active business career has carried on agricultural pursuits. He is now the owner of the old homestead, comprising 160 acres of rich land, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision. He engages in general farming, and his capable management and characteristic thrift have brought to him success. He was married in Curwensville, in 1863, to Miss Margaret Jane Howell, who was born in Wayne county, Penn., a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dunlap) Howell, the former a native of Wayne county, and the latter of Clearfield county. The father was a shoemaker, and for some years followed that pursuit in Curwensville. His death occurred in Hornellsville, Penn., in 1877; his wife died in Curwensville in 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are the parents of four living children: Lillie, wife of John Kennard, of Clearfield, Penn.; Woodward, who is living in Du Bois, Penn.; L. Romain, who is married and resides on a farm, and Mrs. Dolly Whitmarsh, of Du Bois. They lost two children: Dave, who died in 1879, and Ormsby, who died in 1885.

Mr. Bailey moved to Du Bois in 1884, but after some years returned to his farm. During the war he responded to the President's call for troops, enlisting in 1861, for three-years' service,

joining Company K, 84th P. V. I., was mustered in at Harrisburg, Penn., and was with the Army of the Potomac under Gen. Shields. He participated in the battles of Winchester and Fort Republic, and, on being taken ill, was sent to the hospital in Alexandria, Va. There, on account of physical disability, he was honorably discharged in 1863. He is now a member of Easton Post, No. 229, G. A. R., of Du Bois, and finds great pleasure in meeting with his old army comrades. His political support is given the Republican party, and he stanchly advocates its principles. He has served as a member of the school board, and assisted in organizing the school district. He also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen and all with whom he has been brought in contact.

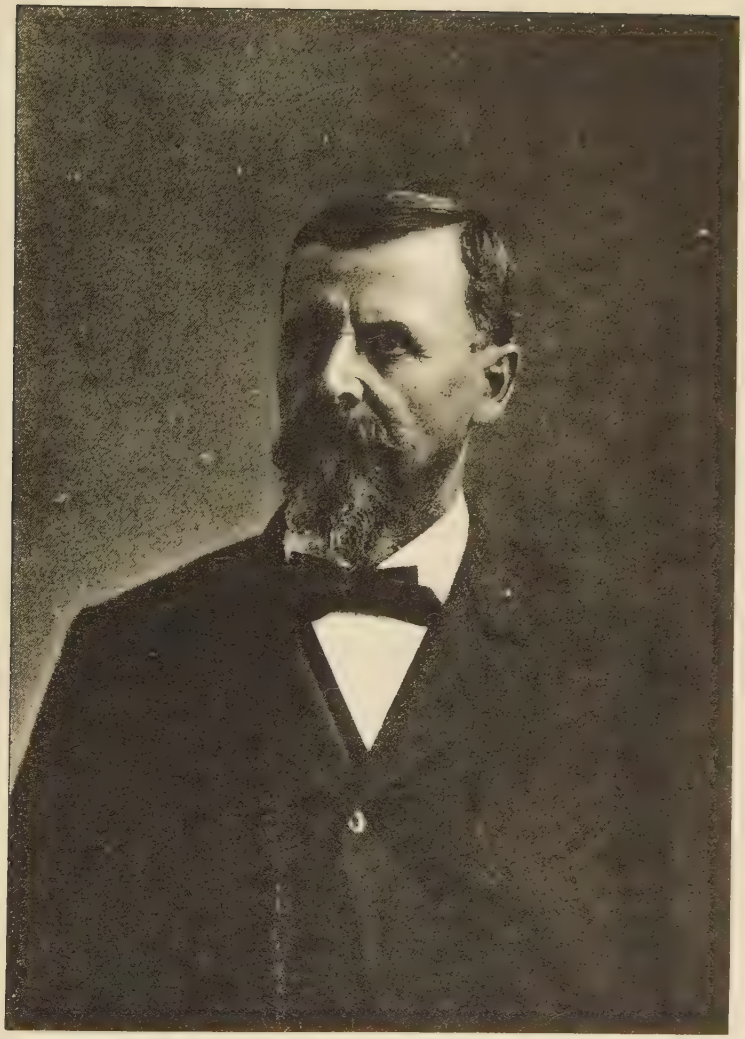
OTIS W. WHITE. Among those agriculturists of Clearfield county whose places manifest to the casual observer the energy and ability of each owner in his chosen calling, is the subject of this personal history. He has one of the most desirable farms in Burnside township, sixty acres being cleared and improved with a comfortable two-story residence and substantial barns and outbuildings. In connection with general farming he also raises the stock needed on his farm, and was successfully engaged in lumbering until within the last few years, commencing that occupation when a lad of fifteen.

In Cumberland county, Penn., near Harrisburg, Mr. White was born November 24, 1841, and when an infant was brought to Clearfield county, where he was reared amidst rural scenes and educated in the country schools. His father, Asa White, was a native of Massachusetts, born September 7, 1795, but when young was taken to New York State, where he grew to manhood. He was a self-educated, as well as a self-made, man, paying his own way through both the public schools and medical college, where he graduated. He began the practice of his chosen profession in Cumberland county, Penn., where he married Miss Harriet J. Orr, whose birth occurred in Maryland, November 22, 1804. About 1842 they came to Clearfield county, locating first on Chest creek above Mahaffey, where the Doctor engaged in practice until 1845, when he came to Burnside township and rented a mill and residence property. In connection with his practice he conducted the mill and also engaged in farming, and at the end of a year purchased a tract of 162 acres of partially improved land—the farm on which our subject now resides. To its further development and cultivation he devoted his time, and erected a large house on the river, which was headquarters for the lumbermen in early days. At first his farm was principally operated by hired help, while he gave his attention to his profession, riding many miles in visiting his patients. He was very successful in curing, but not in collecting from, those whom he doctored. As he advanced in years he gradually retired from his arduous professional duties, and enjoyed the comforts which his labors had secured. Through his own exertions he rose to a position of prominence and affluence, and by careful and extensive reading became one of the best informed men of the community. He was widely and favorably known, was a Republican in politics, and he and his wife were both leading and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he belonged for about sixty years. Her death occurred in August, 1885, and he passed away the following year, respected by all.

To Dr. White and his wife were born ten children, six of whom died when quite young; the others are as follows: Elijah H. is now a resident of Salem, Ore.; Otis W. is the subject of this review; Julia M. is the widow of Dr. Bunn, who was buried at New Washington; and Mrs. Amelia J. Read is a resident of Renovo, Penn. They are all prominent citizens in the various communities where they reside.

In early life Otis W. White assisted in clearing and cultivating the home farm in Burnside township on which he still resides. In 1874 he married Miss Clara Young, of an honored pioneer family, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Estriker) Young. The father, who is of German extraction, is an agriculturist, and is still living in Burnside township, where he has developed a fine farm from the wilderness. He and his wife hold membership in the Evangelical Church. In their family are the following children: Mary, the wife of J. Wagner; Catherine, the wife of P. McCloska; Maggie, the wife of I. Billings; Clara, the wife of our subject; Lydia, wife of C. Mann; John, a farmer of Burnside township; Jennie, wife of F. Fulton; and Ella, wife of J. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. White have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Olive, 1875; Hattie, 1877; Dora, 1879; and Francis, 1888. Of these, Olive graduated in 1895 from the State Normal School at Lock Haven; and Hattie and Dora in 1896; they are all teachers in Clearfield and Centre counties. The family is one of prominence in the community, holding a high place in social circles. In his political tendencies, Mr. White is a Republican, but has



Otis W. White

never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He enjoys the esteem and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, and to the fullest extent is honored by his fellow citizens for his sterling integrity, earnest truthfulness and excellent intentions.

WILLIAM WHITESIDE, a prosperous agriculturist of Bigler township, Clearfield county, owns a fine farm near Madera, a portion of a large tract of land purchased by his grandfather, John Whiteside, who came from County Derry, Ireland, in 1828, and located on Clearfield creek, near Muddy Run. His wife, Margaret Douglas, a native of Scotland, died in Ireland, leaving five children—four sons and one daughter—whom he brought to this country. Several sons were already grown at the time of this emigration, and he purchased homes for them in Becaria township, Clearfield county, but he continued to reside at his original location. He remained faithful to the memory of the wife of his youth, and died in 1843 at an advanced age.

Of his children, the eldest, Henry, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below. (2) Samuel, who never married, resided upon a farm near Ramey, and died there at the age of eighty-four. (3) John bought land near Beulah, Clearfield county, and cleared and improved it for a homestead. He married Catherine Alexander, of Woodward township, Clearfield county, and reared a family of seven children—(a) Agnes married Mr. Matthews; (b) Mary is the widow of C. Shoff; (c) William B. married Miss Needler, of Cherry Tree, Penn., and resided for a number of years at his father's homestead. In 1885 he sold his interests there and moved to Tennessee, where he purchased a farm (he had eight children, of whom the eldest is a son named Wade); (d) Jane married (first) Samuel Henderson, who died soon afterward, and (second) Joseph B. Sproat, of Houtzdale (she has four children); (e) Rebecca married James Dougherty, a prominent farmer and business man of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, who is now extensively engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber (they have several children); (f) John died at the old homestead at the age of twenty; (g) Emily married Mr. Clark, of Renovo, Penn., and has several children. (4) Robert resided in Becaria township, Clearfield county, on land purchased by his father; he married Miss Nancy Alexander, and had eight children—(a) John D. is single, and resides in Madera; (b) William A. owns and operates a farm near Richmond, Va., on the James river (he was married in Clearfield county to a Miss McCully, of Gulich township, and two children were born there); (c) Isaac was killed in 1873 while logging on Muddy run (his wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Locket, died in 1871, leaving one daughter, Vida, now Mrs. Cornely, of Madera); (d) Samuel and (e) Agnes, who reside in Madera, are not married; (f) Robert died at the age of thirty-five; (g) Mary married Jerry Hegarty, of Madera, and has six children; and (h) Boaz, a resident of Madera, married Miss Emma Cornelius, and has four children. (5) Rebecca, the only daughter of John and Margaret Whiteside, married the late William B. Alexander, of Mifflin county, then of Becaria township, Clearfield county. He bought a farm near Amesville after his marriage, and resided there until 1860, when he removed to the old Alexander homestead. Mrs. Alexander died in December, 1871, and his death occurred in 1874. They had the following children—Delilah, Mrs. David Hegarty; Joseph, now a member of the State Legislature from Clearfield county; Rosy, Mrs. Henry Miles; Rebecca, Mrs. Thomas Askey, of Gallitzin, Penn.; Jane, who died in early womanhood at the old home in Madera; Agnes, married to Edward Miles; Mary, who died when nineteen years old; William B., who died at the age of ten; and Miss Catherine, who is teaching in the high school in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Whiteside, the father of our subject, inherited a portion of the old homestead, he and his brother Robert each receiving 200 acres of the original purchase. In 1870 he went to Virginia and bought 924 acres of timber land, partially improved, in Charlotte county, on the Danville railroad, southwest of Richmond. In the following year he removed there with his wife and son James. In 1876 he returned to the old home farm, where he died fifteen years later at the age of eighty-six. His wife, formerly Miss Mary Hegarty, was a member of a well-known pioneer family of Clearfield county; she died in 1877.

Of their six children, our subject is the eldest. (2) Joseph died at the homestead in 1853, aged fifteen years. (3) John, who was born in 1840, is not married and resides in Madera. (4) Mary Jane, born in 1841, married James Mullen, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and died in 1879, leaving two daughters, Mary and Bertha, who are attending school in Millersville, Penn. (5) James, born in 1843, accompanied his parents to Virginia in 1871, and remained there, following agricultural pursuits until his death in 1892. He was married in 1881 to Miss Harriet

L. Owens, of Virginia, who survives him with two sons, Henry and Emerson. (6) Maggie A., born in 1845, was married in 1884 to J. P. Kauffman, and resided at the old homestead until her father's death. They then moved to Madera, where she died in 1895, leaving one daughter, Bessie, now eleven years old, who is attending school. Mr. Kauffman has since made his home at Carrolltown, Cambria Co., Pennsylvania.

William Whiteside, the subject proper of this biography, was born at the homestead December 14, 1836, and has always resided there. Under his able and progressive management his estate has been brought to a high state of cultivation, and he has a well-established reputation for sound judgment in business affairs. He takes a keen interest in all that concerns the welfare of his community, and is active in local politics as a member of the Republican party. He has held office as township auditor and assistant assessor, and is now serving his second term as school director. He married Miss Elizabeth J. Stewart, of Cambria county, and their union is blessed with one daughter, Effie, born April 8, 1882, now an attractive girl of fifteen, who attends school at Madera, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside are Presbyterians in faith.

DAVID MITCHELL, an intelligent and enterprising farmer of Greenwood township, is a representative of an old family that located in Clearfield county before its organization. The grandfather, David Mitchell, removed from Nittany Valley, Centre Co., Penn., and took up his residence in what is now Burnside township, where he entered a tract of land and developed a farm, making his home thereon until his death. He was a local minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, and his life was characterized by true nobility and integrity above question.

John Mitchell, father of our subject, was born in Centre county, and during his boyhood came with his parents to Clearfield county, where he was reared to manhood. After his father's death he assumed the management of the home farm and assisted his widowed mother for many years. He married Elizabeth A. McGee, and located on a tract of land which his father had purchased. After the death of his mother he and his brother, C. C. Mitchell, purchased the interests of the other heirs in the estate, but later in life he sold his property in Pennsylvania and removed to Kansas, where he operated a farm until his death in 1891. By trade he was a blacksmith, and followed that pursuit in connection with farming and lumbering. While in Clearfield county he improved nearly one hundred acres of land, and erected thereon substantial buildings. He also rafted his own lumber down to market, and in his business career displayed great energy and industry, to which qualities may be attributed his success. He never aspired to public office, but gave to the Republican party his stanch support. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell was a daughter of James McGee, who removed from Centre county to Bell township, Clearfield county, at an early day. He cleared and improved a good farm, followed lumbering and built both a sawmill and a gristmill, the latter being still in use. He was one of the organizers of the Methodist Protestant Church in his locality, and served as local preacher. Both he and his wife died on the old homestead.

John Mitchell and his wife lived for twenty years in Kansas, the latter dying in 1885, the former in 1891. Of their twelve children, two died in early life; the others are: David; Mary E., wife of E. White, of Oregon; James, of Oregon; Thomas, a farmer of Burnside township; Ann E., wife of J. Fort, of Kansas; Mrs. Margaret Reynolds; John, a minister of the Free Methodist Church in Kansas; Henry, who died in Kansas, Orlena, wife of P. Riddle, of New Washington; and Virginia, wife of William Gorman, of Paola, Kansas.

David Mitchell is a worthy and honored representative of two pioneer families, and was born in Burnside township, Clearfield county, October 14, 1838. He was reared on the farm, and not only became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, but also learned business methods through connection with his father's lumbering interests. He was educated in the country schools, and remained at home until twenty-three years of age, when he began business on his own account. He purchased a tract of timber land of 130 acres on Chest creek, and for three years was engaged in converting the trees into marketable products. He then sold his interest in the timber, and for three years thereafter worked on the Ross land. In 1869 he purchased, of James Elder, the tract of land of 130 acres (on which he now resides), fifty of which were under cultivation, and the farm was improved with a two-story frame house. Of this he now has ninety-five acres highly cultivated, has erected a large barn and good outbuildings, and added other accessories found on the model farms of the nineteenth century. He has also purchased and improved another tract

of land of 100 acres, known as the Hoover land; also purchased 225 acres of land, part of the William Bell estate; and 325 acres in Bell township, known as the John Irvin land, on Snyder run—to all of which he gives his personal attention. Nor have his efforts been confined to agricultural pursuits alone. He is a man of resourceful ability, of great industry and enterprise, and for many years was extensively engaged in the lumber business, to which he turned his attention when only fourteen years of age. For forty-two years he piloted rafts down the river, and occasionally still makes a trip in that way.

Mr. Mitchell was married, in 1863, to Miss Henrietta Weaver, who belongs to one of the old families, her parents being James H. and Sarah A. (Campbell) Weaver. Her maternal grandfather was Thomas Campbell, who developed a farm in the midst of the forests of Clearfield county, and made it his home until death. His father died in Union county. James Weaver was born in Union county, and, coming to Clearfield county in its pioneer epoch, purchased a farm whereon he resided for many years. He then sold, and retired from active business life. He and his wife are now living quietly in Burnside, aged respectively eighty and seventy-five years. Both are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and are people of genuine worth. Their children are: Mrs. Mitchell; Frances E., wife of T. Mitchell; Mary K., wife of A. Shafer; Harriet B., wife of J. H. Breth; John T., who died at the age of fifteen years; and James L., a merchant of Burnside.

Twelve children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, and through the thirty-three years of their married life there has been no death in the family. A brief record of the children is as follows: (1) Henry S. (a farmer) married Ida Thorp, of Greenwood township, and they have five children. (2) James T. (also a farmer) married Nora Rager, of Burnside township, and they have two children. (3) John F. married Gertrude Johnson, and they live on a farm. (4) Robert C. lives in Oregon. (5) Rosetta is now studying music at Waynesburg College. (6) Atlec D., (7) Sarah E., (8) Samuel Orvis, (9) Delilah V., (10) Mary T., (11) Ruth W., and (12) Cora E., are all at home. They have all been provided with good educational opportunities, and have had musical privileges, several of the family manifesting considerable talent in that direction. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Protestant Church, and social circles accord them a high standing. In politics, Mr. Mitchell was formerly a Republican, but now gives his support to the Prohibition party, and is a stanch advocate of temperance. He has been the architect of his own fortune, and has builded wisely and well on the safe foundation of industry and integrity.

THOMAS BROCKBANK. The subject of this personal narrative is one of the most successful and progressive farmers within the borders of Union township, Clearfield county, where he has made his home for almost a third of a century. He has made his special field of industry an eminent success, and is highly esteemed and respected by those who know him best.

Thomas Brockbank, second son of Senes and Ann Brockbank, was born in England, October 4, 1821; registered at Preston, Patrick Chapel, four miles below Kendal; was there reared and educated, and in Kendal, Westmoreland county, was married to Miss Isabella King, who was born March 11, 1823; registered at Catholic Chapel, Kendal. Before leaving their native land two children were born to them: Frances A., and Mary. In June, 1849, the whole family, eleven in number, sailed for America, and on their arrival spent the first three years in Philadelphia. Removing to Elk county, this State, Mr. Brockbank purchased 160 acres of land in the midst of the forest, which he at once began to clear and develop, and continued to make his home thereon some fourteen years. In 1864 he purchased his present farm in Union township, Clearfield county, a valuable tract of one hundred acres, of which about half had been cleared, and in the following year brought his family to the place. He has since cleared the remainder, erected excellent buildings, and has the place under a high state of cultivation, so that it now ranks among the best farms of Union township. In June, 1849, Mr. Brockbank's parents, Senes and Ann Brockbank, also came to the United States, and from Philadelphia also removed to Elk county, later making their home with their two sons in Brady and Union townships, Clearfield county, where the father died in 1869, and the mother in the year following. They were born about the year 1796, and are registered at Staveley Chapel, above Kendal.

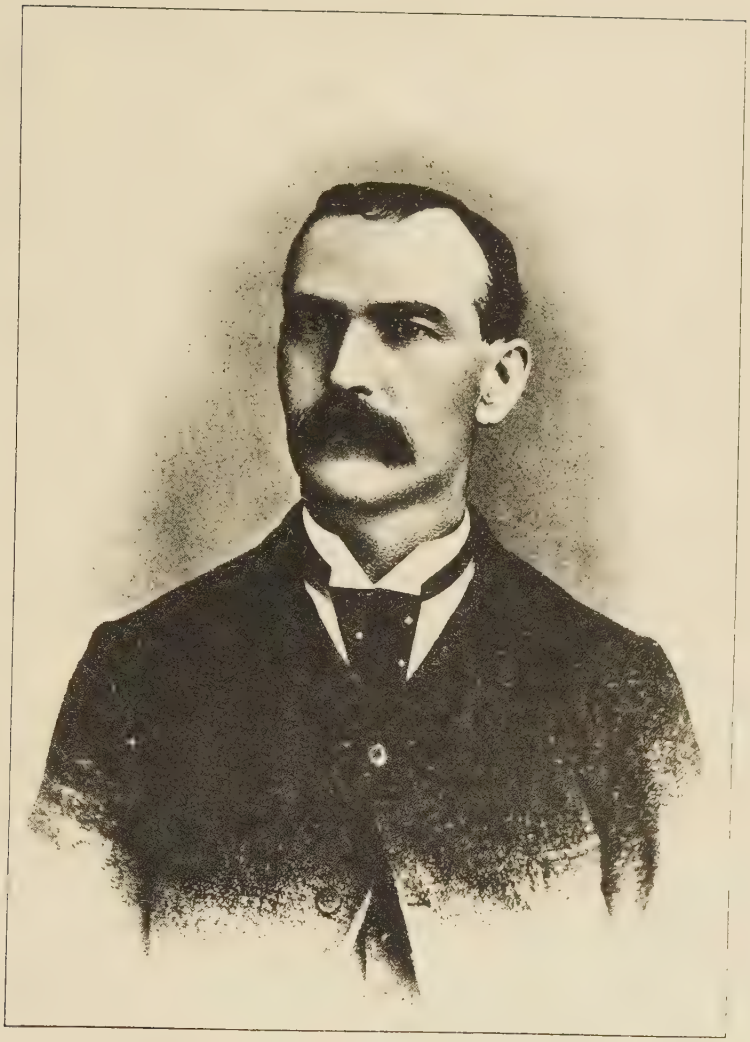
Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brockbank, two sons and four daughters, as follows: (1) Frances Ann, born at Kendal, July 27, 1847, registered at Catholic Chapel, Kendal, was married in 1870, to Joseph Syler, of Brady township, where he carries on farming.

and also conducts a pottery. They had ten children, eight of whom are still living. (2) Mary, born September 13, 1848, at Kendal, registered at Catholic Chapel, Kendal, was married May 3, 1881, to C. F. Waugh, of Levant township, Penobscot Co., Maine, where they made their home for four years, and then located in DuBois, Clearfield county. There he was employed in the iron works as a machinist, until 1895, when they located on the home farm, with our subject and his wife; their only child died four years ago. (3) Margaret, born in Philadelphia, November 7, 1850, registered at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Philadelphia; wedded Andrew Pentz, who formerly served as sheriff of Clearfield county, and is now engaged in farming in Brady township; their only child is deceased. (4) Senes T., born in Philadelphia, March 3, 1852, registered at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Philadelphia; accompanied his parents on their removal to Union township, where he worked on the farm and taught school until attaining his majority, when he entered the law office of W. A. Wallace. After studying for some time he was admitted to the Bar in 1877, and engaged in practice in Clearfield for a number of years. Going to Washington, he was in the Pension Department for over two years, and died in that city, February 19, 1888. In October, 1878, he had married Lizzie Prior, by whom he had four children, two of whom are still living. His widow has since married Henry Watts, a merchant of Wisconsin. (5) Joseph William, born in Fox township, Elk county, July 14, 1863, registered at St. Mary's, Elk county, grew to manhood upon the farm in Clearfield county, and studied medicine in the University of Maryland, where he completed the prescribed course in 1887. For eight years he successfully engaged in practice in Philadelphia, where his death occurred, November 7, 1895. He had married Mary Hamilton, of Baltimore, Md., who now resides in Philadelphia. (6) Isabella V., born September 2, 1865, in Union township, Clearfield county, registered in Clearfield Catholic Church, was married October 4, 1883, to William P. Long, a lumberman, residing in Sandy township, Clearfield county, and died June 29, 1886, leaving two children, a son and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Brockbank, with their children, are all devout members of the Catholic Church, and occupy a high place in the estimation of all who know them. The parents have both passed the allotted three-score years and ten, and can look back over long and well-spent lives, knowing that they have faithfully performed every duty that devolved upon them. Mr. Brockbank has always affiliated with the Democratic party, for twelve years was the efficient treasurer of his township, and for the long period of thirty years held some school office.

REUBEN HEGARTY. The Hegarty family, of Clearfield county, has so long held a prominent place in business, social and public life in that locality, that unusual interest will attach to this brief history of the well-known contractor of Bigler township, whose name appears above. Like many of the successful men of the country, he is of Irish blood, his grandparents, Samuel and Jane (Whiteside) Hegarty, having come to America in 1808, with their large family of children. After a short stay in Mifflin county, Penn., they located permanently in Becaria township, Clearfield county, in 1811, purchasing 425 acres of heavily-timbered land lying on both sides of Clearfield creek, and now known as the John Gill tract. There a log cabin was built for the occupation of the family, and the work of clearing begun, which brought its reward in the abundant harvest of the broad, fertile fields thus redeemed for cultivation.

Samuel and Jane Hegarty were married in 1789, and nine children blessed their union: (1) Joseph, born August 30, 1790, died in early manhood. (2) Henry, born September 29, 1792, made his home at Beulah, where he built an elegant residence for that time, still known as the Hegarty stone house; he married Miss Margaret McCully, and had nine children—Joseph, George, Samuel, Robert, Henry, Margaret, Jane, Lydia and Isabella, all of whom lived to adult age. (3) Samuel, born June 12, 1795, purchased 2,200 acres of land in Clearfield county, and resided on the old road between Madera and Houtzdale, the estate being still called by his name; he married Miss Lydia McCully, of Gulich township, Clearfield county, but had no children. (4) John, born October 8, 1797, made his home at Hegarty's Cross Roads, where he owned a well-improved farm of 300 acres; his wife, Jane (Alexander), was a daughter of W. B. Alexander; their children were Samuel, William, Matilda and Agnes, all of whom resided in Becaria township, Clearfield county. (5) Jane, born January 12, 1800, married William McCullough, a farmer residing near Ramey, on the road leading to Janesville; they had four children who lived to maturity—James, Joseph, Lewis and Mary Jane. (6) Robert, born May 16, 1802, resided upon a part of his father's homestead; he married Miss Jane Campbell, and had a large family of children, all of whom died in their youth except Mrs.



Reuben Hegarty

A. J. Smith, now residing near New Millport, Penn. (7) James, born July 18, 1804, owned what is now known as the John McConnel tract of 600 acres on the north bank of Clearfield creek at the mouth of Muddy run; he married Miss Jane Boyle, and had six children—David, Jeremiah, Jane, Rebecca, Mary and Rachel, all residents of Becaria township, Clearfield county. (8) William, the father of our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (9) Mary, born in Clearfield county, July 5, 1809, was the only one of this large family who was not a native of the old country; she was married about the year 1836 or '7, to Henry Whiteside, and resided in Becaria township, Clearfield county.

William Hegarty, our subject's father, was born in Ireland, October 11, 1806, and was consequently about two years old at the time of the emigration to the new home in the United States. He grew to manhood at his father's farm, and on January 26, 1841, married Miss Jemima A. Dunlap, who was born November 15, 1815, the daughter of William and Margaret Dunlap. He took charge of the homestead, and cared for his parents throughout their declining years, his mother passing away in 1829, and his father in 1843. He was a carpenter by trade, and was regarded as one of the substantial citizens of his locality.

Of his eight children: (1) Eliza, born October 19, 1841, was married, in 1860, to William Luther, of Madera; she died May 13, 1871, leaving three children—Matilda and Orrissa J., both unmarried and residing in Madera; and William J., who died at the age of fifteen. (2) Isaac, born January 15, 1843, enlisted in 1863, in Company C, Pennsylvania Zouaves, and took part in all the engagements of his regiment until the close of the war; he was married, in 1866, to Miss Ellen Stitt, and after living for a few years at the homestead, moved to Michigan, where he engaged in lumbering, and later, in prospecting for minerals; they had three children—Newton, William I. and Laura, all of whom are single and reside in Houtzdale, Penn. (3) Reuben, our subject, was born July 22, 1845. (4) Susanna, born December 25, 1847, was married in 1866 to Joseph Alexander, a well-known farmer, and died in 1886; two children survive—Minerva, a successful teacher in the public schools at Houtzdale; and W. B. Clinton, a student at the Pennsylvania State College. (5) Sarah J., born June 24, 1851, died September 18, 1856. (6) Adaline, born March 4, 1854, died September 20, 1856. (7) Hannah C., born July 20, 1856, married William C. Davis, at present a commissioner of Clearfield county, and resides at Houtzdale. Five children are living and at home—Pearl T., Julia A., Ursula M. (a graduate of the Houtzdale high school), Aida E. and Tomana J.

Reuben Hegarty was reared at the old home, attending the common schools of the neighborhood, and acquiring a knowledge of farming and carpentering by practical work under his father's direction. He engaged in lumbering in early manhood, working in the woods as a jobber in square timber. In the spring of 1871 he married Miss Susan Phebe Davis, and soon afterward purchased some property in the town of Madera from his father and improved it handsomely, building a fine two-story house. He has since been successfully engaged in contracting and building, being one of the leading workers in that line in his section. Possessing an inventive mind, he has turned his genius to good account, and now holds several patents. Among his inventions are an improved measuring pole and a folding extension table. He has also done considerable work as a civil engineer on the Coal Run Branch railroad for the Wallace & Reading Railroad Co. His versatile ability and sound practical judgment make him a leader in business circles, and he is also actively interested in all the various movements which tend to promote progress in his community. Politically, he is a Republican, but, while he gives effective aid to the party, he has refrained from entering the race for office. Mr. and Mrs. Hegarty are both members of the Presbyterian Church, and take a prominent part in its work.

Mrs. Hegarty was born at Kerrmoor, Penn., May 30, 1852. Her father, Thomas C. Davis, a native of Clarion county, Penn., was married in Jordan township, Clearfield county, in 1849, to Miss Rebecca Kooser, and had seven children, of whom four lived to adult age: William C., now a commissioner of Clearfield county, mentioned above; Susan P., Mrs. Hegarty; Mary, who married E. W. Cowher, of Patton, Cambria county, Penn., and has six children; and Laura, who married John Hindman, of Glen Hope, Penn., and has seven children.

HENRY B. BAILEY, a well-known farmer and lumberman of Union township, is a native of Clearfield county, born in Burnside township, August 31, 1828, and is a son of Caleb and Jemima (Sunderland) Bailey. The father was born in Lycoming county, this State, of English parentage, and on first coming to Clearfield county located in Curwensville, from which place he removed to the farm in Brady township

now owned by Samuel Bailey. Subsequently he made his home with his son Samuel, in Du Bois, where his death occurred. His wife died in Union township several years before him.

On leaving the township of his birth, Henry B. Bailey went to Curwensville, where he spent about three years, and then came to Union township, and here in the midst of the forest he cleared and opened up a farm. He has ever been one of the most active and enterprising citizens of the locality, and has been an important factor in its development and progress. He married Miss Catherine Clouser, of Perry county, Penn., and to them were born seven children, three of whom are yet living, namely: Winfield S., a farmer of Union township, who is married and has three children; Mary, wife of Isaac Bloom, a farmer of Bloom township, Clearfield county, by whom she has four children; and Jemima, wife of Henry Shaffer, who resides in Union township upon land purchased of J. B. Walker. The wife and mother died on the homestead farm in 1866, and, a few years later, Mr. Bailey wedded Miss Sarah J. Hemingway, of Bradford county, Penn. Ten children graced their union: Charles, who was born in Union township, in 1868, and resides at Home Camp, where he is engaged in lumbering and farming; Chauncy G., at home; Alfred, a resident of Rockton, who married Bessie Parish, and has one child; Carrie, who died in 1890; and Crayton, John Hays, Gertie May, Alda, Gracie and Nellie, all at home with their parents.

Mr. Bailey has been identified with the Republican party since its organization, and has ever taken an active interest in political affairs. He cast his first vote for William Bigler for governor, and has himself creditably filled several local offices, including those of constable, supervisor, collector and school director, filling the last named position for the long period of twenty-eight years. He has held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years, and his honorable, upright life has gained him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact, either in business or social life.

Caleb Bailey, father of our subject, was born in Lycoming county, September 27, 1797. When Caleb was twelve years of age his father removed to Clearfield county, and located on a tract of land (now owned by David Way), about one and one-half miles from the present site of Curwensville. At sixteen years of age, such was his reputation for honesty and industry, we find him carrying the mail from Bellefonte to Northumberland. His employer at that time was the noted mail contractor, Robert Stewart, of Bellefonte. After eighteen months' experience with Mr. Stewart, he was engaged by William Rice, of Lewiston, as the post rider from Lewiston to Northumberland, via Bellefonte. The roads (or rather trails) were rough; the route was long and a week was allowed to make a trip. He remained with Mr. Rice two years, and then reentered the service of his former employer. His new line was from Bellefonte to Franklin, Venango county, via Clearfield county. The latter was almost an unbroken wilderness.

In 1820, before the expiration of two years' employment on this route, he settled in the woods about two miles west of New Washington, and commenced the seemingly never-ending work of clearing. His tract contained 399 acres of timber, and the toil in preparing this land for cultivation would appear almost superhuman to anyone save those reared in a similar rugged region, and the lone cabin of the hardy pioneer was rarely seen by our trusty post-boy as he sought his lonely course over the mountains.

This was the only opportunity the citizens of this section had for communication by mail with the outside world. Once each week his coming was looked for with far more interest than the performance of similar duties secure to-day. Ofttimes our brave courier went hungry, for regular meals were not on the bill of fare in those early days.

In 1826, having cleared twenty acres, he sold the land and removed to his present residence in Union township. Here, with his son, Samuel M. Bailey, he enjoys the comforts of a happy old age. His faithful wife, Jemima, passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. The old pioneer enjoys the respect and veneration of all who know him, and in his declining years can not but feel that his life work has been well and faithfully performed.

W. W. DUNLAP. Among those who followed the old flag on Southern battlefields is this gentleman, now one of the prominent and influential citizens of Rockton. He comes of a family that has long been identified with the interests of this section of the State. His paternal grandfather, a native of Germany, made his home in Maryland after coming to the New World until driven out by the British soldiers during the Revolutionary war, when he located in Centre county, but later came to Clearfield county, taking up his residence on the farm now owned by Mrs. Robert Leonard, and remaining there until his death. He wedded Margaret

Kirkpatrick, by whom he had four children: (1) William was a farmer of Pike township, Clearfield county, and was the father of nine children, three of whom are still living. (2) David, who never married, made his home with his brother Alexander in Brady township, same county, where his death occurred. (3) James D. was married and had one son who died in infancy; he and his wife continued to reside with his parents until their deaths. (4) Alexander, the father of our subject, completed the family.

Alexander Dunlap on coming from Centre county to Clearfield, located in Lawrence township, where he engaged in farming, till moving, with his brother James, to Brady township, in 1824, being among the first settlers of the township, and here they cleared up a farm. Alexander married Margaret Dunlap, and to them were born eight children: (1) Elizabeth became the wife of John Hoel, a shoemaker, by whom she has ten children, and they made their home in Wayne county, Penn. (2) Catherine is the deceased wife of Mike Breon, formerly a shoemaker of Brady township, Clearfield county, by whom she had eight children. (3) Samuel C., a farmer of Brady township, married Hannah Horn, by whom he had three children, and after her death he wedded Katie Ellinger; six children were born of the second union, of whom four are still living in Brady township. (4) James Wallace, also of Brady township, married Sarah Dunlap, and has three sons. (5) Jane married James Fulton, who for a number of years conducted a hotel in Luthersburg, Brady township, and then removed to Jefferson county, Penn., where he engaged in the same business, but they now make their home in Clarion county, this State. (6) Mary wedded Stephen Ross, an agriculturist of Armstrong county, Penn., and they have seven children. (7) Alexander, a resident of Sabula, Clearfield county, married Lucy Lowder, and to them were born five children, one of whom is now deceased. (8) W. W., of this sketch, completes the family.

Our subject began his business career as a farmer in Brady township, then moved to Union township, and continued farming for twenty-six years; but since his arduous army service, he has been compelled to lay aside business cares, and has made his home in Rockton for three years. On October 16, 1862, he enlisted and was at once sent to Harrisburg, where he remained for three months, after which he did garrison duty at Fort Yorktown some five months. Subsequently he participated in the battles of Gettysburg and the Wilderness, and later was sent to Washington Junction, thence back to the city of Washington. In Harrisburg, Penn., he was mustered out August 28, 1863, and returned home with his health so shattered that he has been unable to perform any labor. He now draws a pension of $30 per month.

Mr. Dunlap was married May 11, 1854, to Miss Adaline Luther, of Luthersburg, where they continued to live for two years, and then removed to Bloomington. After three years passed at the latter place they returned to Luthersburg, where they spent eleven years, and have since made their home in Union township, their residence being located near Rockton. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Dunlap was from Maine, and was the founder of the family in this State. Her parents, Roswell and Julia Ann (Best) Luther, were natives of Bradford and Centre counties, Penn., respectively, and after their marriage made their home in Luthersburg, where they reared their three children, the other two being Mrs. Sarah Stebbins, and Mrs. Harriet (Luther) Jamison, the wife of John Jamison (they are the parents of three sons, R. L., E. E., and W. W. Jamison).

Eight children blessed the union of our subject and his wife, namely: Roswell died in infancy; Martin, a resident of Union township, married Edna Huff, and has seven children; Julia Ann is the wife of John W. Clouser, a farmer of Union township, by whom she has one son Harry E.; Esther is the wife of James I. Forcey, who conducts a restaurant in Munson, Clearfield county; Jefferson A. J. married Jennie Orr, of Rockton, who died in 1890, leaving two sons, M. R. and E. A. Dunlap; M. B., a resident of Sigel, Jefferson Co., Penn., married Clara Ross, of that county, and has three children; and Mary E., is the wife of Harvey Shankle, a farmer of Indiana county, Penn., and they have four children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap are members in good standing of the Methodist Church, and are held in the highest regard by a large circle of friends. Politically, he is an ardent Democrat; has served his fellow citizens as school director and overseer of the poor, and he is held in the highest regard.

HENRY HARTZFELD, JR., who carries on general farming and lumbering in Brady township, Clearfield county, is a wide-awake, energetic business man, and as a citizen is active in support of all measures which he believes are calculated to benefit the community. In all the relations of life he has been true and faithful, and the county numbers him among its valued citizens.

A native of Germany, Mr. Hartzfeld was born in 1835, and in 1854 he accompanied his parents, Christian and Salome (Yunesteine) Hartzfeld, on their emigration to America. With their five children they located near Troutville, in Brady township, Clearfield county, where they made their home for about five years, and then our subject purchased 135 acres of timber land of James B. England, and his parents went to live with him, continuing there until their death. Their children are as follows: Christ, born in Germany, in 1829, married Miss Caroline Huther, of Germany, and located upon a farm about four miles south of Luthersburg, in Clearfield county, where he still resides. Henry is next in order of birth. Charlotta, born in Germany in 1838, married George H. Wingert, and is living in Du Bois, Penn. Godfrey, born in Germany in 1841, married Catharina Zilliox, of Brady, and they are now living in Missouri.

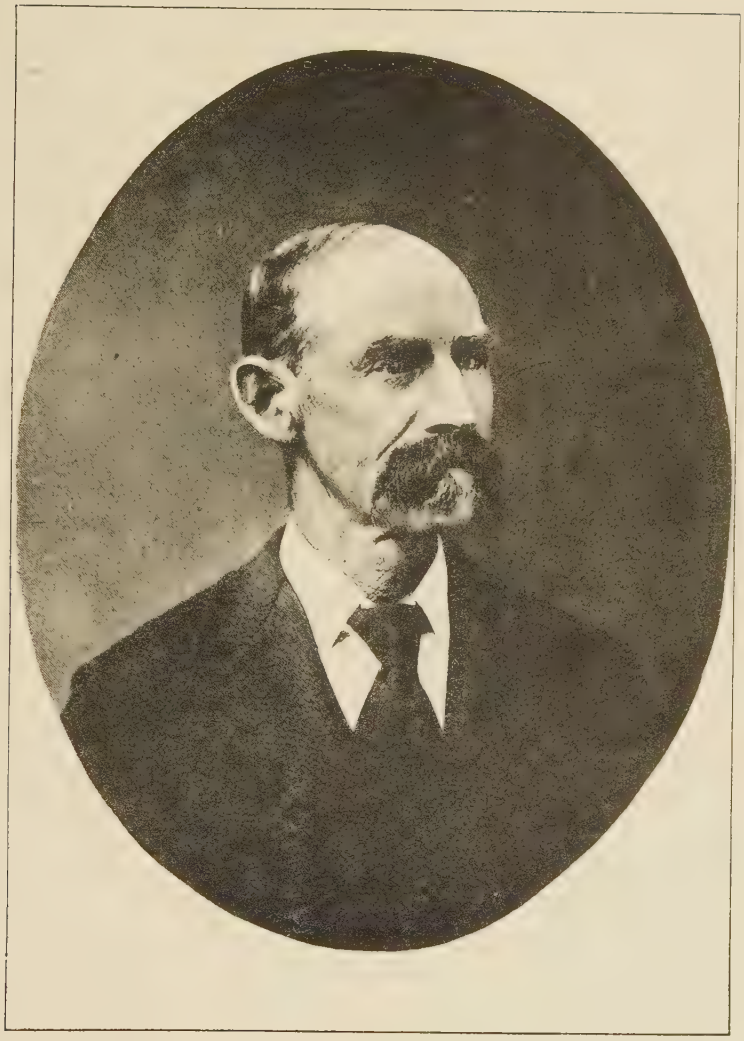
After locating upon his farm, Henry Hartzfeld at once commenced its improvement and cultivation, erecting in 1860 a hewed-log cabin, 18x32 feet, which in 1882 was destroyed by fire. He then built a large two-story frame residence, and his substantial barn, 60x75 feet, was erected in 1877. He now has one hundred acres of his land cleared and under a high state of cultivation. Although he came to this country a poor man, his energy and perseverance have enabled him to overcome the obstacles in his path, and to-day he is the possessor of a handsome competence.

In 1865 Mr. Hartzfeld was married to Miss Annie Wingert, of Jefferson county, Penn., who, after seven years of patient suffering, departed this life September 1, 1896. She was a faithful and loving wife and mother, and her death was deeply mourned, not only by her immediate family, but by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciated her sterling worth. She was a consistent member of the German Lutheran Church of Troutville, to which her family also belong. Her parents were Henry and Louisa Wingert, of Jefferson county. Mr. and Mrs. Hartzfeld had fourteen children, namely: R. H., born May 3, 1866, assists his father in the operation of the home farm. Louisa C., born June 3, 1867, was educated in the common schools, and is one of the most accomplished young ladies of Brady township. Mary A., born October 29, 1868, is at home. Pauline C., born April 26, 1870, married Edward Shafer, of Bell township, Clearfield county, and with their three children—Jennie, Jessie and Pearl—they reside on his farm near Rowles. Clara E., born July 14, 1871, is the wife of Robert Stubbs, of DuBois, and they have three children—Alice Viola, Henry H. and William. Salome C., born March 4, 1873, married Alvin Sugart, of Brady township, who resides on a part of her father's farm, and they have one daughter—Jessie Leonia. Emma T., born July 6, 1874, is the wife of George W. Galentine, an agriculturist of Brady township. William G., born February 27, 1876; George F., November 4, 1877; Katie W., February 24, 1879; Samuel S., May 31, 1880; Joseph H., October 28, 1882; Franklin L., June 27, 1885; and Annie L., May 22, 1890, are all at home.

Mr. Hartzfeld is a stalwart advocate of Democratic principles, and is a public-spirited, progressive citizen, always ready to give his influence and means in support of free schools and Churches. He is widely and favorably known, and well deserves the high regard in which he is held.

ISAIAH W. HANCOCK is one of the prominent and influential farmers of Clearfield county. He was born in Lawrence township, April 3, 1845, and is a son of John and Mary (Fullerton) Hancock. His grandfather, George Hancock, a native of Bedford county, Penn., came to Clearfield county, in 1803, but after a few years returned to the former county, and in 1819 again took up his residence here. He erected a number of residences, purchased land in Lawrence township, and from the heavily-timbered tract developed a fine farm. He was by trade a cooper. In his later life he made a trip by team to Iowa; but he spent his last days in Clearfield county, passing away in 1875. He was a near relative of Gen. Hancock, and a descendant of John Hancock, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The father of our subject was born in Bedford county, and came with the grandfather to Clearfield county, in 1819. Here he aided in the arduous task of developing wild land, clearing away the timber, and grubbing up the roots. After his marriage he rented land, which he operated until 1838, when he purchased a tract of raw land in Lawrence township, and opened up a farm. The old cabin which he built is yet standing, one of the landmarks of pioneer days. In connection with agricultural pursuits he carried on lumbering, rafting the products of the sawmill down the river to market. In this capacity he contracted with Bigler & Reed, the senior member of the firm afterward becoming governor of the State. There was a warm friendship between him and Mr. Hancock. In 1855



J. W. Hancock

the latter sold his farm and purchased the property on which our subject is now living. There he spent his remaining days, passing away February 17, 1875. In politics he was a Whig, took an active interest in public affairs, and served in some local offices, including that of committeeman of his township. He was a loyal advocate of the Union cause, and at the "emergency" call of Governor Curtin manifested the loyalty that has always characterized the Hancock family, by enlisting in the service. Three of his sons were numbered among the "boys in blue." Mr. Hancock and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Hancock was a daughter of John Fullerton, a native of Ireland, who on coming to America, located in Lancaster county, Penn., and in 1804 came to Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of land of Huey Hall, who had secured the same by land warrant. Mr. Fullerton built a cabin, and began the development of a farm. The country was largely in its primitive condition, and the settlers in this particular community were widely scattered. Like others, he had to go across the mountains to Bellefonte to mill, following the trails, as no roads had been made at the time. Coal was floated down the river in "arks," and the lumber industry had not then been developed, so he burned the logs from off his place. In politics he was a Whig, in religious belief a Presbyterian, while his wife adhered to the faith of the Methodist Church. He died about 1852. In the Hancock family were nine children: Margaret A., wife of H. F. Passmore; George B., who died in Nebraska, in 1890; James K., who is living in Nebraska; Isaiah W.; Hannah, wife of John McPherson, of Nebraska; Susan E., wife of William Staunton, of Ford county, Ill.; Olive, wife of George Batchelor, of Nebraska; Mary B., wife of A. Fullington, of Ford county, Ill.; and John, superintendent of schools in Staunton county, Nebraska.

Isaiah W. Hancock obtained his education in the district schools, and remained at home until seventeen years of age, when in 1863 he responded to the "emergency" call and entered the military service of the State. After nine weeks, when the pressing need was over, he received an honorable discharge and returned home. He then accepted a clerical position with Col. Campbell, who was conducting the draft for soldiers, and on the 6th of September, 1864, he enlisted in Waterford, and was assigned to the 88th P. V. I., which was attached to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battle of Petersburg, and saw some hard service, but was neither wounded nor taken prisoner. He was at Appomattox at the time of Lee's surrender, and then went to Washington, participating in the grand review. At Philadelphia he received an honorable discharge and was paid off.

Mr. Hancock then returned to his home and resumed work on the farm. In the fall of 1866 he engaged in lumbering and piloting on the river, following that pursuit some thirty-five years. After his marriage, in 1867, he also followed farming, and in 1881 he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead, of his maternal grandfather, the land having never passed out of the possession of the family. He now owns 215 acres, of which 175 acres is under a high state of cultivation. The place is improved with a commodious two-story frame residence, large barns and outbuildings, also an excellent orchard, and is pleasantly situated three and one-half miles west of Clearfield, and three and one-half miles east of Curwensville.

Mr. Hancock married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Felix and Mary (Birchfield) Raferty. The father was a son of Patrick and Bridget Raferty, natives of Ireland, who after their marriage and the birth of their children emigrated to America, locating in Penn township, Clearfield county. The grandfather was the first settler of what was known as Irishtown, and hewed the first tree and opened the first farm there. Felix Raferty and his brother were the first to locate there, after which they sent for the other members of the family. The former wedded Mary Birchfield, a daughter of Aquilla Birchfield, a veteran of the Mexican war, and a farmer of Mifflin county, Penn., where his last days were spent. Felix and Mary Raferty were members of the Catholic Church, and were parents of five children, namely: Nancy, who died at the age of twenty years; Anna S., deceased; Elizabeth; Francis, who is living on the old homestead; and William, who died in childhood. He was married, in 1867, to Elizabeth Rafferty, a daughter of one of the pioneer settlers of Penn township.

Mr. and Mrs. Hancock have had six children: Lola, wife of Lewis Leedon, a native of Philadelphia, now living in Fremont, Neb.; John S., Frank W. and Grace, at home; and two who died in childhood. Mr. Hancock gives his political support to the Republican party, and is an advocate of all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. He has been chosen to fill many offices of trust by his fellow citizens. He served three years as jury commissioner, representing the minority party in Clearfield county. In all the positions he has filled he has shown himself

deserving of the confidence of the people. He is a member of the John Kratzer Post, G. A. R., of Curwensville, Penn., and a number of secret societies. He is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family, and in the history of the county well deserves mention.

CONRAD BAKER. There is no element that has entered into our composite national fabric which has been of more practical strength, value and utility than that furnished by the persevering and honorable sons of Germany, and in the progress of our Union this element has played an important part. Intensely practical, and ever having a clear comprehension of the ethics of life, the German contingent has wielded a powerful influence, and this service cannot be held in light estimation by those who appreciate true civilization and true advancement.

The subject of this review, now a resident of Knox township, Clearfield county, was born near Geisen, in Prussia, July 16, 1824. His father, Dr. C. N. Baker, was a celebrated physician, who served as preceptor to many young men studying medicine. He died when our subject was only three years old. In 1833, the widowed mother, Mrs. Margaret Baker, resolved to bring her son to America, where he would not be compelled to enter the army, and with her brother they sailed for the New World. Landing at Baltimore, Md., they proceeded at once to Franklin county, Penn., where she had another brother living, and in order to provide for her own maintenance she often worked in the fields, where she could easily keep pace with the mowers. There she married Adam Schod, a native of Germany, and in 1837 they came to Clearfield county, locating in Bell township, where they rented land for three years. They then came to the farm on which our subject now resides, Mr. Schod purchasing one hundred acres of land of the George Wescott survey. He at once began to clear and improve the place, where they made their home for eight years, and then removed to Chestnut Ridge. There the mother died in November, 1860, and Mr. Schod in 1874. She was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church. By her second marriage she also had one child: Mary, now the wife of Elan Passmore, of Pike township, Clearfield county.

For two years, Mr. Baker attended the public schools of his native land, and after coming to the United States was a student in the first free school ever taught in Franklin county, Penn. For two years after locating there his mother endeavored to find a farmer who would rear her son, and finally he was bound out to Daniel Stover, a prominent agriculturist, with whom Mr. Baker remained for three years. After her second marriage she had great difficulty in securing him. With the family he came to Clearfield county in 1837, and assisting in building the cabin and improving the land. As a farm hand he worked by the month for $6, and during the winter attended school until sixteen years of age, when he went to the lumber woods, where he also received $6 per month for his services, although he did a man's work. In the following spring he again obtained employment on a farm, at $11 per month, and was alternately employed at agriculture and lumbering until 1850, when he purchased his present farm of 200 acres, for which his stepfather had failed to pay. Upon the place he has made many valuable and useful improvements, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. He has bought and sold a number of farms and unimproved tracts of land, and besides his homestead still has a fine farm of one hundred acres, supplied with good buildings. For a number of years he was interested in the lumber business, in which he met with excellent success, but now gives his attention exclusively to agriculture.

In 1854, Mr. Baker married Miss Adeline Hunter, a daughter of Henry and Jane A. (Charles) Hunter, the former a native of Ireland. The grandfather, Robert Hunter, located in Philadelphia on coming to this country, and there worked at his trade of a weaver. At the age of thirteen, Henry Hunter went to Strasburg, Lancaster Co., Penn., where he served an apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade, and was married at the age of twenty-nine to Miss Charles, a daughter of Capt. Andrew Charles, who commanded a company in the war of 1812, and was a prominent Democratic politician, a friend of James Buchanan. After his marriage, Mr. Hunter removed to Franklin county, Penn., and in 1847 came to Clearfield county, where he purchased land and engaged in farming and shoemaking. He passed away in March, 1886, but his wife still survives, and now at the age of eighty-six years makes her home with her children. Both held membership in the Presbyterian Church. Five children constituted their family, namely: Adeline, wife of our subject; Robert F. C., a farmer; Harriet L., widow of J. High; Margaret, wife of P. Patterson; and Catherine A., widow of Mr. Mays.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baker have been born four children, namely: John C., who died at the age of ten years; Mrs. Ann A. Spackman; Mrs. Emma R. Long; and Mrs. Adeline M. McDonald.

With them resides a grandson, Conrad W. Spackman. Both are active and prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, and enjoy the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciate their sterling worth and many excellent traits of character. Mr. Baker served as county commissioner of Clearfield county from 1864 to 1867, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. During, and toward the close of the war of the Rebellion, (1864) he sent a substitute. Socially, he has for twenty-five years been a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Glen Hope.

JAMES D. WILEY, who owns and occupies a fine farm in Jordan township, Clearfield county, and is also interested in coal mining, is a native of that county, born in Greenwood township, August 21, 1849, a son of John F. and Margaret (Dixon) Wiley.

The father of our subject was reared in Clearfield county, early becoming familiar with the occupations of farming and lumbering, and after his marriage he purchased land, and improved a farm, remaining on that place until 1879, when he came to Jordan township, and now lives on a farm owned by our subject. He is an ardent Democrat in politics, has acceptably filled some township offices, though he cares nothing for political preferment, and he and his wife are faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church. She is a member of the Dixon family long prominent in the history of Jordan township, and is a daughter of James Dixon, of Scotch descent. Our subject is the eldest of eight children, the others being as follows: Joseph M.; Annie, who died at the age of twenty years; Mrs. Elizabeth Baker; John; Maggie; Robert, deceased; and Mary.

In the county of his nativity James D. Wiley was reared to manhood, attending the district schools near his childhood home, and assisting his father in the labors of the farm, until he had attained the age of twenty-two. In 1873 he married Miss Catherine McMurray, a representative of an honored pioneer family of Irish origin, and a daughter of John and Jane (Alexander) McMurray. Her father, a native of Pennsylvania, located in Clearfield county at an early day, and improved a farm in the midst of the wilderness. He died in 1878, his wife in 1873. She held membership in the Presbyterian Church, while he was a Methodist in religious belief. They were the parents of four children: John A., Robert T., Catherine and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley have eight children: Varila, Grier, Charles M., Flora L., Ethel, Velma, Ruby and Sevia.

For two years after his marriage, Mr. Wiley operated rented land in connection with lumbering, and then purchased his present farm of one hundred acres, forty of which had been cleared, and a cheap set of buildings erected thereon; now seventy-five acres are under a high state of cultivation, an excellent two-story residence and substantial outbuildings have been erected, and an orchard set out. He has also opened up a coal mine, and still continues lumbering in the winter season. He is enterprising and energetic, and his success has come as a reward of honest toil, perseverance, and good management. As a Democrat in politics, he has been elected to minor offices, which he has creditably filled; in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

DAVID WAY, a leading and representative farmer of Pike township, Clearfield county, was born January 12, 1837, in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, and comes of an honored pioneer family of Central Pennsylvania. On the paternal side he is of Welsh descent, and his ancestors formerly lived in Chester county, this State, but at an early day emigrated to Centre county, where they endured all the hardships and privations incident to frontier life.

Job Way, the father of our subject, was a potter by trade, during early life, and subsequently engaged in farming. On the 14th of April, 1831, at the Friends Meeting House in Half Moon Valley, was celebrated his marriage to Jane W. Barlow, a daughter of Thomas Barlow, who was a native of Manchester, England, in which country his father, Adam Barlow, spent his entire life. Thomas Barlow, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, landed at the port of New London, Conn., on December 8, 1804. After a few days' rest he walked to New York and then to Philadelphia, and there arranged to survey and sell lands for the Morgan & Rawle Company in Centre, Huntingdon and Clearfield counties. Being favorably impressed with the country, he married Miss Catharine Turner, and after their marriage they lived in Philipsburg, Centre county, a few years, then moved to Sinking Valley and from there to Half Moon Valley, where they passed the remainder of their lives. She died November 10, 1824, he on January 29, 1842. For a number of years he served as a justice of the peace.

In 1854, Job Way with his family came to Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of

raw land, which he opened up and developed into a good farm, and there spent his remaining days, dying in August, 1882; his widow passed from earth, December 28, 1891, at a ripe old age. Both were consistent members of the Society of Friends, and highly respected people. Originally the father was a Whig in politics, and, later supported the Republican party. Although he filled some township offices, he never cared for official distinction. The nine children of the family were all born in Half Moon Valley, where four died in infancy. Those who reached years of maturity were: Thomas, now deceased; David; Mary J.; Robert B., a miller by trade, but now engaged in farming; and Adam B., who resides on the old homestead.

In the country schools near his boyhood home David Way obtained his education, and was reared to the honest toil of a farmer, remaining with his father until he had attained his majority. After his marriage he began the struggle of life for himself, for three or four years working as a farm hand, but in 1864 he purchased one hundred acres—the farm on which he still resides. Half of the place had been cleared and a small log house erected, but this has been replaced by a commodious, two-story residence, good barns and outbuildings have been erected, and eighty acres of the land are now under a high state of cultivation, making it one of the most desirable farms in the locality. It is pleasantly situated three miles northwest of Curwensville, and is underlaid with a fine grade of fire clay and other mineral deposits. For many years during the winter season Mr. Way engaged in lumbering and rafting, but now gives his exclusive attention to his agricultural pursuits, in which he has been very successful. In 1859, he married Miss Eliza J. McGaughey, of Clearfield county, Penn., but born in Indiana county, a daughter of Thomas McGaughey, one of the prominent pioneers of Indiana county, where his death occurred. Of the seven children born of this union, two died in infancy; the others are: Thomas L., a farmer; Ella J., wife of Samuel Smith, of Curwensville, Clearfield county; William E., living in Marion county, Oregon, where he is engaged in the fruit business; John A., of Nebraska; and Martha, wife of Edward Way, of Centre county. The wife and mother died in May, 1872, in the full faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1874, Mr. Way was again married, his second union being with Miss Hannah Way, a distant relative, and a daughter of Caleb Way, who was born and reared in Centre county, but at an early day opened up a farm in the wilderness of Clearfield county, where he spent the last years of his life, dying in 1874. He and his wife, who died in 1885, were members of the Hicksite branch of the Society of Friends. In politics, Mr. Way is a stanch adherent to the principles of the Republican party. He and his wife are faithful members of the Friends Church, and are valued citizens of the community.

SAMUEL H. WITHEROW, a well-to-do and prosperous agriculturist of Jordan township, Clearfield county, is a cool, clear-headed, wide-awake man, possessing great tact for business, and by his pleasant and courteous treatment of those who come in contact with him, has rendered himself very popular with all classes of citizens. He comes of a family that has long been prominently identified with the agricultural and business interests of Clearfield county. His grandfather, Thomas Witherow, was born, reared and married in Ireland, and, on coming to America, took up his residence in Pennsylvania, where his seven sons—Robert, William, Thomas, James, David, Joseph and Samuel—were reared.

John Witherow, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland, and was quite small when brought to the United States. At an early day he became a resident of Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of wild land and improved a farm. On disposing of that property he bought an unimproved farm in Knox township, and to its development and cultivation devoted his attention until accidentally killed, June 16, 1884. By trade he was a potter, and followed that occupation in connection with farming and lumbering. He was a regular log driver, and took many rafts down the river to market at Lock Haven and Marietta. He was an active and leading member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as elder; politically, he was a stalwart Democrat, taking a prominent part in public affairs, and serving in many township offices.

The mother of our subject, who is still living at the age of seventy-seven, was in her maidenhood Margaret Hegarty, a daughter of Henry Hegarty, a native of Ireland, who became a pioneer settler of Clearfield county, where he opened up a farm in the midst of the forest. In his family were the following children: Jane, Joseph, George, Samuel, Robert, Henry, Lidda A. and Isabel. With their parents, they all held membership in the Presbyterian Church. Six children were born to John Witherow and his estimable wife, namely: Henry, deceased; Thomas A. and John E., both farmers; Samuel H., of this sketch; Mary J., wife of J. W. Johnston; and Margaret. The last named has been twice

married, first becoming the wife of J. Meryman, by whom she had three children, and after his death wedded Jesse Hoffman, a stone mason and coal miner.

Samuel H. Witherow was born May 8, 1847, in Knox township, Clearfield county, where he was reared on a farm and educated in the country schools. Remaining with his parents, he assisted in farming and lumbering until his marriage in 1869, when he located upon a rented farm, which he operated for two years, but since 1873 he has lived upon his present place. On purchasing the farm, which comprises 210 acres, only thirty-five had been cleared and no buildings erected, but now ninety-two acres have been placed under the plow, and an excellent two-story residence erected, together with the other necessary buildings found upon a model farm of the nineteenth century. He has never sold the mineral rights to his land, and upon his place are found a good grade of coal and fire clay. Since large enough he has worked in the lumber woods during the winter, while the summer season has been spent in farming, and so successful has he been in his business ventures that he is now the owner of real estate in both West Clearfield and Ansonville, which he rents, besides his valuable farming lands.

In 1869 Mr. Witherow was married to Miss Lizzie Johnston, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Cameron) Johnston, who were natives of Scotland and married in Philadelphia, Penn. The father and his brother came to America in 1829, and after engaging in mining in the neighborhood of Pottsville until the fall of 1833, they came to Clearfield county, locating in Jordan township, where Robert Johnston purchased one hundred acres of wild land, built a cabin and improved a farm, on which he died in 1872. Reared in a good old Scotch Presbyterian family, he always adhered to that faith, and led an honorable, upright life, free from all reproach.

To Mr. and Mrs. Witherow have been born four children: John C., a farmer and lumberman; and Mary I., Robert J. and Maggie S., all at home. Presbyterians in religious belief, the parents and children all belong to the Fruit Hill Church, and the family is one of the highest respectability and worth. Politically Mr. Witherow supports the principles of the Democratic party by his ballot, and has efficiently served in a number of township offices, being school director nine years.

LAWRENCE T. HERTLEIN. The name of this gentleman is well and favorably known throughout Karthaus township, Clearfield county, where he is prosperously engaged in general farming, and also follows lumbering during the winter season. He was born in that township June 14, 1845, a son of George L. and Johannah (Eiseman) Hertlein, who were both natives of Germany, but were married after their emigration to the New World.

During the first three years spent in America, Mr. Hertlein worked at the iron furnace in Karthaus, and then purchased a tract of wild land, where he opened up and improved a large farm. By trade he was a potter, and erecting a plant he engaged in the manufacture of stoneware, which he would sell throughout the country. He also did considerable work at the mason's trade, and being a skilled mechanic, who could perform almost any sort of labor, his services were in great demand in this then new country. Lumbering also claimed his attention, and during his early settlement here he piloted on the river for some time. He experienced all the difficulties and hardships of pioneer life when there were no roads laid out through his section of the county, when oxen were used to perform the labors of the farm, and when the machinery was of the most primitive order. He was often compelled to carry flour and other provisions on his back from market in Karthaus, over a trail to his home. Wild game, which was very plentiful, mainly supplied the meat of the family. Through his own energetic efforts, Mr. Hertlein became quite well-to-do and prosperous, owning a fine farm of over 400 acres, a part of which he cleared and improved. He died in 1880, his wife in August, 1896, at the ripe old age of seventy-seven years. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and honored and respected by all who knew them. Politically he was a strong Democrat, and faithfully filled nearly all of the township offices, including those of supervisor, auditor and overseer of the poor.

Of the ten children born to the parents of our subject, two died in infancy, and the others were as follows: Martin, now deceased; Mrs. Sophia Eberspacher; Christ, a farmer by occupation; August, deceased; Lawrence T.; Hannah, wife of E. I. Gilliland, now deceased; John, who died at the age of five years; and Rosa, wife of J. H. Hunter, of Pottersdale, Pennsylvania.

In the common schools of Karthaus township, Mr. Hertlein, of this sketch, obtained his education, and upon the home farm received valuable lessons in industry and economy. He never left the parental roof, and still resides upon the old homestead, where he owns ninety-eight acres of valuable land, but cultivates 150

acres. The tract, which comprises 444 acres, is underlaid with a good grade of coal and other minerals. His place is improved with a pleasant dwelling and a fine set of farm buildings, which add to its neat and thrifty appearance. In connection with the operation of his land he has always engaged in lumbering during the winter months, and thus added not a little to his income. During the early days when deer, wildcat, bear and other game was plentiful, he indulged in his fondness for hunting, making a specialty of deer.

In 1869, Mr. Hertlein was united in marriage with Mrs. Jacob Hertlein, whose former husband was no relative of our subject. She is a native of Germany, and a daughter of Christopher Heichel, who brought his family to America in 1855, and located in Clearfied county, where he developed a farm in the midst of the timber. He lost his wife in 1869, and his death occurred ten years later. Both held membership in the Lutheran Church. In their family were twelve children: Mrs. Margaret Herzog; John M., who was lost in the woods and frozen to death; Houston, a farmer by occupation; George, also an agriculturist; Mrs. Caroline Kopp; Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, deceased; William, a farmer; Mrs. Hertlein; Fred, a resident of Centre county, Penn.; August, of Indiana; John, also of that State; and one who died in Germany. Three of the children have passed away since the family came to America.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hertlein have been born seven children: Herbert; Edith, a teacher by profession; Clarence; Alice; William, who died at the age of eight years; Ada M. and Lewis. All of the children are still at home. By her first marriage, Mrs. Hertlein had one daughter, Caroline, now the wife of R. J. Yothers. The Democratic party finds in our subject an earnest supporter, put he has never aspired to office. His estimable wife is a member of the Lutheran Church.

J E. OSWALD. Many of the best class of citizens of Clearfield county have come from over the sea, particularly from the German Empire, and have transported the industry, thrift and economy of their native lands. Of this class of honest, hardworking, alien-born citizens, there is none who occupy a more prominent place than Mr. Oswald, one of the leading farmers of Union township.

Our subject was born April 25, 1831, in Germany, where his parents spent their entire lives. The father was one of the most prominent and influential citizens of his community, where for twenty-five years he held a number of local offices, including those of justice of the peace and tax collector. After his resignation his son was elected to the same offices which he has now acceptably filled for thirty-three years without remuneration. One brother of our subject came to the New World in 1848, and was engaged in milling in Curwensville, Clearfield county, and is now in Big Run, Jefferson Co., Pennsylvania.

In the Fatherland, Mr. Oswald, of this review, was reared and educated, and in 1857 took passage on a vessel bound for the United States. For the first four years after his arrival here he was engaged in milling in Curwensville, and then purchased his present farm in Union township, which he has cleared of the dense growth of timber that covered it, and converted the tract into richly cultivated fields. He has also erected neat and substantial buildings upon the place, which stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise.

Mr. Oswald was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Shull, a daughter of Henry Shull, of Brady township, and both her parents are now deceased. Twelve children were born of this union, only two of whom are now living: Annie, the eldest, died April 8, 1875, and five died of diphtheria within four weeks, while all ten died within five years. Those who survive are Lizzie, wife of Osten Hendricks, of Union township, by whom she has two children; and Florence May, who is now thirteen years of age, and keeps house for her father. The wife and mother has also departed this life, dying suddenly of heart disease at the age of thirty-nine years, when Florence was only three months old. The elder daughter is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, as was also her mother, who died in the full assurance of the faith. She had many friends throughout the county, and was beloved by all who knew her. Since becoming an American citizen, Mr. Oswald has always given his allegiance to the Democratic party, and has been called upon to serve his fellow citizens as school director four years, overseer of the poor four years, supervisor two years, tax collector eight years, auditor for about twelve years, and is now treasurer of the township. He has always faithfully discharged every duty, whether public or private, and has thus won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

J AMES EDWARD COWAN, an enterprising young business man of Bigler township, Clearfield county, is successfully engaged in agriculture and stock dealing, while holding the

responsible post of weighmaster at the Shoff coal mines. Active, intelligent and faithful, he enjoys the full confidence of his employers, and the same qualities have gained him the respect and esteem of his associates in other walks of life. He is a native of Clearfield county, having been born in Becaria township, July 26, 1862, and is of pioneer stock.

Stewart Cowan, grandfather of our subject, was born in Ireland, and in early manhood came to America to found a home in central Pennsylvania, then a sparsely settled region. He located first in Centre county, near Milesburg, but later moved to Clearfield county, and after one year passed at Muddy run, settled permanently at Hegarty's Cross Roads, purchasing one hundred acres of wooded land. Here he lived in true pioneer style, building a log house and clearing the land. His wife, Margaret (Tate), to whom he was married in 1821, shared all his hardships in those days of struggle, and the prosperity which in later years rewarded them. He died in 1863, she in 1867.

They had eight children—five sons and three daughters—and four of the sons served in the Union army during the Civil war: (1) Thomas married Miss Elizabeth Fenorman, of Clearfield, and resided near Hegarty's Cross Roads. He enlisted in the 100th P. V. I., and fought bravely in all the engagements of his regiment until he met a soldier's death in the battle of the Wilderness. Five children survive him—Margaret married to Bernard Ross, of Altoona; John, of Altoona; Millard, of Fort Wayne; Lynn, of Pittsburg, Penn.; and Evaline, married to Edward Stokes, of Philadelphia. (2) Hannah J. married to Abram Matthews, a farmer near Irvona, and had three children who lived to adult age—John, Eliza Ann and Catherine. (3) Eliza married Jeremiah Lord, a blacksmith and farmer residing in Knox township, Clearfield county, and reared a family of nine children—George, the eldest, was killed in California in 1896 by a log truck; Thomas, John, Joseph, Robert, Sarah, Asbury, Margaret and Calvin are all residents of Knox township. (4) Matthew married Miss Mary Koon, and located near Utahville, Penn.; they had seven children—John, Joseph, Jane, Samuel, Henry, Hannah and Isah. (5) Stewart married Miss Hannah Calderwood, of Tyrone, Penn., and settled upon a farm near Utahville. He enlisted in the 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served throughout the war, being stationed in North Carolina during the greater part of the time. He had four children—Gideon, Stewart, Maud and John. (6) Robert, the father of our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (7) James E. married Miss Rachel Warrick, of Becaria township, Clearfield county. He lost his life in the battle of Chancellorsville while serving in the 110th P. V. I. His widow and their only son, I. W., now reside at Smith's Mills, Penn. (8) Lavina married A. P. Shoff, of Amesville, Clearfield county, and has one daughter, Ethel, now at home.

Robert Cowan, our subject's father, was born September 16, 1834, and grew to manhood at the old homestead. He served throughout the war in the 110th P. V. I., taking part in the battles of that gallant regiment. On returning home he engaged in farming and lumbering, continuing until 1895, when he removed to Usal, Cal. At present he is interested in the lumber business there. In 1861 he married Miss Jane Henchbarger, by whom he had twelve children, our subject being the eldest. (2) Roberta Jane, born February 7, 1864, married Charles Parker, of Little Falls, N. Y., and after residing for some time in Iowa, settled in St. Paul, Minn. They have one child. (3) Margaret V., born April 19, 1867, married Hugh Galaher, formerly of Cambria county, Penn., who is now engaged in farming in Bigler township, Clearfield county; they have three sons—Edward, Roger and Gordon. (4) Mary L., born April 9, 1866, married John Fanner, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and moved to Nevada City, Cal.; they have one daughter, Jeanie. (5) John W., born June 13, 1868, married Miss Margery Orr, of Lawrence township, and now resides in Usal, Cal. (6) Harry A., born November 15, 1870, is not married, and resides in Usal, Cal. (7) Martha Emma, born April 14, 1873, married John Rowles, of Vallejo, Cal., and has one child, Vivian. (8) Rachel A., born September 11, 1876, married Boaz Alexander, of Madera, Penn. (9) Priscilla F., born November 24, 1878, is attending State Normal School at Vallejo, Cal. (10) Nettie A., born July 17, 1880. (11) Sallie, born January 2, 1883, and (12) Ralph G., born August 3, 1886, are living in California with their parents.

James E. Cowan, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared at the old homestead, and first engaged in business as a lumberman. In 1889 he married Miss Mary E. Lloyd, daughter of Edward and Caroline Lloyd, well-known residents of Houtzdale, Penn. Since his marriage Mr. Cowan has been employed as weighmaster for R. B. Wighton & Sons, at Shoff mines, and in 1895 he purchased a farm of 114 acres, known as the Christopher Shoff place, which he successfully conducts. He also gives some attention to dealing in stock, as has been said, and his business ability is demonstrated by his management

of his varied interests. His pleasant home is brightened by two children—Edna Jane, born December 15, 1893; and Caroline, born June 10, 1896.

The Cowans are of Scotch-Irish blood, and have always been identified with the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Cowan is, however, a Methodist in faith, and is an active member of that society. In his political views, Mr. Cowan is a Republican, but he is not a seeker after official honors, his influence being given, without personal bias, to the support of party principles.

GEORGE W. JOSE, proprietor of "Hotel La Jose," is one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Clearfield county, now carrying on business at Lajose. He has achieved wealth by his own unaided exertions, and is, in fact, a self-made man, starting out in life with nothing but youth in his favor, and his endowments of fine health, a vigorous muscle, and a clear, cool brain. After all, a man possessing these need fear nothing; with a determination to succeed, success is his almost from the start, although it may be that years of patient waiting and hard toil are necessary before his endeavors are crowned with the full measure of success.

Mr. Jose was born in Dexter, Penobscot Co., Me., August 15, 1845, a son of Richard and Catherine C. (Crockett) Jose, who spent their entire lives in the Pine Tree State, the father dying in 1888 at the age of eighty-three, and the mother in 1890 at the same age. The paternal grandfather came from England at an early day, locating in Maine, where he engaged in farming and reared a family of five sons, namely: William, Oliver, Nathaniel, Moses and Richard, of whom some became sea-faring men and two were masters of vessels. Of the mother's family but little is known except that she had a brother, Albert C. Crockett. Eight children were born to the parents of our subject: Frank A., a resident of Missouri; Emma M., deceased wife of S. Parkman; Susan, deceased; Louisa F.; George W.; Ann C., who died at the age of sixteen years; Ella, wife of C. Silly, of Monmouth, Mass.; and A. C., a farmer of Kansas. The mother was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by occupation the father was a farmer and lumberman.

George W. Jose obtained his education in the schools near his boyhood home, and in 1863 left the parental roof to begin the battle of life for himself, being employed at lumbering in his native State for about a year. He then went to Minnesota, where he followed the same vocation for two years, and at the end of that time concluded to pay a visit to his parents and old home. Accordingly, in the fall of 1866 he returned to Maine, spending most of his hard-earned wages in that way. Later, we find Mr. Jose in Clearfield county, Penn., with his bills all paid but with no capital. He soon, however, found employment in the lumber woods, and as he thoroughly understood the business in every department, was industrious and reliable, he was soon given the management of the men and business of his employer at an increased salary. Not being afraid of work, he assisted those under him, thus gaining their esteem and securing their best services. During the first five years of his residence here Mr. Jose had the superintendence of all branches of the lumber business—managing the camp and men in the woods, sliding logs to the water, manufacturing square timber, driving logs and rafting to market. In driving logs he suffered more from exposure and hardships, as he would often have to sleep on the bank of the river twenty or thirty nights in succession in all kinds of weather.

Having no extravagant habits, Mr. Jose was able to save some money, and at the end of five years he embarked in the lumber business on his own account, often taking a partner on large contracts. He purchased land from which he lumbered the timber, also bought the timber from other lands, and met with excellent success in his undertakings. He is still the owner of several tracts of land, including two very valuable pieces of property, and, together with a partner, has several other tracts. He also has one tract in Cambria county, Penn. Energy, perseverance and industry have been the essential points in his remarkble success, and, although he began life in Clearfield county with no capital, he is to-day numbered among its most substantial and prosperous citizens.

In 1878, Mr. Jose was united in marriage with Miss Nannie J. Mahaffey (daughter of Robert Mahaffey), an intelligent and cultured lady, and they became the parents of four children: Melvina, who died at the age of eight years; Alice and Inez, at home; and Elsie, who died at the age of twenty-two months. After his marriage, Mr. Jose located at Mahaffey, Clearfield county, where he continued to reside until 1881, since which time he has made his home in Lajose. There he purchased a farm, across which the Pennsylvania & Northwestern railroad was built in 1886, running near his house, and as there was a demand for a hotel he erected the "Hotel La Jose," now so popular with the traveling public. He also furnished the ties used

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in the construction of the road from Irvona to Mahaffey, and was instrumental in getting the name of the post office changed from Newburg to Lajose. Later the Pennsylvania Company built another branch to their road, running to the depot in Lajose, and the Beech Creek road was also built across the farm, making it a central point for commercial men and other travelers. The hotel, which is first-class in all its appointments, has done a thriving business and met with a well-deserved success. From 1890 until 1894, Mr. Jose was also engaged in general merchandising in the village, where he still owns the store building and five houses which he rents, besides twelve rented houses in Spangler. He has made many valuable and useful improvements upon his farm, and is accounted one of the most successful and enterprising farmers of Chest township. Stock raising claims his attention to a considerable extent, having upon his place a fine grade of cattle and horses, but his favorite is the "noble steed," and among his fine horses is a trotting stallion, "Richard J." (record 2:17½), of great value.

Fraternally, Mr. Jose is a member of Noble Grand Lodge No. 406, F. & A. M., of Curwensville; politically he is an uncompromising Democrat, but he cares nothing for public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. He to-day enjoys the reward of his painstaking and conscientious work. By his energy, perseverance and fine business ability he has been enabled to secure an ample fortune. Systematic and methodical, his sagacity, keen discrimination and sound judgment have made him one of the prosperous citizens of Clearfield county. On the maternal side, Mrs. Jose traces her ancestry back to William Mahaffey, who came from Ireland to America during Colonial days, and took up his residence in Lycoming county, Penn., where he reared his family, consisting of the following: John, Robert, Moses, William, James and Mrs. Elizabeth Tallman. In 1827 he came on foot to Clearfield county, and purchased a tract of land on the Susquehanna river, in what is now Burnside township, where with his axe he cleared a spot on which to erect a rude log cabin. His wife died in the spring of 1828, and in the following fall he brought his five sons to the lonely cabin in the forest, which he believed to be the best place for them to secure a start in life. He continued the improvement of his land, and subsequently built a better residence. In 1830 he was again married in Lycoming county, his second union being with a Miss Talbott, by whom he had two daughters: Elizabeth and Hannah. In 1833, with his wife and daughters, he removed to Lycoming county; but after the death of his wife, in 1849, he returned to Clearfield county, making his home with his son John in Cherry Tree until his death in August, 1859. Thus ended the eventful life of one of Clearfield county's most honored pioneers. He came here on account of its lumber interests, and was among the first to engage in that business, making and taking down the river the first raft of square timber from the county. He also built the first dam on the Upper Susquehanna, and owned and operated a sawmill, manufacturing lumber quite extensively for that early day.

Robert Mahaffey, the father of Mrs. Jose, was fourteen years old when brought by his father to Clearfield county, and he early became familiar with the hardships and privations of pioneer life, as well as the arduous task of developing a farm from the unbroken wilderness. He was about nineteen years of age when his father returned to Lycoming county, leaving him to make his own way. He engaged in lumbering, and also rented a sawmill, which he operated for himself and others. At the end of six years he went west, but returned to Clearfield county the same year, and bought land near the present site of Mahaffey, where he erected a sawmill, which is still in operation. For many years he was engaged in merchandising at three different places, and in 1886 platted the town of Mahaffey, which now contains about three hundred houses and has four railroads. His first sale was the site for a tannery, and soon afterward he began to sell lots for residence purposes.

Robert Mahaffey's mother, who bore the maiden name of Nancy Bennett, was a daughter of John Bennett, who was of Scotch descent and was reared in Pennsylvania. He located in Lycoming county, where he improved a large farm, known as the Level Corner farm, and became an extensive general agriculturist and fruit raiser. Before the days of canals he owned and ran a fleet of keel-bottom boats, and was widely and favorably known throughout his community. None of his family came to Clearfield county with the exception of Mrs. Mahaffey and a grandson, Dr. Bennett, of Mahaffey.

On attaining to man's estate, Robert Mahaffey wedded Miss Mary McGee, daughter of Rev. James McGee, an honored pioneer of Clearfield county, who, in 1826, located at the present site of McGees Mills, where he erected the first gristmill in that portion of the county. He also built a sawmill, and engaged in lumbering. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mahaffey: William, James and Mary. The mother,

who was a devout Christian and a most estimable lady, was early called to the world beyond.

On October 19, 1847, Mr. Mahaffey was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary C. Johnson, who was born December 19, 1826, a daughter of George and Sophia (Barnhart) Johnson, of Irish and German descent, respectively, and early settlers of Centre county, Penn. In their family were five children: Philip, Elizabeth, James, George and Mary C. Seven children blessed the second marriage of Mr. Mahaffey, namely: R. F., a lumberman; Emery; Elizabeth; Nancy J., wife of Mr. Jose, whose name introduces this sketch; Alice; Harry B.; and Elsie. The mother is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the family is one of prominence in both business and social circles.

P. N. LANSBERRY. The subject of this history, a man of more than ordinary intelligence and business capacity, is the owner of a valuable farm of 113 acres in Graham township, and has always been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Clearfield county, contributing largely to its reputation by building up one of the most desirable homesteads within its borders. He is in the prime of life and the midst of his usefulness, admired and esteemed by friends and neighbors, and enjoying, as he deserves, a generous portion of this world's goods.

Mr. Lansberry was born May 11, 1847, in Graham township. His father, Samuel Lansberry, was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, and was a son of Benjamin and Anna (Owens) Lansberry, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of Clearfield county. In Bradford township Samuel Lansberry was reared, and married to Mary E. Hoover, whose birth also occurred in that township. At an early day they took up their residence in Graham township, where the father purchased a tract of wooded land, which he developed into a fine farm. He was one of the prominent and influential citizens of the community, and had hosts of warm friends. He died in Bradford township, in 1888; his wife passed away in Graham township, in 1893. Of their thirteen children, six are still living, namely: Hezekiah, a resident of Graham township; W. A., of Indiana county, Penn.; P. N., of this sketch; A. C., who resides on the old homestead; Ellen, wife of W. B. Barger, of Graham township; and Jasper, of Cambria county, Pennsylvania.

The boyhood and youth of our subject was passed in much the usual manner of farmers' sons, upon the old homestead in Graham township, and in the Fairview district school he acquired his literary education. At the early age of fifteen years he commenced rafting on the river, which occupation he has continued to follow ever since with the exception of one season, and throughout his business career has engaged in farming and lumbering. In May, 1866, he located upon his present farm, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with excellent buildings.

In Bradford township, in 1866, Mr. Lansberry was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Records, a native of Centre county, Penn., and a daughter of W. B. and Catharine (Flick) Records, who were born near Julian Furnace, that county, and came to Graham township, Clearfield county, in 1843. Locating in the woods, her father cleared and developed a farm near Kylertown, where his wife died January 23, 1893. In their family were nine children, six of whom are still living: Henry, a resident of Graham township; Susan, wife of H. Lansberry, of the same township; Elizabeth, wife of our subject; William, of Cooper township, Clearfield county; and Elisha and Elijah (twins), the former of whom is a resident of Graham township, while the latter emigrated to the West. Six children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lansberry, as follows: Mrs. Laura Whitton, of Graham township; Katie, wife of B. F. Kyler, also of Graham township; Mrs. Florence M. Lansberry, of Patton, Cambria Co., Penn.; Luther, who is married and lives in Graham township; and Wilbur and Elda Delilah at home.

Mr. Lansberry uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party; socially is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, belonging to the lodge in Kylertown. He is frank and open in the expression of his opinions, and may truly be considered one of the representative and prominent citizens of Graham township. His estimable wife is a member of the United Brethren Church.

SIMON HAND. Among the well-to-do and successful agriculturists of Clearfield county, the record of whose lives fills an important place in this volume, it gives us pleasure to commemorate the name of Mr. Hand, who since attaining man's estate has been identified with the farming interests of Sandy township.

John Hand, our subject's father, was born December 1, 1817, in Schuylkill county, Penn., where he was reared to agricultural pursuits, and

married Miss Maria Heberling. He then purchased a farm in Schuylkill county, where he continued to reside for a number of years, and then sold and bought a partially-improved place in Brady township, Clearfield county, upon which he erected a good house and barn and made many other valuable improvements, clearing almost the entire place. In 1861, however, he bought 115 acres in Sandy township, one mile north of Stanley, where our subject now resides. After clearing twenty-five or thirty acres, he returned to the old homestead in Sandy township. His death occurred in Sandy township, January 18, 1887. His worthy wife had previously passed away while residing at our subject's present home.

In the family were three children: (1) Lucy, born in 1843, became the wife of John Shaffer, of Brady township, who died on his farm near Du Bois, leaving a widow and six children—Annie M., now Mrs. Reisinger, of Sandy township; Mary, wife of Josiah Reisinger, died in 1895 in Du Bois; Ella, who lives in that city; Samuel, who died at the age of twenty-one years; John, who is employed in Du Bois; and Amanda, now Mrs. Philip Clark, who lives in Du Bois. (2) Simon is second in order of birth. (3) E. F., born in Schuylkill county, in 1847, accompanied his parents on their removal to Brady township, Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood. After his marriage to Lavina Wayne, of that township, he located on the old homestead, where he continued to live until 1895, when he removed to Du Bois. He is now numbered among the prosperous and influential business men of that place, where he has purchased property and is engaged in the grocery business. He has two children—J. A., who is married to Lydia Davis, and lives in Du Bois; and Ella, who is now serving as cashier in Wayne & Weber's store, Du Bois.

Simon Hand was born March 17, 1845, in Schuylkill county, but was reared in Brady township, Clearfield county, where during his youth he assisted his father in the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm during the summer months, while through the winter he pursued his studies in the district schools of the neighborhood. Later he devoted considerable attention to lumbering. Previous to his marriage he purchased of his father the farm on which he now resides and has there continued to make his home ever since. Through his untiring efforts it has become one of the best cultivated tracts in Sandy township, and plainly indicates to the passerby the enterprising and progressive spirit of the owner.

In 1875 Mr. Hand married Miss Katie Radaker, a daughter of Charles and Nancy Radaker, prosperous agriculturists of Brady township, and they now have five children: John F., born February 6, 1876, is at home. Charles E., born January 24, 1879, attended the public schools of Brady township and Du Bois, and later graduated at Du Bois Business College; he is now bookkeeper for the lumber firm of Radaker, Hand & Co., in Indiana county, Penn. W. S., born June 1, 1880, William Grover, on October 11, 1884, and Ollie Mabel, on November 18, 1886, are still with their parents. Mr. Hand has always been identified with the Democracy, and takes quite an active interest in political affairs, doing all in his power to advance his party's interests. He is recognized as one of the most public-spirited and progressive citizens of his community, and cheerfully gives his support to those enterprises calculated to advance the general welfare. Both he and his wife are active and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Sykesville.

RODNEY CHARLES, a reliable and energetic agriculturist of Bloom township, Clearfield county, where he has made his home for the past fourteen years, was born in 1843, in Carroll county, N. H., and belongs to a family that was founded in Maine at a very early day in the history of this country. In the Pine Tree State his grandfather was born, and spent his active business career in lumbering and farming. Both he and his wife died there.

The parents of our subject, Russell and Malinda (Ames) Charles, were both natives of Maine, the former born in Oxford county, when Portland was their nearest trading point. By occupation he was a farmer, carrying on operations in New Hampshire, where both he and his wife died. In their family were twelve children—nine sons and three daughters—of whom the eldest was born before leaving Maine. A brief record of them is as follows: (1) Peter, a resident of Oxford county, Maine, married Sarah Chandler, and has several children. (2) Dean, who married and had four children, was a farmer by occupation, and died in Maine in 1886. (3) Solomon came to Pennsylvania in 1858, and engaged in the shook business in Cambria county, where he died in 1895. He married Julia Jack, by whom he had four children, and after her death wedded Sarah James, by whom he had ten children. (4) Stephen, who resides on the old homestead in New Hampshire, has never married. (5) Benjamin, who married Lydia Charles, and had

three children, engaged in farming throughout life, and died in Oxford county, Maine. (6) Bliss, also an agriculturist, was married and had two children, who reside in New Hampshire. (7) Henry, a resident of Maine, enlisted at the first call for troops to put down the Rebellion, and served throughout the entire war as a member of a Maine regiment. (8) Rodney is the subject of this sketch. (9) Russell married Iza Gordon, and lived in New Hampshire. (10) Laura married B. S. Eastman, and died in Wisconsin. (11) Mary died on the old homestead in Maine. (12) Hannah married Moses Eastman, and reared a family of three children, who are living in the Pine Tree State.

In 1864, Mr. Charles, the subject of this sketch, came from his New Hampshire home to Cambria county, Penn., where he enlisted in the 209th P. V. I. Going to the front, he participated in the battle of Petersburg, and continued to follow Lee until his surrender at Appomattox. When hostilities had ceased he returned to Cambria county, where he engaged in the shook business until 1878, and has since given his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, making his home upon his present farm in Bloom township, Clearfield county, for fourteen years. In that township he married Miss Samantha Anderson, in 1875, and they have four children, all at home, namely: Perley, Horace, Laura and Edna. The wife and mother, who was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, departed this life in 1892, and her death was mourned not only by her immediate family, but by many friends as well. In politics, Mr. Charles is active in the ranks of the Democratic party, and has served two terms as treasurer, and also as school director of Bloom township. He is a respected and valued citizen of the community, and his many virtues and pleasant ways have gained him a host of warm friends.

J D. SPANGLE is a successful operator in coal, of Clearfield county, residing at Coalport. He is unquestionably one of the business men whose lives have become an essential part of the history of that town. Keen perception, unflagging industry, honorable dealing, and a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to every-day common sense, are his chief characteristics, and have brought to him success.

Mr. Spangle was born January 21, 1846, a son of Samuel and Julia A. (Phillips) Spangle, the former of whom was born June 2, 1802, in the Blockhouse settlement, York county. He was one of the pioneers of Clearfield county, and at an early day engaged in lumbering. At one time he walked from Marietta to Coalport, a distance of 250 miles, over a week being required to accomplish the journey. In politics he was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he became a prominent worker in its ranks and held a number of offices. He died July 5, 1885, at the age of eighty-three years, one month and three days; Julia A., his wife, passed away July 16, 1880.

J. D. Spangle was reared on the homestead farm, assisting in the arduous duties of clearing and developing the land, while in the winter months he attended the common schools, at which time the pupils had only three months of school in a year. At the age of fifteen he began making square timber and cutting logs, which were rafted down Clearfield creek and the river to Eastern markets. His life has ever been a busy and useful one. After his marriage he followed farming for a few years in Cambria county and in Becaria township, and purchased thirty acres of timber land from his father in 1874. In the following year he erected a fine, two-story residence there, built a large barn and made other improvements. In the summer, in connection with the cultivation of his land, he worked at the mason's trade. In 1881 he divided a part of his land into town lots in Coalport, and when the Bell's Gap railroad was completed to that point the first car-load of coal was shipped from his mines from Coalport over the line by the Greensburg Coal Co., to which he had leased his coal lands, receiving a royalty of five cents per ton on the product. In 1883 he opened a harness store in Coalport, and successfully carried on that business until, on account of the close confinement, he sold to Joseph Hull, of Tyrone. About that time the Greensburg Coal Co. gave up their lease, and Mr. Spangle has since successfully operated the mines for home trade.

On June 13, 1870, Mr. Spangle was married to Mary A. Heverly, of Utahville, who was born January 9, 1852, a daughter of Henry and Mary Heverly. Her father was a forgeman in early life, but afterward followed farming near Utahville, and was numbered among the highly respected citizens of Becaria township, of which township he was a pioneer. Mr. and Mrs. Spangle have had nine children: John, born in 1871, and Mary, born in 1873, died in infancy; Anna L., born in 1874, died of diphtheria in 1881; Samuel H., born in 1876, is now a student under Prof. Frampton; Lillie May, born in 1878, died in infancy; M. Tamson, born in 1879, is at-

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tending school in Coalport; Ralph L., born in 1883, Jacob Roy, in 1885, and Esther L., in 1889, are all in school.

Mr. Spangle has always been a stanch Republican. He served for four years as school director of Becaria township; was elected the first chief burgess after the incorporation of Coalport borough, and served his term until the first Monday of March, 1884, when James Haines was sworn in as burgess by the retiring burgess, J. D. Spangle. He served two terms as councilman, was three years school director by election and one year by appointment. In 1895 he was elected constable for three years, but by some mistake of former years could only serve one year, but was re-elected in 1896 for three years, and has been elected for a second term, so that he is now holding that office. He and his wife, also their children, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1882 he was one of the trustees who erected the fine church in Coalport, and was one of the most liberal contributors to that enterprise. He is deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community, and does everything in his power to advance its moral, educational, social and material welfare. The first borough election in Coalport was held October 20, 1883, on which occasion J. D. Spangle was elected burgess. The first councilmen were T. M. Lambert, J. S. Gift, C. B. Elliott, Robert Kline, Joseph Hull and S. M. Spangle; high constable, M. J. Caldwell. The first school directors were elected in February, 1884; they were J. M. Beers, Joseph Hull, J. D. Spangle, James Haines, J. M. Elliott and S. M. Spangle. J. D. Spangle is the present commonwealth constable, and tax collector of Coalport borough.

Henry Heverly, of Utahville, Clearfield county, the father of Mrs. Spangle, departed this life January 23, 1883, aged seventy-six years, ten months and twenty-nine days. He settled in Clearfield county over forty-two years ago, locating his home in Becaria township, about one mile west of Utahville, where he and his estimable wife lived until death separated them, his wife passing away in 1880. On August 27, 1829, he married Mary Trayster, and to this honored couple were born fourteen children. "Father" Heverly, as he was familiarly called, was a consistent member of the M. E. Church for about forty-eight years. He and his pious wife were the early pioneers of Methodism in Clearfield county. There being no church in the neighborhood for a number of years after their arrival, the Methodist society frequently held their meetings at "Father" Heverly's, where all received a hearty welcome and never were turned away hungry. His remains were followed to their last resting place by a large number of relatives and friends.

Of the fourteen children born to "Father" Heverly and his wife seven were boys and seven girls, and all but six are living and filling honorable places in life. At his death he had fifty-three grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

"Oh, how we miss him. Everything looks strange.
His chair, his stool.
His desk, his bed.
Farewell, dear father, we're parted,
But not for long.
Our faith is strong;
We'll meet the father by and by in
Heaven, dear father."

Rev. J. C. Young, of Coalport, the officiating minister, took for his text: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, for the former things are passed away."

WILSON KEPHART, who is worthy of more than a mere mention in a work of this character, is one of the representative and prominent farmers of Decatur township, Clearfield county, where his entire life has been passed. He was born in 1843, on the farm which is still his home, a son of Jonathan and Mary (Wilson) Kephart.

The birth of Jonathan Kephart occurred in Berks county, Penn., November 5, 1797. In 1815, he accompanied his father, Adam Kephart (who was also a native of Pennsylvania), to Clearfield county. Here the latter died. The former continued to make his home in Decatur township, where for some time he worked for Hardman Phillips, but after his marriage purchased a tract of one hundred acres of timber land from Josiah Smith, of Clearfield, and opened up a farm.

Jonathan Kephart was twice married, his first union being with Miss Bessie Goss, a native of Clearfield county, and to them were born six children, one of whom is still living, Abram, a resident of Woodward township, Clearfield county. After the death of his first wife, the father wedded Mary Wilson, and they became the parents of six children, namely: James, who makes his home in Decatur township; Wilson, of this sketch; Mrs. Jane Ann Fulton, of Decatur township; Mrs. Delilah Klinger, of the same township; and Henrietta and Martha, who make their home with our subject.

Upon the home farm, Wilson Kephart early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, and is

now numbered among the most successful and skillful farmers of Decatur township, where he owns the old homestead comprising 150 acres.

JOHN N. HILE holds a leading place among the energetic and progressive agriculturists of Ferguson township, Clearfield county. On both the paternal and maternal sides he comes of good old pioneer stock, his ancestors having located here at a very early day in the history of the county, and been prominently identified with the development and prosperity of this region. His grandfather, Henry Hile, a native of Germany, took up his residence in Clearfield county on coming to America when a young man, and here married a lady of Irish birth. Purchasing a farm near Lumber City, he there engaged in lumbering and farming pursuits until called from this life.

Anthony Hile, the father of our subject, was born in Northumberland county, Penn., and in 1835 came with his parents to Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood, and yet resides on the old homestead, having purchased the place after his father's death. He has followed the occupations of farming and lumbering with good success, but of late years has given his exclusive attention to the former pursuit, the neat and thrifty appearance of his farm testifying to his skill and ability. In his political views he is a Democrat, and has filled a number of township offices to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a popular man, and a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey, Anthony Hile chose Miss Emily Bloom, a daughter of James Bloom, and a granddaughter of William Bloom, who came from Germany to America in Colonial days, locating in New Jersey, where he enlisted in the Continental army, serving for six years, and was one of Gen. Washington's body guard. After peace was restored, in 1795, he came to Centre county, Penn., and in 1802 took up his residence in Clearfield county, near the river, in what is now Pike township. In his family were seven sons and three daughters, from whom are sprung the numerous representatives of the Bloom family in central Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hile was called to her final rest in 1893. By her marriage she had eleven children, namely: James, a lumberman and justice of the peace of Lumber City; David W., a farmer, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war; John N., of this sketch; Mrs. Martha Guppy; Eli, a farmer; Mrs. Fannie McDivitt; Addie, wife of J. Hips; Lewis B., an agriculturist; William, a mechanic; Mary, wife of A. Russell; and Mrs. Amanda Rorabau. With the exception of Fanny and Mary, all are still living.

John N. Hile was born in Penn township, Clearfield county, April 12, 1844, and upon the home farm he was reared to habits of industry and economy, while his education was obtained in the common schools of the neighborhood. He remained with his parents until his marriage, in 1870, to Miss Eliza E. Wise, a lady of intelligence and culture, and a daughter of William and Jane (Caldwell) Wise. Her paternal grandfather, Conrad Wise, was of German descent, and was an early settler of Centre county, Penn., whence he came to Clearfield county when his son William was about eight years old. Here the latter grew to manhood, and was married to Jane Caldwell, daughter of Mathew and Mary Caldwell. In their family were ten children—four sons and six daughters, namely: D. A., a farmer; Mrs. Susan Cupples, of Lumber City; Mrs. Mary A. Curry (deceased); Mrs. Lavinah J. Ferguson (deceased); Mrs. Margaret E. Bloom, of Olanta; George W. (deceased); Mrs. Eliza E. Hile, wife of our subject; Mrs. Almirah H. Hoover, of Mahaffey; a son who died in infancy; and Wm. L., a progressive farmer of near New Millport, Penn. Two sons bless the union of our subject and his wife: Clark V., a dentist engaged in practice at Conshohocken, Penn.; and Lemoyne J., who is still in school.

After his marriage, Mr. Hile purchased the farm on which he still resides—a valuable tract of 118 acres, fifty of which are cleared and now under a high state of cultivation. The old house has also been replaced by a comfortable two-story frame residence; and a large barn and other outbuildings have been erected, making it a most desirable farm, pleasantly located one mile west of Kerrmoor. It is underlaid with a good grade of coal. Mr. Hile was reared a Democrat, but of late years has affiliated with the Prohibition party. He has been elected to a number of township offices of honor and trust, the duties of which he faithfully discharged. In religious belief he and his wife are Methodists, and he is now serving as trustee of the Church.

HENRY OWENS, one of the substantial and enterprising agriculturists of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, is a native of that county, belonging to one of its worthy pioneer families, which has been prominently identified with its farming interests for many years. His father, Thomas Owens, was a son of Peter Owens, who was of Welsh descent, and the founder of the

family in Clearfield county. Some of its members have left the Keystone State and now reside in Kentucky and Indiana.

Thomas Owens, the father, was here born and reared to agricultural pursuits. In connection with farming he engaged in lumbering throughout life. Purchasing a tract of raw land on which our subject now resides, he transformed the same into a valuable farm, and converted the timber into lumber. He also owned other tracts which he cleared, and placed one hundred acres under a high state of cultivation, erecting thereon good and substantial buildings which are still in use. His death occurred in July, 1859. With the United Brethren Church he held membership, and in politics he was identified with the Democratic party. A popular and highly respected citizen, he was called upon to fill many township offices, but would never accept anything higher.

On attaining to man's estate, Thomas Owens wedded Emaline Hile, a daughter of Henry Hile, who at an early day came to Clearfield county from Northumberland county, Penn., and became one of the pioneers of this section. Religiously he was a Primitive Baptist. In his family were thirteen children: James, Daniel, Philip, Anthony, Henry, John, Amos, Lorenzo, Abbie, Mary A., Emaline, Mary E. and Elizabeth. Nine children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Owens: Robert; Clara, wife of D. R. Reed; Henry; Lucy, wife of J. H. Ferguson; E. E.; Alfred, deceased; Perry; L. L.; and Nora, wife of P. Bradley.

Upon the farm where he yet resides Henry Owens was born March 15, 1847, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, while his literary training was obtained in the country schools of the neighborhood. He worked for three years for others, but has always made his present farm his home, buying it after his marriage of a brother-in-law, who was then the owner. Of the 196 acres, 100 have been placed under the plow and improved with good buildings. The land is underlaid with a fine quality of mineral products, including coal and fire clay.

In 1870, Mr. Owens was married to Miss Elizabeth Moore, who was born February 18, 1847, a daughter of Joseph Moore, of Scotch-Irish descent, who was a farmer by occupation and an early settler of Clearfield county, where Mrs. Owens was reared. Three children grace this union: Norman H., Harry M. and Clark, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Owens are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are widely and favorably known throughout the community. Formerly Mr. Owens was a Democrat in politics; but for the past ten years has been identified with the Prohibition party, and although he does not aspire to official distinction he has creditably filled a number of local positions. He is one of the representative and prominent farmers of Ferguson township, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

JOSEPH G. GOSS. This gentleman is accredited with the ownership of one of the best farms in Decatur township, Clearfield county, and is also numbered among the prominent and representative citizens of the community.

Mr. Goss was born March 3, 1852, on the place where he still resides, which at that time was owned by his parents, David and Sarah (Gearhart) Goss. The family has long been identified with this section, and in the same township the birth of the father occurred in 1815. His parents, Abram and Elizabeth (Erminheiser) Goss, natives of Germany, located there at a very early day, when Indians were numerous, and nearly all the land was still in its primitive condition. The grandfather opened up a farm in the midst of the forest, near Osceola Mills, where his wife died. He was twice married in Clearfield, his second union being with a Mrs. Shively, who died upon the second farm which he developed; he passed away on a farm near that of our subject. In his family were the following children: John, George, Jacob, Isaac, Abram, Joseph, David, Polly, Betsy, Peggy, Sally and Susan, all now deceased. The father of these children aided the Colonies during the Revolutionary war, and at one time rode Gen. Washington's horse.

Amid the wild scenes of frontier life, David Goss was reared to manhood, and in Decatur township, February 2, 1836, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Gearhart, a native of Half Moon Valley, Centre Co., Penn., and a daughter of John and Lydia (Shivery) Gearhart. Her father, who was also born in Pennsylvania, came to Decatur township at an early day, and made his home there until called to his final rest in 1871; his wife died in 1881, when nearly ninety years of age. In 1836 Mr. Goss located upon the farm now owned by our subject, at first purchasing 125 acres of timber land, to which he added from time to time until he had 333 acres. He cleared and improved a portion of his land, and thereon made his home until called to his final rest December 6, 1884. His faithful wife still survives him, and is now eighty-three years of age. Nine children blessed the union of this

worthy couple, namely: Levi, a resident of Decatur township; William L., of Boggs township, Clearfield county; John, of Penn township, the same county; Abraham, of Boggs township; Edward, of Glen Hope, Clearfield county; Mrs. Lydia Jane Young, of Curwensville, Clearfield county; Joseph G. of this sketch; Mrs. Sarah Blake, of Maine; and David, of West Virginia.

Upon the old homestead Joseph Goss passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and in the district schools of the neighborhood secured his education. Since old enough to handle a plow he has turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and has become one of the most energetic and progressive farmers of Decatur township. In Tyrone, Penn., in 1873, Mr. Goss was married to Miss Mary Ann Phillips, who was born in Decatur township, Clearfield county, and is a daughter of Richard and Susan (Rook) Phillips, the former a native of England, the latter of Clearfield county. In Decatur township her father opened up a farm, and died there in 1879. To Mr. Goss and his estimable wife have been born eight children, namely: Edith, Fannie, Harvey, Irving, Rella, Creighton, Harry and Carrie.

The political support of our subject is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has ever taken an active interest in public affairs, giving his encouragement to all enterprises tending to advance the welfare of his township or county. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this section, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

JAMES H. MINDS. The title of "generals of finance" has been aptly bestowed upon those men who, marshalling the peaceful hosts of industry, conquer new realms of commerce and widen the breach of business activity. Of this class the subject of this sketch is a notable representative, his financial operations assuming a breadth and scope which indicate the determination, persistence, sound judgment and power of combination which distinguishes the born leader of men. Coming to Clearfield county twenty-three years ago in very moderate circumstances, he has made his way to the front rank in business affairs, and this success is made still more emphatic by the broad and generous interest that he shows in all that concerns good citizenship.

The late James Minds, father of our subject, was born at Kilkenny, Ireland, whence he came to America at an early age, and grew to manhood in Schuylkill county, Penn. He married Miss Anna Millard, who was of English and German lineage, and a descendant of an old Pennsylvania family. Her grandfather, who was born in this country, was wounded in the Revolutionary war. Her father, Benjamin Millard, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was wounded while in service. James Minds located at Pottsville, Penn., after his marriage, and for a number of years held a position as foreman of a mine in that vicinity. In 1877 he and his wife went to West Moshannon, and their last years were spent in the home of our subject, the father passing away in 1884, and the mother ten years later at an advanced age.

Of their eleven children, six are living: (1) Mary Ann married John Haley, of Schuylkill county, who died leaving a family of nine children. (2) Charles Alexander married Miss Catharine Klinequiney, and after some years of residence in Schuylkill county, moved to Clearfield county in 1883, locating at West Moshannon; at present he resides upon a farm near Ramey, and in addition to the management of the place follows the carpenter's trade. He has six children. (3) Rebecca Ellen married Mr. Howells, of Schuylkill county. (4) Elizabeth died in infancy. (5) Elizabeth, the second of that name, married Michael McGinnis, of Schuylkill county, and died leaving one son, who now resides with his father. (6) Margaret married Clifford Rich, of Schuylkill county, who is engaged in railroad business. She died leaving five sons. (7) James H., the subject of our sketch, is mentioned more fully below. (8) Michael died at the age of three years. (9) Bridget, who has never married, resides in Philadelphia. (10) Catherine died at an early age. (11) Sarah Jane married Thomas Davis, formerly of Schuylkill county, but now residing near Ramey upon a farm. They have had seven children, all of whom are living at home.

James H. Minds was born August 10, 1846, in Schuylkill county, about seven miles west of Pottsville, and was reared at the old homestead in the manner common to the country youths of that time, his educational opportunities being limited to four months' schooling in winter. The outbreak of the war found him too young to take up arms for the Union cause, but in the "dark days" of 1863, when Lee's army invaded the State, and the Confederates seemed destined to succeed, he enlisted in Company I, 27th P. V. I. After being sworn in at Camp Curtin, they were stationed at Wrightsville to guard the Columbia bridge, where a fierce struggle took place to prevent Gordon from crossing the Susquehanna.

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The Federal army burned the bridge finally, and guarded the fords so thoroughly that Lee's forces took another course, proceeding through Little York to Gettysburg, there to meet a defeat which practically settled the fate of the nation. After this decisive battle, Mr. Mind's regiment was taken on a forced march to Hancock, Md., and on returning to Harrisburg was mustered out of the service.

In 1866 Mr. Minds joined a company of business men who went to Nicaragua with machinery for mining and crushing gold-bearing quartz; but after reaching Central America, his partners were taken seriously ill, and the enterprise was abandoned. The machinery, which was worth about $4,000, was a total loss. Mr. Minds spent seven months in Nicaragua, and then, returning home, he entered the employ of Dutter & Roebuck, as superintendent of their mines.

On January 20, 1868, James H. Minds married Miss Julia A. Doorley, of Tremont, Schuylkill county, and located at Windy Harbor. He conducted the mines there for two and one-half years, and then went to Mahanoy City, where he managed a colliery some four years. In September, 1874, he moved to Clearfield county and opened up what is known as the Kendrick shaft, near Houtzdale. Later he opened, for the same company, the Beaver Run colliery, in that locality. In 1882 he opened the mine known as Webster No. 2, in which he purchased an interest. This he continued to operate until 1885, when he sold his share and bought 200 acres of coal and farm land, and began operating it on his own account. Since then he has leased 400 acres of coal land from Samuel Hagerty, and developed it in partnership with Mr. Matz, of Pottsville, and Mr. Scott, of Philadelphia, under the firm name of the Beulah Coal Co. They have an immense trade, and, with the exception of Berwin, White & Co., are probably the heaviest shippers in that district. The Webster No. 2 is one of the largest mines, loading and shipping one thousand tons daily.

Aside from these interests, Mr. Minds is extensively interested in agriculture and mercantile pursuits, his store at Beulah City carrying a large general stock. He was also one of the chief promoters of the place, which is a promising town. His home near Ramey is one of the finest in Bigler township, an elegant and commodious dwelling house, two stories in height, surrounded with ample and handsomely arranged grounds, displaying the good taste of the owner. The family is prominent, socially, and is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Minds and his wife being leading members of that society. Mrs. Minds is a native of Kings County, Ireland, whence she was brought to this country in childhood by her parents, at the same time coming a brother, Thomas Doorley, who now resides in Tower City, Penn. He has a large family of children.

The home life of our subject is brightened by an unusually clever group of sons and daughters, in whose education he has taken great pride: (1) Mary, born in Schuylkill county, December 1, 1869, died in February, 1870. (2) John H., born April 9, 1871, in the same county, was mainly reared in Clearfield county, where he attended the public schools until 1889. He then took a full course of four years in Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, and on graduation entered Pennsylvania University in Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1895. At present he is pursuing a course at the Wharton Law School in the University of Pennsylvania, with a view of entering the legal profession, for which his talents seem admirably adapted. He is an excellent scholar, and has borne off high honors in the various classes with which he has been connected. (3) Elizabeth, born December 3, 1872, in Schuylkill county, studied in the district schools of Clearfield county until 1889, when she entered Dickinson Seminary. She was graduated in 1893, taking the highest honors, including the prize of $400 offered by the college for scholarship. Since then she has attended the Woman's College at Baltimore, graduating at the end of three years in a course which usually occupies four years. She is now teaching at Beulah City, and resides with her parents. (4) Ida Mary, born in Schuylkill county, May 2, 1874, pursued a course in music at Dickinson Seminary. She married Charles B. Jones, formerly of Philipsburg, Penn., and now of Altoona, where he is interested in a planing-mill. They have one daughter, Ethel Loretta Jones. (5) Eliza, born in Clearfield county, January 2, 1876, attended the high school in Woodward township for three years, and for four years past has been teaching in the schools near her home. (6) William R., born in Clearfield county, May 2, 1878, was educated in the public schools of McCanley, and is now managing his father's mercantile business with marked ability and success. (7) Blanche, born December 16, 1879, completed her studies in the high school of McCanley and Madera, and is now teaching in the grammar school of the latter place. (8) Maud, born September 12, 1880, is now a student in Prof. Anderson's high school at Madera. (9) James Hebner, born July 15, 1882, (10) George W., born January 13,

1884, (11) Chester A., born September 12, 1886, and (12) Ethel, born April 20, 1890, are all at home.

Mr. Minds' interest in education is not confined to his own family, and as school director he has done and is doing much for the schools of his locality. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and wields much influence in a quiet way, but has never aspired to official honors.

DANIEL W. AND GEORGE W. WILEY, of Greenwood township, are worthy representatives of an honored pioneer family that has long been identified with the development and prosperity of Clearfield county, aiding in the arduous task of clearing and improving the wild timber land and opening up this region to civilization.

Joseph Wiley, their paternal grandfather, a native of Northumberland county, Penn., was one of the very earliest pioneers of Clearfield county, his being the third family to make a permanent settlement here. At that time Indians were still quite numerous in this region, and many wild animals inhabited the forests. In the midst of the unbroken wilderness he developed a farm, built a dam across the river and erected what was later known as Hoyt's mill, where for some time he engaged in the manufacture of lumber. James Wiley, the father of our subjects, who was familiarly known as Uncle Jimmy by his many friends, was born at Hoyt's Mill, where he was reared until thirteen years of age, when his father sold the land and mill site to Dr. J. P. Hoyt, and removed to Ferguson township, Clearfield county, there spending his remaining days. Upon the latter farm James Wiley grew to manhood, and subsequently went to live with an uncle, Mr. Ferguson, there following farming during the summer months and lumbering through the winter season. With his uncle he built a sawmill on Little Clearfield creek, which they operated for some time. In 1846 Mr. Wiley was married to Miss Bertha E. Holly, and located on a farm which he improved and cultivated, in connection with lumbering, until about 1859, when he bought the interest of the heirs in his father's homestead, and removed to that place. Subsequently he came to Greenwood township, where he purchased fifty acres of a Mr. Wagoner, belonging to the McCracken survey. To this he later added 122 acres, which he purchased from Kirk and Spencer, making a good farm of 172 acres, but only about thirty acres had been cleared and a one and one-half story log house and log barn erected. He made more substantial improvements, including a commodious frame residence, a large barn and good outbuildings. Before his death he had placed eighty acres under cultivation, and had a good bearing orchard. He lumbered the timber from his own land and also other tracts, continuing to engage in that business for many years with good success. He was reared a Democrat, which party he continued to support until after the election of James Buchanan, when he gave his allegiance to the Republican party and continued to fight under its banner until his death, which occurred June 8, 1896. Though he never aspired to office, he filled some important township positions with credit to himself and constituents. Upright and honorable in all things, he was a faithful member of the Seceder Church from eighteen years of age, and in it the mother of our subjects also held membership. She died in 1876, and two years later Mr. Wiley married Miss Mary J. Colter, of Ohio, a sister of Rev. John Colter, a minister of the Seceder Church. She yet survives, and resides on the old homestead with her son, Daniel W. By the first marriage there were children: Joseph, who died at the age of twenty-two; Sarah, wife of J. Ross; Daniel W.; David, a farmer; William T., an agriculturist of Ferguson township; Elizabeth J.; and George W.

Daniel W. Wiley was born March 22, 1852, near Kerrmoor, Ferguson township, and with the exception of two years spent in the lumber woods and at work in a sawmill, he has always resided on the home farm. Until thirteen years of age he attended the country schools, but at that time laid aside his text books and entered upon the more responsible duties of business life, his first employment being in the woods. Of later years he has had the entire management of the home farm, and, being a thorough and skillful agriculturist, has met with excellent success.

George W. Wiley was born May 1, 1863, on his grandfather's old farm in Ferguson township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. Wishing to obtain a better education than the country schools afforded, he bought his time from his father, and succeeded in borrowing enough money from his brothers to begin a more advanced course of study. For a time he attended Friendship School, under the superintendence of J. Werk, was later a student at the Excelsior in Mahaffey, and after attending the Normal at Lock Haven, returned to Excelsior, where he graduated. He then for nine terms successfully engaged in teaching, and in that way secured the money with which to pay back all that he had borrowed. He was quite popular as an educator, and through his own persistent

efforts was ably fitted for that calling. In 1891, he was married to Miss Marjorie E. Woomer, a lady of intelligence and culture, and in 1894 they removed to a small tract of improved land which he had purchased, and on which they still make their home. He has since purchased more land, and is now giving considerable attention to farming. Their home has been brightened by the presence of four children: Bethia E., James A., (who died at the age of two years), Flossy and Raymond D. The mother of these is a daughter of Martin and Ellen (Ayres) Woomer, prominent farming people of Blair county, Penn., and consistent members of the Methodist Church. In their family are thirteen children, namely: Elizabeth, Susan, Minnie, Joshua, Marjorie, Carrie, Kate, Nabednago, William, Jennie, Goldie, Mary and Rosie.

The Wiley brothers were both reared and educated to the principles of Republicanism, and have always cast their ballots for the candidates of that party. They have acceptably filled some township offices, and all duties, whether public or private, are discharged with the utmost fidelity and promptness, which has won for them the commendation of the entire community. They are people of high consideration in social circles, and have the confidence and respect of all with whom they come in contact.

A. N. WALKER, one of the substantial and progressive farmers of Penn township, Clearfield county, was born in North Mahoning, Indiana Co., Penn., in 1842, a son of Peter and Phœbe (Wilhelm) Walker, who were long residents of that community.

The father removed from New Jersey to Indiana county, and, purchasing a tract of land near Covode, cleared and improved a farm, which he made his home until his death, in May, 1890. His wife, a native of Germany, came to America at the age of twelve years, and died in Indiana county, in February, 1891. She often assisted her husband in the fields, and was to him a worthy helpmeet. They had five children besides our subject: (1) Lydia became the wife of Charles Spindler, of Jefferson county, Penn., who removed with his family to Clarion county, where he now follows farming near New Bethlehem. They have two children—Jacob, who is married, and resides on the home farm, and Annie, at home. (2) George (unmarried) is a harness maker in Indiana county. (3) Christe Ann is the wife of R. C. Hoover, a farmer residing near Covode, Indiana county, and they have five children—Cora, Clark, Emmet, Jennie and Wilson, all at home. (4) Jacob married Katie Haag, of Jefferson county, Penn., and resides on a farm near Marion Centre; they have seven children—John, Dora, Cleveland, Eva, Vada, Paul, and an infant unnamed, all living at home. (5) Clark married Katie McDivvett, of Jefferson county, and resides on a farm near Covode.

A. N. Walker, of this review, lived with his father on the family homestead until 1869, when he married Rebecca Wall, of Penn township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Jonathan and Ester (Davis) Wall, of Grampian. Her father was a pioneer settler of that locality, and reared a family of four children. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have seven children: Harry, the eldest, married Eliza Queen, of West Virginia, and is now at Goodyear's Mill, in Potter county, Penn.; they have two children—Arthur and Earl. Annie is the wife of Allen Dale, of Pike township, who now resides near Rockton, in Union township, Clearfield county; their children are—Inez and Morris, aged respectively three, and one year. Elva, Cora, Joseph and Malvin, aged respectively twenty-two, twenty, seventeen and fourteen years, are at home. Lydia, eleven years of age, is a student in the school for the deaf in Scranton.

Mr. Walker offered his services to the government as a defender of the Union, in 1864, as a member of Company C, 206th regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was mustered in at Pittsburg, whence he went to City Point, and then to the front. Near Akens Landing he was engaged with others in building a fort on the James river for three months, and from there was taken to Fort Harrison. In the spring of 1865 he marched to Richmond, under the command of Col. Hugh Brady, and thence to Lynchburg, but afterward returned to Richmond, where he was stationed at the time of Lee's surrender. In June, 1865, he was mustered out, and returned to Indiana county, Penn. In politics, he is a Republican, and has held the office of school director. His wife belongs to the Friends Church. He takes quite an active interest in educational affairs, and lends an active support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit.

JOHN PENTZ, a well-known citizen and prominent agriculturist, of Penn township, comes of a family that has long been actively identified with the interests of Clearfield county, and taken a prominent part in the upbuilding and development of this region. He was born July 11, 1841, in Brady township, near Luthersburg, a son of John and Elizabeth (Knox) Pentz. The father was a native of York county, Penn.,

and removed to Luthersburg, Clearfield county, in 1836, becoming one of its honored pioneers. He purchased a farm in the midst of the forest, cleared the land and transformed the same into a valuable farm.

Our subject was one of a family of seven children, the others being as follows: (1) George, a farmer by occupation, married Polly Ziegler, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and had a family of six children, five of whom are still living. (2) Andrew, who resides on a farm near Luthersburg, is an ex-sheriff of Clearfield county. He married Margaret Norton, of Middletown, Penn., and has four children. After the death of his first wife he wedded Margaret Brockbank, of Union township, Clearfield county. (3) Henry, an agriculturist of Union township, married Elizabeth Holopeter, of the same township, and has a large family of children. (4) Maria became the wife of Lorenzo D. Eels, a farmer of Maine, where she died leaving a family. (5) Frederick died at the age of nineteen years. (6) Elizabeth is the wife of Walter Parker, who is engaged in the mercantile pursuits in Nebraska, and they have five children.

Like most farmer boys on the frontier, John Pentz spent his early life; and he holds a prominent place among the old lumbermen who first engaged in the business of rafting down the Susquehanna. He has watched with interest almost the entire growth and development of this section of the State, and has been an important factor in promoting its prosperity. He purchased a farm in Union township, Clearfield county, which he improved and made his home for eight years, and on disposing of that tract bought the Joseph Davis farm in Penn township, where he resided until 1893. He was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Jane Hollopeter, who died in August, 1892. They reared a family of five children, namely: (1) William, who resides on the old homestead in Penn township, married Hannah Clever, of the same township, and has six children. (2) Mary Ada, died August 18, 1878. (3) Elizabeth, a resident of Mahaffey, Clearfield county, is the wife of Christopher Uble, a native of Germany, and they have one child. (4) Frederick M., who lives on a part of the old home farm, married Arminta Kester, of Penn township, and has two children. (5) Annie lives on the old homestead. Mr. Pentz was again married October 24, 1893, his second union being with Mrs. Sarah McDonald, of Grampian, widow of Allen McDonald.

In his political views, Mr. Pentz is a Democrat, and he has taken a leading and influential part in public affairs. He has been honored by his fellow-citizens with several offices within their gift, chief among which are those of justice of the peace in Penn township, in which he served five years, constable for seven years, school director and overseer of the poor, and in all these positions gained credit both for himself and his constituents. He is classed by all who know him as one of the public-spirited and representative men of this township, and merits and receives the warmest confidence and esteem of the entire community. His estimable wife is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Grampian.

ROBERT GRAHAM, one of the brave men who gave the first years of their manhood to the long struggle for the defense of the Union, is a leading agriculturist of Bradford township, Clearfield county. His family has been identified with that locality since pioneer days, and his grandfather, Robert Graham, a native of Ireland, settled there in 1802, and spent his remaining years upon a farm which he redeemed from the wilderness.

James Graham, our subject's father, was born in that township in 1812, and was married there to Deborah Mayhew, also a native of that locality. Both are now deceased. They had nine children, all of whom reside in this State: Parlee and James live in Girard township, Clearfield county; Alexander, Isaac, Joseph and Robert are residents of Bradford township; Sophia (Mrs. Kreiss) lives in Girard township, Clearfield county; Martha (Mrs. McLaughlin), in Potter county; and Elmira (Mrs. Taylor), in Goshen township, Clearfield county.

Mr. Graham, our subject, was born in 1840, and his education was obtained in the schools of Bradford township. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, 84th P. V. I., for three years, and was mustered in at Harrisburg. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and saw much active service. Among the important engagements in which Mr. Graham took part were the battles of Winchester, Bull Run (second), Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Fairfax C. H., Port Republic, Gettysburg, Petersburg and the Wilderness. He re-enlisted in 1864, this time in the 57th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge from further duty July 7, 1865, at Harrisburg He was a prisoner in Libby prison seventeen days. Returning to his native place, he engaged in farming, and has ever since continued that business. His farm of seventy-two acres near Shaw-

mut shows excellent management, and has good buildings and other improvements.

In 1869 Mr. Graham was united in marriage in Bradford township with Miss Matilda Cowder, a native of the locality and the daughter of John and Sarah (Kidder) Cowder, both deceased. The children of this union are John, Carrie (Mrs. Bloom, of Curwensville), Roy, Laura, Henry, Lizzie, Irena and Fred.

Mr. Graham takes great interest in all that concerns the public welfare, and naturally pays much attention in a quiet way to political questions, his support being given the Republican party. As might be supposed from his war record, he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Latimer Post at Clearfield.

CHARLES A. THORP is a prominent and successful agriculturist, and the farm which is now his home is also his birthplace. It is located near Lewisville, in Greenwood township, and there he was born June 29, 1844. His parents were William T. and Christiana (Bear) Thorp, the former of whom was a son of Edward Thorp, who spent his entire life in Otsego county, N. Y., and followed the occupation of farming.

The father of our subject was born in Otsego county, and about 1831 removed to Lycoming county, Penn., where for a number of years he engaged in school teaching. He was married there, and in 1836 came to Clearfield county, purchasing one hundred acres of land in Greenwood township. Engaging in lumbering, he purchased a sawmill, and for a number of years did an extensive business in that line. As his land was cleared he transformed it into fields, and when he had succeeded in developing a good farm he abandoned the lumber trade. For a number of winters after his arrival he also taught school, and when his financial resources had increased sufficiently he purchased another 100-acre tract of land. About this time Lewis Smith platted the village of Lewisville, built one or two houses, and sold some lots. Mr. Thorp then purchased the entire tract, on which is now a little hamlet, containing two stores, a post office and a few residences. Of this original one hundred acres Mr. Thorp placed seventy acres under a high state of cultivation, and erected commodious and substantial buildings thereon. He also opened a store in his home, and sold goods for a number of years. He was a man of great energy and enterprise, and carried to successful completion whatever he undertook. In politics he was a Democrat, and was a member of the board appointed to examine school teachers; but political office had but little attraction for him. He died in 1872. His wife passed away in 1867.

Charles A. Thorp, being an only child, inherited the estate at his parents' death, and has spent his entire life on the family homestead. The country schools afforded him his educational privileges, and his business training was received under the direction of his father, whom he assisted in the work of farm, and in the lumber woods. Since attaining his majority he has followed the latter pursuit, and for thirty-five years piloted lumber rafts down the river. He has devoted his entire attention to farming, however, of recent years, and is one of the wide-awake and progressive agriculturists of Clearfield county. His place is neat and thrifty in appearance, and the well-tilled fields and many excellent improvements indicate the careful supervision of the owner. On June 6, 1865, Mr. Thorp married Hannah Johnson, a native of Clearfield county.

James Johnson, father of Mrs. Thorp, was a son Samuel Johnson, who came from Centre county to Clearfield county in 1812, and was identified with its early development. He followed farming and lumbering, operated a sawmill and from the wilderness developed a good farm. He supported the Democracy, and for a number of years, dating from 1841, served as justice of the peace. James Johnson was born and reared in Clearfield county, and in his boyhood became familiar with farming and lumbering. He built the first woolen-mills of the county, and operated the same for many years, after which they were conducted by John Johnson, his son, until a few years since, when the factory was sold to an Englishman, who is now carrying on the business. He died in 1887; his widow is still living on the old home place. He was a stanch Democrat in his political belief, and both he and his wife were members of the Hicksite branch of the Friends Church. Their children were: William, John, David, Asa, Frank, Hannah, and Elizabeth, wife of W. W. Rowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorp became the parents of ten children, one of whom died in infancy; the others are: Mrs. Ida Mitchell; William T., a farmer; John S., a practicing physician; Walter, who has taught school, but is now studying at Grove City College; Rance, a teacher, at Patchinsville, Clearfield county, Penn.; Charles L., who is attending school; Lulu, Hoyt and Frank, at home. Mr. Thorp has followed in the political footsteps of his father, and has exercised his right of franchise in the support of the men and measures of the Democratic party. He has never been a

politician in the sense of office seeking, but has held some minor offices, and is now serving as justice of the peace. His wife is a member of the M. E. Church. Widely and favorably known in this community, they have many friends, and are highly esteemed by all.

ALEXANDER RALSTON. Quite a number of leading and prominent citizens of Clearfield county are of alien birth, and have transported to this land of fertility and plenty the thrifty habits of their native country. Among these there is none better known or more widely respected than the gentleman whose name appears at the beginning of this sketch. He is one of the most energetic farmers of Cooper township, with whose interests he has long been identified.

In County Tyrone, Ireland, Mr. Ralston was born August 15, 1837, a son of William and Mary (Cunningham) Ralston, who were also natives of that county where they were married, but some of their children were born in Scotland. Their family consisted of the following named: Annie, who became the wife of M. R. Denning, and died in Manistee, Mich.; Alexander; Eliza J., wife of L. Denning; Mrs. Matilda Boyd; Mrs. Maggie Mason, deceased; and Robert, a lumberman of Manistee, Mich. The father continued to engage in farming in Ireland until 1856, when he came to the United States, and took up his residence in Kylertown, Clearfield Co., Penn., where his death occurred in 1875. His wife passed away in 1894. Both were earnest members of the Scotch-Presbyterian Church, and highly esteemed by all who knew them. Her brother, Robert H. Cunningham, emigrated to America about 1845, and first located in Philadelphia, whence he removed to Pittsburg, Penn., and later made his home in Cairo, Ill., where he engaged in the wholesale dry-goods business.

As soon as old enough, Alexander Ralston entered the schools of his native land, but at the age of fifteen years he came to the United States, where he attended night school to some extent. On landing at New York, he proceeded to Philadelphia, where he served a four-years' apprenticeship to the marble-cutter's trade; but as the business disagreed with his health, he discontinued it, and in 1851 came to Clearfield county. For some time he was employed by others in the woods, getting out timber, and later began jobbing along that line on his own account, preparing the lumber and rafting it down the river to market. Along with a partner, he purchased a piece of land, from which they cut thirteen rafts, and then sold for more than they had paid for it, the venture thus proving a profitable investment. Finally he purchased the farm on which he still resides, it being a tract of ninety acres of valuable land two and one-half miles north of Kylertown, in Cooper township. The well-tilled fields, the commodious two-story frame residence, barns and out-buildings stand as monuments to his thrift and industry, and show that he thoroughly understands his business. In connection with his farming operations, he has also engaged in the sale of farm machinery, and dealt largely in stock, carrying on this business for about twenty years; but he now gives his attention mainly to his agricultural pursuits. His cattle and other stock were mostly sold to miners.

In 1865 Mr. Ralston married Miss Eliza J. Hoover, who belongs to a well-known pioneer family of this section of the State, her grandfather, John Hoover, having removed from Union to Centre county at a very early day. George Hoover, the father of Mrs. Ralston, was born in Union county, October 2, 1811, but was reared in Centre county, and in 1829 came to Clearfield county. He married Elizabeth Kyler, a daughter of Leonard Kyler, also an early settler of the county, and both died in Cooper township. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and the parents of nine children: Jackson; Alexander; Eliza J., honored wife of our subject; Jeremiah; Isaiah; Thomas; Martha, wife of A. Lutz; Sarah, wife of P. Muntz; and Cordelia, wife of William Curley. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralston, four died when young, those who still survive are: John, at home; Orpha, wife of M. G. Johnson; and Sarah, Grant, George and Charles, at home. Reared in the Presbyterian Church, the parents have always adhered to that doctrine, and are sincere and earnest Christians. Politically, Mr. Ralston has always been identified with the Republican party.

LEVI GOSS, an industrious, wide-awake and progressive agriculturist of Decatur township, Clearfield county, has here spent his entire life, and in the work of progress and development has borne an important part. He was born in Decatur township, in 1837, a son of David and Sarah (Gearhart) Goss, was reared to habits of industry and thrift upon the home farm, and obtained his literary training in the public schools of the locality. On starting out in life for himself he chose the vocation of farming, in which he has met with a fair degree of success, and now owns a half interest in the old homestead,

comprising 125 acres of valuable land. In connection with his farming operations he has also engaged in lumbering, and thus added not a little to his income.

Abram and Elizabeth (Erminheiser) Goss, the paternal grandparents of our subject, were natives of Germany, whence early in life they emigrated to the United States, becoming pioneer settlers of Decatur township, Clearfield county, locating here when the country was all wild and unimproved, and when Indians still roamed through the forests. Upon the farm where they first took up their residence the grandmother died, and in Clearfield the grandfather wedded a Mrs. Shively. Their deaths occurred upon another farm which the husband had later developed. He was a Revolutionary hero, and a man honored and respected by all who knew him. His children were as follows: John; Jacob; George; Isaac; Abram; David; Mrs. Mary Hopkins, of Blair county, Penn.; Mrs. Betsy Kephart, who was born and died in Decatur township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Peggy Carson, who died in Woodward township, in the same county; Mrs. Susan Beams, of Woodward township; and Mrs. Sarah Kephart, who died in Shueyville, Iowa.

David Goss, the father of our subject, was born in Decatur township, in 1815, was there reared, and married February 24, 1836, to Miss Sarah Gearhart, who was born in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, a daughter of John and Lydia (Shivery) Gearhart. Her parents likewise became prominent pioneers of Decatur township, where both died, the father in 1871 and the mother in 1881. The entire married life of the parents of our subject was passed upon the farm, in which he is now interested, and there his mother (now eighty-four years of age) still resides; his father departed this life December 6, 1884. Levi is the eldest of their nine children, the others being as follows: William, a resident of Boggs township, Clearfield county; John, of Penn township, in the same county; Abraham, of Boggs township; Edward, of Becaria township, Clearfield county; Joseph G., who resides on the old home farm, of which he owns the remaining half in Decatur township; David, of West Virginia; Mrs. Lydia Jane Young, of Curwensville, Clearfield county; and Mrs. Sarah Blake, of Maine. March 26, 1890, Levi and Joseph G. Goss leased their coal underneath the old homestead, to J. W. Cooke, of Philadelphia. Mr. Cooke built one mile of railroad to this mine, where he is still shipping coal. His son, H. T. Cooke, superintends the works.

Mr. Goss, of this review, was married in Blair county, Penn., in 1869, to Miss Charlotte Shaw, who was born in Antes township, that county, a daughter of Thomas Shaw. Three children bless this union: Calton D., Cressa M. and Dory B. In politics, Mr. Goss is a strong Republican, and has been called upon to serve in nearly all the township offices, being collector for the long period of fourteen years, and township treasurer for eight years. It is needless to say that he faithfully discharges every duty which devolves upon him, whether public or private, and has thus proved a popular and capable official, as well as a most reliable and trustworthy citizen.

ANTON NEUBAUER, a prominent agriculturist of Morris township, Clearfield county, is one of its most enterprising and energetic men, who has from a humble beginning in life accumulated a handsome property. He not only commenced without means, but was obliged to battle with the elements of a foreign soil and the customs of a strange country, as he is of German birth and parentage.

Mr. Neubauer is a native of Prussia, and a son of John and Varonika (Onorick) Neubauer. In 1870 he enlisted in the Franco-Prussian war, and participated in the battles of Spegam du Bowier, Gravelot and Sedan. Being wounded in the leg, he was taken to the hospital where he was confined for nineteen weeks, and later contracted typhoid fever, from which he suffered some fourteen weeks. Soon after rejoining his regiment he was discharged, and returning to his home he worked on the farm until coming to the New World. In September, 1871, he landed in New York, and at once proceeded to Mauch Chunk, Penn., where he was employed for six months, after which he went to Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn. Subsequently he was employed for five months in the oil regions of Ebensburg, Cambria county, this State, and later worked in the lumber woods at Lowell Run. Coming to Morris township, Clearfield county, he secured employment in the woods for Leonard Kyler, and then worked for Mr. Moyer until his marriage.

In 1878 Mr. Neubauer wedded Miss Mary Moyer, and they have six children: Jennie (the wife of August Johnson, of Allport, Clearfield county), Charlie, Effie, Harry, Perry and Henry; After his marriage, Mr. Neubauer worked in the Ray's Mill for six months, and for the following twelve years engaged in lumbering. In 1881 he purchased 125 acres of timber land, which he cleared, making many improvements thereon.

After residing on that place for six years, he bought 240 acres of land in Morris township, known as the old Allport property, and has since given his time and attention to clearing, cultivating and improving his farm, which has become a valuable and productive tract. He has erected good and substantial buildings, and the whole appearance of the place indicates the thrift and enterprise of the owner.

Since becoming an American citizen, Mr. Neubauer has always cast his ballot with the Democratic party, and has taken an active and prominent part in local political affairs. For two years he served as overseer of the poor, and has also been school director for eight years. Religiously he is a Catholic, while his wife holds membership in the Methodist Church. They are held in the highest esteem by all who know them, and have many friends throughout the community.

GEORGE L. KNOERR, a leading merchant of Troutville, is numbered among the energetic, far-seeing and successful business men of Clearfield county. His life history clearly illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose. Integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success, and in advancing his own welfare he has materially promoted the interests of his town and county.

Henry Knoerr, the father of our subject, in 1831, at the age of eighteen years, came from Bavaria, Germany, with his parents, George and Louisa Knoerr, who located in the midst of the forest between Troutville and Luthersburg, where the former obtained a tract of 200 acres of government land, on which he erected a log house and barn. At that place Henry Knoerr grew to manhood, and being a good German scholar he successfully engaged in teaching in that locality for a number of terms. In 1843 he married Miss Catharine Marshall, and they located near his father's homestead, where he purchased one hundred acres of land for $300. This was covered with a heavy growth of pine and oak timber, but he cleared eighty acres, and his first hewed-log cabin he afterward replaced by a substantial two-story frame residence. He also erected a good barn, and made many other useful and valuable improvements, the place becoming one of the most desirable farms in Brady township. There his death occurred in 1886; his widow, who had faithfully shared in all the hardships and privations of their early married life, is still living in Troutville at a very advanced age.

A brief record of the fifteen children of this worthy couple is as follows: (1) Louisa is the wife of John Heilbrun, a farmer living near Big Run, in Jefferson county, and they have one son and two daughters living—Lizzie, wife of H. Long, of Brady township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Katie Zimmerman, who lives in Jefferson county, near the Clearfield county line; and William, who is still with his parents. (2) Caroline is the wife of Jacob L. Kuntz, of Troutville, and has two children—Milton and Clara. (3) Simon, born on the old homestead in Brady township, married Susanna Korb, of that township, and they live in Troutville, where he owns valuable property, and is engaged in the butchering business; their children are—Clara (now the wife of Lewis Lies, a farmer of Brady township, by whom she has two children), and Henrietta and Nelly, both at home. (4) Henry in early life began learning the tailor's trade in Du Bois, but is now engaged in the real-estate business in that city; he married Mary Bucheit, of Jefferson county, Penn., and has two sons—Silas and Albert. (5) Lorena is the wife of G. A. Heilbrun, a resident of Oklahoma, Jefferson county, and their children are—John, who is married; and William, who is married and lives in Bell township, Clearfield county. (6) William married Julia A. Garrison, whose early home was near Curwensville, and they reside in Du Bois, where he is working in a mill; they have two daughters—May and Myrtle. (7) David, also a resident of Du Bois, married Caroline Weaver, and has four children—Blanche, Edward, Alice and Virgie. (8) John A. was for a number of years engaged in the hardware business in Punxsutawney, but is now dealing in real estate; he wedded Etta Beihl, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and has three children—Frederick, Minnie and Priscilla, all at home. (9) Ferdinand was born and reared upon the old homestead in Brady township, receiving a common-school education; he married Charlotte Korb, of that township, and removed to Du Bois, where he engaged in the sawmill business until his death in 1893; his widow and two children—Aaron and Effie—reside in Troutville; the children are now attending the Orphans School. (10) Mary is the wife of Joseph Brubaker, of Du Bois, and has one child—Leilla. (11) Fred, who resides on the old homestead, married Lorina Korb, of Brady township, and has two children—Chester and Olive. (12) Catharine married William Kohler, of Brady township, who is now engaged in farming in Jefferson county, and they have one son, Teare. (13) Samuel wedded Mary Munks, of Corsica, Jefferson county, where he is now engaged in sawmilling, and they have one child—

Annie B. Knoerr

G. L. Knoerr

Malinda C. (14) Reuben is the owner of a fine residence in Troutville, where he previously resided, but now makes his home in Corsica; he married Eliza Weaver, of Bloom township, Clearfield county, and has one son—Morris. (15) George L. completes the family.

George L. Knoerr, the subject proper of these lines, was born May 25, 1846, on the home farm in Brady township, where he was reared to habits of industry and thrift, while his literary training was such as the common schools of the neighborhood afforded. Learning the shoemaker's trade, he followed that occupation for about fifteen years. In 1867 he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Zillox, of Brady township, who died in 1875, leaving two children: (1) G. A., born in 1869, is a resident of Troutville, where he is engaged in the livery business; he also carries the United States mail between that place and Sykesville, Jefferson county; he married Florence Weber, of Jefferson county, and has one son—George. (2) Mary Emma, born in 1871, obtained a good education in the schools of Troutville, and is now the wife of J. E. Rishel, formerly of Troutville, who is engaged in the butchering business in Du Bois; they have a daughter—Freda. Sara Annie, born in 1874, died in infancy previous to the mother's death. Mr. Knoerr was again married in 1887, his second union being with Mrs. Annie B. Johnston, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, who was born August 12, 1853, a daughter of John and Maria Coffman, who died some years ago; her father was a substantial farmer and lumberman of that county, being an extensive dealer in square timber and logs.

After his first marriage, Mr. Knoerr bought a lot and built a large dwelling house in Troutville, where he continued to work at his trade until 1871, when he removed to Pennville, but at the end of two years returned to the former place and built an addition to his residence for business purposes. In 1885 he embarked in merchandising, which pursuit he continues up to the present time. Ten years later he purchased the old Zillox farm on the Luthersburg pike, which he conducts in connection with his other business. He to-day enjoys the reward of his painstaking and conscientious work. By his energy, perseverance and fine business ability, he has secured a comfortable competence. As a stalwart Democrat, he has taken quite a prominent part in local politics, and has served as overseer of the poor for one term. He is a consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to which his wife and children also belong, and in social circles the family holds an enviable position.

ADAM BECK, who is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Burnside township, Clearfield county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Westmoreland county, December 31, 1840. His parents, Nicholas and Elizabeth (Laub) Beck, were both born in Germany, and in early life came to America, where they were married. Locating in Westmoreland county, the father engaged in farming and such labor as he could find to do until 1845, when he came to Clearfield county, locating on land adjoining our subject's present farm. He purchased one hundred acres of heavily-timbered land, and in clearing the land burned much of the lumber in order to get rid of it. Seventy-five acres of his farm he placed under the plow, and improved with good and substantial buildings. He watched with interest the settlement and growth of this section, and was an important factor in its development and prosperity. He died in February, 1884, at the age of eighty-two years; his widow is still living on the old homestead at the advanced age of one hundred years. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. In their family were five children: Leonard and Peter, who are both following the occupation of farming; Nicholas, who lives on the old homestead; Adam, whose name introduces this sketch; and Mary, wife of James Leamer, also a farmer.

In much the usual manner of farmer lads, Adam Beck spent his boyhood and youth, and secured his education in the district schools near his home. He assisted his father, until, feeling that his country needed his services, he enlisted in September, 1861, in Company D, 78th P. V. I., under Col. William Sirwell (Gen. G. H Thomas commanded the 14th Army Corps, in which he served, and Gen. Rosecrans). His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, and was with Sherman in the Atlanta campaign. After three years of arduous service, they turned over their arms at Nashville, Tenn., and, returning to Kittanning, Penn., were mustered out and honorably discharged. Nicholas Beck, the brother of our subject, was also in the Union service for nine months. On returning to his home, Adam Beck resumed farming, and on his marriage in 1868 located at his present place, having previously purchased 139 acres of but slightly-improved land. By industry and perseverance he has placed sixty acres under the plow, and has erected a commodious two-story frame residence, a large barn and good outbuildings, making it a most desirable farm, pleasantly located three miles east of Cherrytree. In connection with general farming he is suc-

cessfully engaged in stock-raising, feeding most of his product to his stock, and the timber upon his land he has converted into lumber, which he has rafted down the river to market.

In 1868, Mr. Beck married Miss Hannah F., Irwin, a daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (McCulloch) Irwin, honored pioneers of Indiana county, Penn. John Irwin, the paternal grandfather, was born in Lycoming county, this State, of German and Irish ancestry. In the midst of the forests of Indiana county Samuel Irwin developed a good farm, and he also engaged in lumbering. He married Miss Mary A. McCulloch, a daughter of John and Margaret (Sharp) McCulloch. Her father was a farmer, owning a a large tract of land in Clearfield county, near Patchinsville, where he improved a farm. He died at his homestead about 1870, and his land was divided among his sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin had eleven children, namely: John C., who died in Andersonville prison while serving his country in the Civil war; William W., a farmer by occupation; Alexander, who was a Union soldier for nine months, and is now engaged in farming; Margaret J., wife of P. Sawyer; Isabel, wife of William Shafer; Hannah F., wife of our subject; James M., a farmer; George C., a resident of Kansas; Robert B., who is engaged in steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers; Percifer S., who was accidentally killed on a railroad at the age of seventeen; and Henry F., a resident of Kansas. For two years the father also served his country during the dark days of the Rebellion, and was finally discharged on account of disability. He never recovered from the effects of his army service, and died in January, 1871; his wife passed away in January, 1892. Both were faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church. Five children bless the union of our subject and his wife, in the order of of birth, as follows: Mary A., wife of A. P. Fry, a lumberman; Florence V., wife of F. H. Yeager; Wallace I., who married Ressie E. McKee, and resides on the homestead farm; Gordon L., who has for three years successfully engaged in teaching, and is now at college; and Zelma L. at home.

Mr. Beck is an honored member of Westover Post, No. 590, G. A. R., and in politics is an ardent Republican, doing all in his power to promote the interests of his party. He has filled almost all of the township offices and faithfully discharged every duty devolving upon him, thus winning the commendation of the entire community. His wife holds membership in the United Evangelical Church, and she and her husband have many friends throughout Clearfield county.

DAVID H. WATTS is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Ferguson township, Clearfield county. He is not only engaged in general farming, but gives considerable attention to dairying, stock-raising and fruit growing. His entire life has been passed in the township, where he still resides, his birth there occurring May 25, 1861, and in the local schools he acquired his early education, which was supplemented by a few months in the State Normal, of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Martin Watts, his father, was a son of Samuel Watts, a farmer, of Lancaster county, Penn. About 1841 the former located in Clearfield county, purchasing a large tract of timber land, which he cleared and converted into a good farm. Erecting a sawmill, he engaged in the manufacture of lumber, which he rafted down the river; but of late years he has given his attention mainly to his agricultural interests. During the Civil war he served as enrolling officer in his district, and in his township has filled a number of positions of honor and trust. Originally he was a Whig in politics, later joining the Republican party, and is now an ardent adherent of the Prohibition party. He and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church.

In 1852 Martin Watts was married to Elizabeth M. Hoyt, a lady of intelligence and culture, and they have become the parents of nine children, namely: Caroline, now the wife of F. P. Stevens; Emma M., wife of J. S. McClary; Samuel C.; John P.; David H., of this review; Martin and Mary (twins), the former a resident of Chattanooga, Tenn., and the latter the wife of Rev. J. B. Work, president of the Norfolk Missionary Society of Virginia; Harriet, wife of E. C. Bartow; and Ralph L., an experimental horticulturist, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dr. J. P. Hoyt, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Troy, N. Y., September 12, 1793, a son of Phineas and Julia A. (Danier) Hoyt, of New Hampshire, who after several moves finally located permanently in New York, where the father died at the age of thirty years. He was a son of John and Mary Hoyt, who came from England in Colonial days. In his native city Dr. Hoyt was educated, and after completing his medical studies he came to Pennsylvania in 1819, locating in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, where he practiced for one year, on the expiration of which time he came to Clearfield county, settling in Pike township, on the river, in the McClure neighborhood. For a number of years he made that place his home, his practice extending over a large district, but subsequently he removed to Curwensville, where in connection

with his practice he also engaged in merchandising until 1847, when he located permanently on the river at what was later known as Hoyt's Mills, three miles above Lumber City. He purchased large tracts of land, built a sawmill and manufactured lumber extensively. He also erected a gristmill and did a large business along that line, his patrons coming from miles around, at the same time continuing the practice of his profession. He was very successful in his undertakings, and left a large estate at his death, which occurred February 26, 1885, when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-one years. He took an active interest in all public affairs, was a Democrat in early life, but after the Civil war he affiliated with the Republican party, and filled a number of offices of honor and trust, including that of county judge.

In 1820, Dr. Hoyt married Miss Mary McClure, a daughter of Thomas McClure, an honored pioneer of Clearfield county, who came from Perry county, Penn., at an early day, and located in Pike township, where he spent the remainder of his life. In his family were six children, namely: Jane, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, Ross and Wilson. To Dr. Hoyt and his wife were born eight children: Hiram; Julia A.; Harriet; David W., who married and lived in Louisiana, where he and his wife both died, leaving five children; Elizabeth M., the mother of our subject; Mary E., wife of M. O. Stirk; Margaret, unmarried; and Christiana, deceased. The mother of these children died September 6, 1886, aged eighty-eight years. Both she and her husband were active members of the Methodist Church, in which the Doctor served as class leader. He also took a prominent part in Sunday-school work even after eighty years of age, and contributed liberally to the support of both Church and Sunday-school.

Mr. Watts, whose name introduces this sketch, remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age, when he purchased a tract of 133 acres of timber land from his father, and began life for himself. His first effort was to build a large barn in 1887, and he now has one hundred acres cleared and under a high state of cultivation, has a comfortable frame residence, good outbuildings, and a fine orchard. The timber upon his land he has converted into lumber, and has set out a windbreak of pines—a grove on top of the mountain above his house can be seen for many miles. In 1894 he made an addition to his large barn, and put in a complete creamery with all modern improved machinery, operated by steam power. He has a fine herd of milch cows, and he utilizes the waste from his dairy to feed hogs. Enterprising and progressive, he has met with wonderful success in his undertakings, and now ranks among the most substantial and reliable business men of Ferguson township.

In 1890, Mr. Watts married Miss Frances Johnson, a cultured and refined young lady, who was educated at the common and Normal schools, and was for seven years a proficient and popular teacher. Her parents were William P. and Lidda R. (Bean) Johnson, honored pioneers of Clearfield county, where her father was born, a son of James and Sarah (Stugart) Johnson. His grandfather, Samuel Johnson, was born in York county, Penn., in 1781, and when seventeen years of age went to Centre county, but in 1812 located in Clearfield county. The mother of Mrs. Watts is now deceased, but her father is still living and finds a pleasant home with her and our subject. Mrs. Johnson was a daughter of Thomas Bean, a farmer and school teacher by occupation, who lived for many years in both Centre and Clearfield counties. He was a member of the Society of Friends, while his wife belonged to the Lutheran Church. In their family were eleven children: Benjamin, who was killed at the battle of Weldon Railroad during the Rebellion; Nathan, who also served through the war; Mary A.; Susan; Alvin A.; Daniel; Jacob, a Lutheran minister; John W.; Emma; Catherine; and Lidda R., the mother of Mrs. Watts. Four interesting children have blessed the union of our subject and his estimable wife: William Johnson, born March 20, 1891; Emma Margaret, born October 12, 1893; Wendell Philips, born October 7, 1895; and James Martin, born June 15, 1897.

JOHN A. BRUBAKER, a wide-awake representative of the agricultural interests of Clearfield county, was born in 1841, in Union township, where he still makes his home. In 1839 his father had come to Clearfield county from Juniata county, Penn., and located in that township when it was still a part of Brady township. He erected the first sawmill within its borders, shipping the first lumber, and was also one of the men who cut the first path for a road up Anderson creek, in 1859. He took a prominent part in the progress and upbuilding of this section, and at his own expense erected the Menonite church which now stands on a portion of his farm. He was a consistent and active member of that denomination, and for twenty years served as bishop thereof. His first purchase of land consisted of a wild tract of one hun-

dred acres, for which he paid $300, and to which he added until he had accumulated about 600 acres of rich and productive land. His name edserves an honored place among those of the representative pioneer of the county, in the development of which he bore so important a part. The grandfather of our subject was born in Lancaster county, Penn., of German parentage.

John A. Brubaker spent the early years of his life in the usual manner of farmer boys in a frontier region, assisting his father in clearing and cultivating the farm. On May 14, 1865, he was married to Miss Margaret Schofield, who was born in Delaware county, Penn., in 1841. When six years old she was taken to Jefferson county, and subsequently located in Union township, Clearfield county, at the woolen-factory on Anderson creek. She died November 23, 1892, leaving three children, namely: Earl G. married Carrie Dressler, a daughter of L. R. Dressler, of Union township (with their two children they reside on his father's No. 2 farm, at Horne Camp); Elva was married in 1893 to H. O. Luce, by whom she had one child, born in 1894 (they reside on the homestead with our subject); and Joseph S., born in 1875, is also at home.

In 1866, Mr. Brubaker began housekeeping in a pioneer house in the village of Rockton, but after a year and a half moved on the farm and has since engaged in the cultivation and improvement of his place, whose neat and thrifty appearance testifies to his skill and ability as an agriculturist. Politically, he has always given his support to Republican principles, and has taken a leading part in the affairs of the township. He has filled the office of school director, and was for three successive terms assessor. As a business man and a citizen he is held in much esteem, and deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

W. W. COLE, one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of Clearfield county, has for a number of years been identified with the commercial interests of Sabula, and since February 5, 1877, has been the popular and efficient postmaster at that place. On its establishment Ed Washburn became the first postmaster and named the office, and he was succeeded by a Mr. Prindle, who was our subject's predecessor. Mr. Cole dates his residence here from 1873, at which time the railroad had just been completed, and the place was still called "Hickory Kingdom." Erecting a store building, he has since successfully engaged in general merchandising, and has taken an active and prominent part in the growth and development of the place.

A native of New York, Mr. Cole was born in Allegany county, in 1846, and is a son of John S. and Samantha U. (Maxon) Cole, natives of New Jersey and Connecticut, respectively. At an early day the father located in Allegany county, N. Y., where he cleared and improved two or three farms; but, in 1857, he sold out and removed to Flint, Mich., and is now residing in Battle Creek, Mich. He was a member of a New Jersey regiment during the Mexican war. Both parents are still living, and have a family of children, namely: W. W., the subject of this sketch; Joseph, who enlisted for service in the Civil war, in Allegany county, N. Y., in 1864, belonging to the same company and regiment as our subject; Walter A., still a resident of Allegany county; and Josephine, now the wife of Lyman Hoxey, of Michigan.

At the age of thirteen, W. W. Cole accompanied his parents on their emigration to Michigan, but, in 1859, returned to Allegany county, N. Y., where he acquired a good practical education in the public schools. There he continued to make his home until coming to Sabula, in 1873, following farming, and also serving as a traveling salesman for eight years. During the dark days of the Rebellion he enlisted in Allegany county, in 1864, in Company B, 189th N. Y. V. I., for one year or during the war, and was mustered in at Elmira, N. Y., where his regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battle of Petersburg, the Mine explosion, Weldon Railroad, Hatcher's Run, Five Forks, Appomattox, Lewis Farm, White Oak Road, and in all the engagements of the campaign of 1864–65. When hostilities had ceased, he was honorably discharged at Elmira, N. Y., June 16, 1865, and returned home.

In 1873 Mr. Cole was married, in Sabula, to Miss Emma Bowersox, a native of Clearfield county, of which her father, George Bowersox, was one of the pioneers, having located in Union township at a very early day. Five children were born to this union: Clyde, Ralph, George, Herbert and Ruth, the latter two being deceased. In his political affiliations Mr. Cole is a stanch Republican; socially he is connected with the Grand Army Post, No. 229, Du Bois, and with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Sabula. He is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, one who takes a deep and commendable interest in the welfare of his town and county, and cheerfully gives his aid to all worthy objects for the good of the community.

W. W. Cole

JOHN STONE, a prominent agriculturist of Boggs township, Clearfield county, is a man whose history is of special interest, not only on account of his own work and worth, but because of his father, Alexander Stone, who was one of the leading pioneers of this section.

He was born in England and came to this country in early manhood, locating in Clearfield county, where he was married a few years later to Miss Mary Kephart, daughter of Andrew Kephart, an early settler of Boggs township, and a farmer by occupation. Mr. Stone purchased the tract of land upon which our subject now resides, and began to improve it, building, in 1820, the first hotel in that part of the county. The place lay on the Philadelphia and Erie pike, near Big Clearfield creek, and the conditions being favorable, Mr. Stone laid out a village named Stoneville. This prospered for a time and contained two hotels, several good stores and about fifteen houses; but when railroads were run through the county the prospects of further growth failed, and most of the inhabitants moved away. Mr. Stone owned large tracts of timber land, and was extensively engaged in lumbering, his products being rafted to market. He was a Democrat in politics, and took an active interest in all public affairs, his ability and force of character giving him great influence. He died in the fall of 1856; his wife, who was a consistent and devout member of the United Brethren Church, survived him many years, dying in April, 1895; she had married a second husband, by name John Miller. Mr. Stone had two brothers, Jesse and Jad, who joined him here at an early day, and both made their homes in Clearfield county. Our subject was the youngest of four children who lived to adult age, three others having died in childhood: Elizabeth married D. H. Dugan, a carpenter, who now resides at Coalport; Jane married John Blair, a cabinet maker, who now resides at DuBois; Mary A. married P. Goliher, a merchant, lumberman and farmer.

John Stone was born at the homestead, August 21, 1845, and grew to manhood there, his education being limited to an attendance at the local schools. When he was eleven years old his father died, and his mother conducted the estate until her second marriage, when Mr. Miller was in charge for some time. In accordance with the English custom, our subject, as the only son, inherited the farm, and on attaining his majority he took possession, and has since been engaged in its management. He has made many improvements, clearing it and adding two adjoining farms, which are both under excellent cultivation. Since Stoneville was deserted he has bought some of the lots and houses of the village and incorporated them into the estate. Lumbering occupied his attention for some time, and he rafted many thousand feet of square timber and saw logs to market, but he now devotes his energies to farming and stock raising.

In 1865, Mr. Stone married Miss Josephine Lumadue, a member of one of the pioneer families of Clearfield county. Her grandfather, William Lumadue, settled there, and conducted a hotel on the pike, known as the "Lumadue House," which was in high favor with travelers in the early times. Her father, William Lumadue, was born in Clearfield county, and is still an honored resident of Lawrence township, where for many years he followed agriculture. Mrs. Josephine Stone was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her death, in November, 1875, caused sincere and widespread mourning. She left five children, namely: Alexander, a tanner at Penfield; William, who is engaged in railroad at McKee's Rocks, Penn.; Franklin J., a miner; Earl, an employee of the hospital at Warren; and Harry, who is engaged in a steam laundry at Pittsburg.

In 1879, Mr. Stone formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Emily Odell, who was born in Clearfield. Her father, John Odell, was a native of Maryland, and was married at Hollidaysburg, Penn., to Mrs. Sarah Woomer. He made his home in Clearfield county, and engaged in various pursuits for which his excellent education fitted him—teaching school, clerking in stores and bookkeeping. He died August 4, 1891. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, but his wife, who survives him, is a Lutheran. They had seven children, of whom two died in childhood; the others are; Agnes, Ella, Jennie, Cordie and Emily (Mrs. Stone). By this second marriage, Mr. Stone had three children: Sybil, Ara and John, who are all at home. Mrs. Stone is a member of the Church of God. In local affairs, Mr. Stone has always taken an influential part. He is a Democrat politically, and has held some township offices, but his ambition does not lie in the direction of public life.

JOHN SHEESER. This gentleman, who is a general farmer pursuing his pleasant and profitable occupation in Union township, Clearfield county, is a native of Juniata county, Penn., whence, when a year and a half old, he was brought to Clearfield county by his parents, John and Regina Sheeser, who were Germans by birth.

The father was born in 1801, and in 1836 came to the New World. He was first employed on the construction of the Catawissa railroad, and in 1846 came to Union township, Clearfield county, where he cleared and opened up a farm in the midst of a forest. There his death occurred in 1875. He took quite a prominent part in the affairs of the township, and was widely and favorably known throughout the community. His faithful wife, who died in 1888, shared with him in the hardships and trials of frontier life, and encouraged and aided him in his work.

Three children were born to this worthy couple: (1) Philip remained upon the home farm until he had reached man's estate, and then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked in Union township for a few years, but after his marriage he went to the city of Clearfield, where he was similarly employed for a time. He next took up his residence in St. Mary's, Penn., but since 1876 has made his home in West Virginia, where he continues to follow carpentering and building. He married Miss Barbara Emmet, of St. Mary's, whose father was one of the early settlers of that place, and to them were born eight children, four of whom are still living. (2) John, of this sketch, is next in order of birth. (3) Barbara, who was born in Juniata county, lived with her parents upon the old homestead until her marriage, becoming the wife of Michael Hubert in 1863. His death occurred in April, 1896, and her death in October, 1896.

The boyhood and youth of John Sheeser were passed upon the farm where he still resides, and to its cultivation and improvement he now devotes his entire time and attention with most gratifying results. In Brady township, Clearfield county, he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Dush, and to them have been born six children: Mary, J. Sheridan, Joseph M. and Grace, all at home; Cecelia, deceased; and Ambrose, at home. Politically, Mr. Sheeser is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, has always taken an active interest in local affairs, and capably served as school director eight years, and overseer of the poor three years. He is a lifelong and active member of the Catholic Church, and a most highly respected and valued citizen of the community.

A W. COWDER, a progressive and successful agriculturist of Bradford township, Clearfield county, owning a fine farm near Shiloh, is a native of that locality and a descendant of one of its pioneer families. His parents were both born in Lancaster county, Penn., his father, John Cowder, on April 12, 1805, and his mother, Sarah (Kidder), November 24, 1812.

They were married there, and in 1840 moved to Bradford township, Clearfield county, traveling by team. They bought a partially-improved farm, and made their home there until 1851, when they settled upon the present homestead. The estate contained 404 acres, and although no buildings stood upon it at the time of its purchase, some clearing had been done. John Cowder gave much care and effort to its improvement, and under its management it became one of the best farms of the neighborhood. He was prominent in local affairs, held various offices, and was regarded as a leader in the Democratic party in the vicinity. He died in 1882, and his wife passed away in 1893, aged eighty-one years. This honored couple had ten children, namely: Elizabeth (Mrs. John Gearhart), who died in Bradford township in 1889; Susan (Mrs. Wetzel), who died in Bradford in 1876; S. K., a resident of Bradford township; Mrs. David Hitchings, of Bradford township; John C., of Philipsburg, Penn.; Sarah (Mrs. Henry Smeal), of Bradford township; Mrs. Robert Graham, of the same township; A. W., our subject; Mary (Mrs. Peters), of Lawrence township; and Emily, who died when eight months old.

Mr. Cowder, the subject of this review, was born in 1850, and was reared in Bradford township, receiving his education in the Shiloh district school. He engaged in farming and lumbering in early manhood, and has always lived at the old home. In 1882 he purchased a portion of it, and now owns 251 acres, 125 of which are in a high state of cultivation. The land is adapted to general crops, and Mr. Cowder makes no specialties. His ability as a business man is shown in the management of his farm, and he has also done much to advance the interests of the community, the cause of education receiving effective support from him as president of the township school board. He has held other offices, including that of township auditor, and is an influential worker in the Democratic organization.

In 1873, Mr. Cowder was married in Bradford township to Miss Almira Wilson, a native of the township, and a daughter of John and Jane (Kline) Wilson, both deceased. Seven children were born of this union, of whom two have passed to the other world, Oscar at the age of seven years, and Wilson when three years old; the others are Ralph, Agnes, Anna, Alvey and Fannie. The mother of this family was called from

earth in 1890, and in 1892 Mr. Cowder was wedded in Bradford township to his present wife, Lizzie, daughter of Pickup and Sarah Briggs, both deceased. She was born in England and came to America with her parents, who settled in Philipsburg, Penn.., and she had been twice married, first to the late Albert Holt, and second to J. H. Slincy, who died in 1889. By the first marriage there were two sons, Edward and Benton, and by the second she had one daughter, Matie. The family attend the United Brethren Church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Cowder are leading members.

JOHN W. NELSON. Numbered among the enterprising citizens of Clearfield county is this gentleman, who was born on his present farm in Goshen township, July 18, 1852. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Vannette) Nelson, were both natives of Potter county, Penn. The father was born August 4, 1804, a son of David Nelson, who, with two brothers, came from Ireland in early life. He was reared and married in Dauphin county, Penn., and removed to the forests of Potter county during its pioneer days. He there carried on coopering, hunting and trapping, and subsequently went to Clinton county. His last days were passed in Cameron county, where he died at the age of eighty-seven. His family included these children: John, Catherine, William, Seth, Joseph, Henry, Mary Ann, Elizabeth, James, Nancy and David, all of whom were married and reared families of their own.

John Nelson, father of our subject, was married in Potter county, and in 1847 came to Clearfield county, where he located a tract of 150 acres of wild land. As time passed he transformed this property into a good farm and made his home thereon until his death, March 10, 1878. In connection with farming he also engaged in lumbering, hunting and trapping, and was an industrious, upright man. In politics he was a Democrat, and served three terms as justice of the peace, but never sought public office. He was of English descent and his wife was of Dutch lineage, her ancestry locating first in Vermont, whence they came to Pennsylvania. Her religious faith was in harmony with the principles of Methodism. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson had five children: W. A., of Goshen township; Mary A., wife of Jacob Graham of Scott county, Iowa; Hezekiah M., of Minnesota; Aurilla J., wife of R. E. Smith, of Tama county, Iowa; and John W.

Mr. Nelson, the subject of this review, was reared on the farm which is now his home, and to a limited extent attended the common schools; but his education has been largely self-acquired, and he is now one of the best read men in the township. He has always engaged in farming and in work in the lumber woods. After the death of his father, he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home farm. In 1888 he bought one thousand acres of land in Cameron county, where for three years he engaged in lumbering with excellent success. He then sold and returned to the old home farm, where he now resides. He is a scientific farmer, applying his broad knowledge to his practical business life. He has a sugar orchard, and also has quite an extensive apiary. Of his farm of one hundred and twenty acres, seventy are under a high state of cultivation, a good orchard yields its fruit in season, and the improvements upon the place are all in keeping with a model farm. He also has one hundred and eighteen acres of coal land adjoining his other property, and the mines are now being worked.

Mr. Nelson married Miss Nancy E. Jordan, who was born in Cameron county, Penn., September 1, 1865, a daughter of N. D. and Sallie (Miller) Jordan. Her parents had eight daughters, namely: Mary C., Alice I., Martha A., Florence, Nancy E., Ethel M., Nora E., and Ora A. Five of this number are married. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson had a family of seven children, three of whom died in infancy; those still living are Stella A., Ethel M., Edna L. and Andrew D. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Methodist Church, and take a very active part in its work. He has served as trustee and class leader, and is superintendent of the Sunday-school. He belongs to the Centre County Mutual Insurance Co., to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, to the American Protective Association, and to the P. O. S. of A. He first voted the Republican ticket, afterward affiliated with the Prohibition party for twelve years, and is now identified with the Reform party. He is well versed on public questions and issues, and has written many articles on the silver question. He has been a lecturer for the County Grange for several years, and is secretary of the Agricultural Society of Clearfield county. During the campaign of 1896 he was called upon by the county committee to make speeches, and was sent to different parts of the county for that purpose. He was very highly complimented for his work.

JAMES A. WATSON, whose long identification with the agricultural interests in this section of Pennsylvania, has made him widely known, and whose well-spent life has won

him high regard, was born in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, in 1843, a son of William and Catherine (Griffen) Watson.

William Watson, father of our subject, was born in Penn Valley, Centre county, learned the trades of shoemaking and plastering, and followed both occupations. He was married in Half Moon Valley, in 1842, and in 1847 came to Clearfield county, locating in Paradise, Lawrence township, where he followed his trade. He afterward located near Woodland, where he died about 1858. His widow was afterward married in Bradford to Thomas Holt, a pioneer of the township, now deceased. Mrs. Holt is still living, her home being near Bigler. By the first marriage she had six children: James A.; Samuel, who enlisted in 1862, in the 84th P. V. I., served until the close of the war, and died at Alexandria, Va.; Mrs. Jane Hemphill, of Bradford township; Mrs. Margaret Harris; Mrs. Mary Ellen Watson, of Bedford county, Penn.; and Lewis L., a farmer of Bradford township. By the second marriage there were two children: Frank, of McKean county, and Robert, who died in Bradford township, in 1884.

James A. Watson was about two years of age when brought by his parents to Clearfield county. At the age of ten he went to Centre county, where he remained for about five years, then returned to Bradford township. His energies have always been devoted to agricultural pursuits and lumbering. He has resided at his present home since 1873, and has a well-improved farm, carefully and systematically cultivated and supplied with all modern accessories and conveniences. In 1869 he was married in Bradford township to Emma Graham, who was born in that locality, and children as follows have graced their union: William (who died in 1873), Read (who died in 1874), Charles, Arthur, Minnie, Zanna, Ray and Frank.

William Graham, the father of Mrs. Watson, was a native of Bradford township, as was also his father, John Graham, while his grandfather, Robert Graham, was born in Pennsylvania, of Irish ancestry, and was the first settler of Bradford township, living on what is now the Livingston farm. He died there about 1826. John Graham was reared in his parents' home, and was married in his native township to Eva Suthers, who was born in Clearfield county, where her father located in pioneer days, on the farm of Robert Graham. William Graham was also reared in Bradford township, and married Miss Susie Knepp, a native of Juniata county, Penn., and a daughter of John Knepp. They began their domestic life on a farm, where they lived for many years. The father died in 1882, but the mother is still living in Bradford township. They had two sons and five daughters: Mrs. Hannah Knepp, of Missouri; Caroline, now deceased; Mrs. Polly Mayhew; Mrs. Eva Williams, of Bigler; Mrs. Watson; Harry, who resides in Bradford township; and Wesley, who died in the same township.

JOHN D. ALBERT, the well-known proprietor of the Cloverdale dairy farm, Decatur township, Clearfield county, was born in that township, in 1847, a son of James and Rebecca (Litz) Albert. The birth of the father also occurred in Clearfield county, while his parents, Adam and Nancy (Lutz) Albert, were natives of Germany and Lancaster Co., Penn., respectively. At an early day the grandfather removed to Rush township, Centre Co., Penn., where he served as bookkeeper for Hardman Philips, and also engaged in teaching. He continued to follow that profession after his removal to Boggs township, Clearfield county, but on locating in Decatur township he cleared and opened up a farm, upon which his death occurred. His wife had died while a resident of Boggs township.

To Adam and Nancy Albert were born eight children, who reached adult age, namely: Adam, Peter and John, all of whom died in Decatur township; James, the father of our subject; William, who was for many years a member of the firm of Albert Brothers, at Woodland, Clearfield county, and died in Lancaster Co., Penn., in 1880; Edward, who died in Boggs township, in 1896; Daniel, who died in Houtzdale, Clearfield county, in 1879; George, who died in Woodland, in 1889; Henry, who is still a resident of Boggs township; and Elizabeth, who died in 1861 or '62.

James Albert passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Decatur township, where he attended the district schools when his services were not needed on the home farm. In 1846, in partnership with his brother, William, under the firm name of Albert Brothers, he erected the first gristmill in Decatur township, which they operated for ten years. On disposing of that property they purchased the Hukstall mill, in Woodland, and were numbered among the most extensive lumbermen in this section of the State. After residing in Woodland from 1855 until 1859, James Albert returned to Decatur township, where his death occurred in 1868. Upon the old farm his widow still resides. She is a native of Boggs township, and a daughter of Rudolph Litz, who was one of its earliest pioneers.

These children graced the union of the parents

Mary A. Albert

John D. Albert

of our subject: Elizabeth, now the wife of John Runk; William, a resident of Allegheny county, Penn.; John D., of this review; one who died in infancy; Rudolph, a resident of Du Bois, Clearfield county; James E., who operates the old home farm; Philena, who became the wife of D. B. Water, and died in Cambria county, Penn., in February, 1894; Sophia, who died in 1880; Gertrude, wife of Martin V. Wesley, of Peale, Clearfield county; Hardman, who makes his home in Decatur township; and Henry Alvin, who is living at Osceola Mills.

Like most farmer boys, John D. Albert spent the days of his boyhood and youth, aiding in the cultivation of the land and attending the local schools. On embarking in business for himself he chose the occupation to which he had been reared, and in 1875 purchased a tract of eighty-nine acres of timberland, which he had cleared and converted into one of the most desirable farms of Decatur township. The place is not only well improved with excellent buildings, but is supplied with all the conveniences and accessories found upon a model farm of the 19th century. In connection with general farming, he is also successfully engaged in dairying, which branch of business he established in 1892.

In Bellefonte, Centre county, Mr. Albert was married, in 1875, to Miss Mary Irvin, who was born at Centre Furnace, that county. They became the parents of six children, three of whom are yet living, namely: Roland Edgar, Anna Myrtle and Edna Rose. Of these Roland Edgar received his education in the Philipsburg High School, after which he began teaching school in Decatur township at the age of seventeen, and taught three terms in the same district. Last year he passed Mail Civil Service examination, receiving 89½ marks.

Mr. Albert uses his right of franchise in support of the principles of the Republican party, and takes quite an active interest in political affairs. He is an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, who does all within his power to advance the welfare of his township and county, and to all worthy enterprises is a cheerful and liberal contributor. By his courteous, genial manner he has made many warm friends throughout the community, and enjoys the esteem and respect of all who know him.

JOHN REITER, an energetic and substantial farmer and lumberman of Brady township, Clearfield county, is a son of John and Christina (Hess) Reiter, who were early settlers and prominent residents of Jefferson county, Penn. The father, who was a German by birth, located in Pittsburg in 1838, but in 1840 took up his residence in Henderson township, Jefferson county, where he purchased 300 acres of timberland, which he cleared and converted into a good farm, making it his home until his death in 1884. His wife passed away at the same place in 1865.

They had ten children, all of whom married, and reared families of their own: (1) Elizabeth (the eldest) wedded J. P. Scheyer, a native of Germany, and they live in Wright county, Minn. (2) Christina is the wife of Adam Lott, a farmer of Henderson township, Jefferson county. (3) Magdalena married P. W. Muth, of Jefferson county, where they lived upon a farm until their death in 1896. (4) George, an agriculturist of Henderson township, Jefferson county, married Caroline Buchite, of that county. (5) Daniel married a Miss Gillespie, of West Virginia, and they reside in that State, where he is engaged in lumbering. (6) Henry B., a miner and farmer of Jefferson county, married Sallie Buhied. (7) Mary L., of Jefferson county, is the widow of Charles Muth, who died in April, 1894, leaving ten children. (8) A. J. married Annie Hawg, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and now lives in Oklahoma. (9) August wedded a Miss Miller, of Big Run, Jefferson county, and lives in Du Bois, where he owns considerable real estate. (10) John is our subject.

John Reiter, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in 1840 on the old homestead in Jefferson county, and was there reared to manhood, receiving a very limited education. He helped to erect the school house wherein he began his literary training. Early becoming familiar with lumbering and farming, he has since devoted his time and attention mainly to those pursuits, and has met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings. After his marriage he bought seventy-five acres of land in Brady township, Clearfield county, and later fifty-five acres in Bell township, which adjoins the former tract. He now has ninety acres cleared and under a high state of cultivation, and the improvements are first-class in every particular. His large barn was erected in 1875, and his pleasant, two-story residence in 1889.

In 1866 Mr. Reiter was married to Miss Ernestina, daughter of Charles Muth, a substantial agriculturist of Jefferson county, and to them have been born seven children: C. D., who is now successfully engaged in teaching in Wilkes Barre, Penn.; and S. O., F. P., Clara M., Aaron M., Emma R. and George J., all at home. The family is one of prominence in the community, and holds membership in the Reformed Church.

Politically, Mr. Reiter adheres to the principles of the Democratic party, and he has filled the office of school director in his district. He is a self-made man in the fullest sense of that oft-misused term, his prosperity being due to his industry and integrity. His life is a living illustration of what ability, energy and force of character can accomplish, and it is to such men that the community owes its prosperity, its rapid progress and its advancement

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B F. HARLEY, a representative and leading farmer of Union township, Clearfield county, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1850, in Limestone township, Clarion county, and is a son of B. F. and Elizabeth (Lines) Harley.

The father of our subject was born in Falkirk, Scotland, in 1810, a son of James Harley, who spent his entire life in that country. On attaining his majority, the father set out for America, sailing from Glasgow in 1831, and arriving at Castle Garden, New York, after a voyage of eight weeks. Proceeding to the West, he engaged in steamboating on the Mississippi river for some time, and also worked at the molder's trade in New Orleans, making the cornice for the Custom house in the "Crescent City." In 1840 he located in Clarion county, Penn., where he erected a foundry and woolen-factory, which he operated for a number of years, and then removed to Strattonville, where for a year he worked at the molder's trade. On coming to Clearfield county, in 1857, he obtained employment in the foundry of David Litz, and continued to work at his trade until 1868. In the meantime, however, he had located upon a farm in Union township, in 1862, taking up his residence at the present home of our subject, and there his death occurred in 1888.

In Clearfield county B. F. Harley, Sr., was married to Miss Elizabeth Lines, a native of Brady township, and a daughter of Joseph L. Lines, one of the honored pioneers of the county. They became the parents of children as follows: Elizabeth, wife of E. H. Wriggle, of Sabula, Penn.; James A., a resident of Iowa; J. L., of Nebraska; Mrs. Catharine Karns, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Dean, of Huston township, same county; and B. F., of this sketch. The mother departed this life in Clarion county.

At the age of nine years our subject accompanied his parents to Union township, Clearfield county, and has there since made his home, owning a fine farm of 150 acres under a high state of cultivation, and improved with substantial farm buildings, which stand as a monument to the thrift and enterprise of the owner. In 1871, in Potter township, Centre Co., Penn., he was married to Miss Mary J. Heckendorn, a native of that county, and a daughter of John and Martha (Cooper)Heckendorn, who were early pioneers of this section of the State, but in 1872 removed to Webster county, Mo., where both died. Three children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harley: Grace Ella, Mabel Irene and Charles Colby.

Mr. Harley is a Republican, and has served his fellow citizens in a number of local official positions, including that of secretary of the school board, which he filled for five years. Socially he is a member of Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, F. & A. M., and a charter member of Rockton Lodge, No. 331, K. P. He is a valued member of the community, and a worthy representative of an honored and respected family of Union township, with whose interests he has now been prominently identified for over a third of a century.

D H. WARING, a representative and leading farmer of Morris township, is a fair specimen of the sturdy agriculturists who have so largely assisted in the development of Clearfield county, and who are drawing from the soil the important elements of their future fortune. In connection with general farming he is also successfully engaged in lumbering, and is recognized as one of the most enterprising, energetic and industrious men of the community.

On the old homestead in Morris township Mr. Waring was born September 1, 1850, a son of Samuel and Susan (Shimel) Waring, who were early pioneers of the township. In the district schools of the neighborhood he began his literary education, but supplemented the knowledge there acquired by a course in the Pine Grove Academy. At the age of eighteen he left the school room, and began his business career as a farmer and lumberman. After his marriage he purchased one hundred acres of partially-improved land, known as the Joseph Rothrock farm, and at once began its further development and cultivation. It is supplied with all the conveniences and accessories which go to make up a model farm of the nineteenth century, and stands as a monument to the thrift and enterprise of its owner.

Mr. Waring married Miss Sarah C. Hicks, of Decatur township, Clearfield county, and they have eight children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Millie, January 15, 1877; Lizzie, April 16, 1878; Susan, February 5, 1880; Eliza, November 11, 1881; Margery, October 27, 1884; Alfred C., August 4, 1886; Thomas

H., August 16, 1888; and Emma Pearl, September 13, 1891. At the age of seventeen years Millie began teaching, and is now teaching her fourth term, while Lizzie is also following that profession.

The Democratic party always finds in Mr. Waring an earnest advocate, and he has been called upon to serve in several official positions of honor and trust, being school director, auditor, assessor and collector. He has also been district treasurer four terms, and on November 3, 1896, was elected county commissioner of Clearfield county, being the only Democrat elected in the county, which fact plainly indicates his popularity and the confidence and trust his fellow citizens repose in him. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this section, is widely and favorably known, and has a host of warm personal friends throughout the community. With the Methodist Episcopal Church of Morrisdale Mines his wife holds membership.

LEVI SPICHER, an influential member of the agricultural community of Union township, Clearfield county, has since 1880 resided upon his present farm, which he has cleared, improved and cultivated until it is now one of the most desirable places in the community. The fields are well tilled, the buildings of a substantial character, the whole place indicating the thrift and enterprise of the owner. Mr. Spicher is a native of Indiana county, Penn., and since coming to Clearfield county has, in connection with his agricultural pursuits, successfully engaged in lumbering.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in Germany, and on crossing the Atlantic to this country located in Somerset county, Penn., where he spent the remainder of his life. In that county was born Samuel Spicher, the father of our subject, who later in life made his home upon a farm in Indiana county. He was united in marriage with Mary Magdalene Burkey, a native of Armstrong county, this State, and they became the parents of children, as follows: Peter, who resides on the old homestead in Indiana county, married a Miss Decker, and has seven children; John, also a farmer, married Miss Gardner, and has four children; Daniel, a farmer of Indiana county, married Miss Gardner, by whom he had five children, and after her death wedded Miss O'Harrow, of Indiana county, by whom he has four children; George, who engaged in the manufacture of lumber in Indiana county, married Miss Elizabeth Brink, by whom he had ten children, but is now deceased; Samuel, an agriculturist of Indiana county, married Miss Annie Wire, and has six children; Mattie married George Rairigh, a farmer, and they became the parents of several children, but both are now deceased; Elizabeth married William Gardner, a farmer, and to them were born three children, of whom one is now living; Caroline married James Dunlap, an agriculturist, and they have nine children; Barbara was drowned when four years of age; and Levi completes the family.

Levi Spicher was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, early becoming familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His present farm, which he purchased of John Brubaker, comprises fifty acres of valuable land, which he has cleared with his own hands and placed under a high state of cultivation. He has been ably assisted in his work, however, by his excellent wife, who has indeed proved a worthy helpmate. In 1885 he had the misfortune to lose his right hand in a separator while threshing, but has now become very proficient in the use of the other, and is able to do almost any kind of work about his place.

Mr. Spicher married Miss Mary A. Brillheart, a daughter of Jacob Brillheart, of Indiana county, and to them were born eight children, as follows: W. A., who married Miss Annie Smith, and assists his father in the operation of the farm; Almina Florence, who married Joseph Himmel, and they live on a farm on Anderson creek; Charlie B. (aged eighteen), J. C., Glenn I., Elsie, John and Carrie are all at home. The family is widely and favorably known throughout the community, and the parents and two of the children are faithful members of the German Brethren Church. Mr. Spicher uses his right of franchise in support of Republican principles, and has held the offices of inspector of elections, supervisor and school director for three terms. He is one of the representative men of the community, whose sterling worth is widely recognized.

JOSEPH H. BARGER, one of the practical and progressive farmers of Bradford township, Clearfield county, and sergeant of Company K, 84th P. V. I., having been promoted to that rank in 1864, was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, in 1844.

His parents, Isaac and Margaret (Herman) Barger, were natives of Union county, Penn., and locating in Bradford township at an early day the father opened up a farm, which he continued to cultivate until his death.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his

native township, and is indebted to its district schools for his educational privileges. In 1861 he entered the Unfon army, enlisting in Bradford as a member of Company K, 84th P. V. I., for three years. The regiment was mustered in at Harrisburg, and attached to the Army of the Potomac. In 1864, when the term of his first enlistment expired, he veteranized, and continued at the front till the close of the war; in that year he was promoted to sergeant. With his command he participated in the following battles: Winchester, Port Republic, Cedar Mountain, Locust Grove, Bull Run (second), Chancellorsville, Spottsylvania C. H., Gettysburg, Mine Run, Fredericksburg, Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg, Poplar Spring Church, and Hatcher's Run (first and second). At the battle of Chancellorsville he was taken prisoner, and was confined in Libby Prison, Richmond. At the battle of Cold Harbor he received a gunshot wound, and was confined in McClellan hospital, at Philadelphia. He participated in the grand review in Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, June 29, 1865.

At the close of the war, Mr. Barger returned home, and on September 25, 1865, was married in Bradford to Miss Hannah E. Taylor, a native of that place, and a daughter of William S. and Catharine (Kyler) Taylor, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Bradford. To this union have been born four children: Winfield Scott and William H., who are married and reside in Woodland; Grant, who is married and resides in Lawrence township; and Mrs. Margaret Livergood, of Woodland. Mr. Barger is a member of Lamar Post, No. 179, G. A. R. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and is now serving as constable and tax collector. He was also census enumerator in 1890, but the greater part of his time and attention are given to his farming interests. In all life's relations he has been true and upright, manifesting the same loyalty to duty that characterized his career when on Southern battle fields he followed the old flag to victory.

AARON C. FLEGAL is a prominent representative young farmer of Graham township, Clearfield county, and belongs to a family that has long been identified with the agricultural interests of central Pennsylvania.

David Flegal, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Centre township and became an early settler of Morris township, Clearfield county, where he purchased one hundred acres of wild lad, which he converted into a fine farm, and thereon reared his family of fourteen children, namely: (1) Valentine, a resident of Boggs township, Clearfield county, has a family of eight children. (2) Martin, a farmer of Blue Ball, Clearfield county, has a family of three children. (3) David, who was for many years a farmer of Morris township, but now lives in Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., reared a family of eight children. (4) John died when about four years old. (5) Jacob, a resident of Muskingum county, Ohio, reared a family of eight children. (6) Vincent, also a resident of Muskingum county, Ohio, reared a family of five children. (7) Hetty, wife of Peter Gearhart, of the same place, had no children. (8) Nancy, wife of Jeremiah Smeal, a farmer of Blue Ball, Clearfield county, reared a family of seven children. (9) Lydia, wife of Miles Pelton, a farmer of Morris township, Clearfield county, reared a family of ten children. (10) Rachael, wife of James Cathcart, a farmer living near New Millport, Clearfield county, reared a family of five children. (11) Ellen, wife of Samuel Smeal, a farmer of Graham township, Clearfield county, reared a family of eleven children. (12) Matilda, wife of Washington Kephart, a farmer of Decatur township, Clearfield county, reared a family of thirteen children. (13) Mary, wife of William Rothruck, a farmer of Morris township, Clearfield county, but now a resident of Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., raised a family of seven children. (14) Samuel, the father of our subject, who was born on the homestead in Morris township, and after starting out in life for himself purchased 107 acres of timber land in Graham township, which he immediately commenced to clear and improve. He continued to reside thereon until his death, which occurred January 23, 1889, being run over by a coal train near his own home. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah A. Smeal, survived him six years, dying January 23, 1895.

Our subject is one of a family of seven children, the others being as follows; Jerome, who engages in carpentering in West Clearfield, Penn., married Maggie Kellock, of Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn.; Mahlon, a farmer of Graham township, married Lizzie Wymer, and has two children; Joanna is the wife of T. M. McKelvy, a farmer of Bradford township, Clearfield county, by whom she has five children; Lucetta is the wife of Israel Rhue, a laborer of Graham township, by whom she has one child; Irena is the wife of Daniel Smith, a miner of Morris township, by whom she has seven children; and Elvena, wife of W. B. McGuire, a teamster of Allport, Clearfield county, by whom she has three children.

Mr. Flegal, of this sketch, was born in 1858, upon the old homestead in Graham township, where he still resides, and was educated in the schools of the neighborhood. He has a comfortable residence, flanked with a good barn and the various other outbuildings required by the progressive agriculturist. As a tiller of the soil he is thorough and skillful, and has been uniformly fortunate in his investments. He married Miss Maggie Phillips, of Decatur township, Clearfield county, who is one of the thirteen children born to D. H. and Nancy (Shimmel) Phillips, farming people of that township. Our subject and his wife have a son, Harry Kester, at this writing some eighteen months old. The parents are both earnest members of the United Brethren Church, and are classed among the representative citizens of the community. Mr. Flegal has always given his unwavering support to the Democratic party, and for the past five years has faithfully discharged the duties of justice of the peace, proving a most popular official. His upright life and integrity have gained for him the confidence and esteem of his neighbors, and the friendship of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

PERRY ARTHURS, who is well-known throughout Clearfield county, where he has spent his entire life, is now one of the progressive and successful farmers of Greenwood township, his residence being in the village of Bell's Landing. He was born July 29, 1852, in Lumber City, was educated in the common schools of the county, and was reared to the pursuits of farming and lumbering.

A son of James and Elizabeth (Hile) Arthurs, our subject is descended from two prominent early families of this section of the State. His paternal grandfather, John Arthurs, was a resident of Clarion county, and the maternal grandfather, Henry Hile, came, in 1840, from Northumberland county to Clearfield county, where his death occurred many years ago; his widow subsequently moved to Missouri. James Arthurs was born and reared in Clarion county, and in early life followed the carpenter's trade, but later turned his attention to farming and lumbering. For one year he conducted a hotel in Lumber City. In the spring of 1868 he removed to Grampian Hills, where he had purchased a farm of Joseph Spencer, and in 1883 he came to Bell's Landing, where he has since resided, now living retired from active labor at the age of seventy-two, while his wife, who still survives, is now seventy. Politically, he is an ardent Republican, taking an active interest in all public affairs, and he has acceptably filled a number of local offices, including that of burgess of Lumber City. Mrs. Arthurs has for forty years been a faithful member of the Methodist Church. They had a family of seven children, namely: Perry; Clark W.; Minerva, wife of W. S. Bell; Joanna, wife of Eli Miller; Arminta, wife of J. T. Shanafelt; Naomi, wife of A. B. Wissinger; and Maud B., who died in August, 1877, at the age of six years.

Until he was twenty-seven years of age, Perry Arthurs remained under the parental roof. Throughout his active business career his principal occupations have been lumbering and farming. In the fall of 1877 he purchased a one-half interest in a two-hundred-acre tract of timber land, and operated on it (together) until October, 1878, when he purchased the other half interest, and assumed full control. He operated on the same until the spring of 1881, when he sold the entire tract of land to John R. Burgoon; also operated rented land for two years, until the fall of 1881, when he removed to Bell's Landing, purchased two lots, and erected a pleasant residence. He also bought a tract of timber land near the village, on which he has since engaged in lumbering, and has also developed a farm from game land, having eighty acres, thirty-five of which are now cleared, and under a high state of cultivation. A good orchard has also been set out, and many other improvements made to the place. Besides this property he owns twenty-seven acres of coal and mineral lands, and his comfortable residence in Bells Landing. In October, 1879, he was married to Miss Hannah E. Wall, who was born at Grampian Hills, Clearfield county, July 10, 1860, and is a daughter of Jonathan and Esther (Davis) Wall. Jonathan Wall, Sr., the paternal grandfather, was a native of York county, Penn., and at a very early day came to Clearfield county, penetrating the wilderness, where he opened up and improved a farm, becoming a successful farmer.

Jonathan Wall., Jr., was reared in Clearfield county, where he followed the occupation of farming until 1861, when he sold out, and engaged in merchandising at Grampian, also serving as postmaster of that place for about four years. There he still makes his home, but has now retired from active business life, having reached the age of seventy-three years. In political sentiment he is a Republican, and in religious faith he is a member of the Hicksite Friends Church, to which the mother of Mrs. Arthurs also belonged. She died in 1866, and two years later the father was again married, this time to Mrs. Mary J. Newpher (widow of John

Newpher), who also died, passing away August 31, 1897. By his first union he had five children: Rebecca, now the wife of A. N. Walker; Adeline, wife of E. W. Haburn; Joseph D.; Hannah E., wife of our subject; and N. T., who died in infancy. There is one son by the second marriage, Frank H.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthurs had four interesting children, namely: Inez, Irvin, Bessie (who died in infancy), and Grace Irene. The parents and eldest daughter and son hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the family occupies an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Arthurs is a strong adherent of Republican principles, and on that ticket has been elected to many minor offices, during President Harrison's administration efficiently serving as postmaster at Bell's Landing. He is one of the representative and prominent citizens of the community, having the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact in either business or social life.

JOHN LIPPART. Among the sturdy and energetic farmers of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, who thoroughly understand the vocation which they follow, and consequently are enabled to carry on that calling with profit to themselves, is the subject of this notice. He was born in Lancaster county, Penn., in 1846, and is a son of Jacob and Mary M. (Deller) Lippart, natives of Germany, where they were married. In 1842 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, first becoming residents of Lancaster county, Penn., later removing to Elk county, Penn., and in 1854 coming to Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where the father first operated rented land, and then purchased a tract of timber land and opened up a farm. In that township he died in 1862; his wife passed away, at Philipsburg, Centre county, in 1888. One of their sons died when the family were crossing the ocean, and the other members of the family are as follows: George is a resident of Lawrence township. Mrs. Catharine Moore died in Clearfield. John is next in order of birth. Nicholas enlisted in Lawrence township, in 1864, in Company K, 157th P. V. I., for one year or until the close of the war, and died in North Carolina in 1865. Mrs. Mary Hasson died in Clearfield in 1880. Mrs. Caroline Erf is a resident of Philipsburg, Penn. Two of the children died in infancy.

John Lippart was about nine years of age when he accompanied the family to Clearfield county, and here he acquired the principal part of his education, attending the Clover Hill school. Although quite young he enlisted October 25, 1861, in Company F, 2nd Penn. Cav. for three years, being mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg, and assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in many important battles, including the following: Gettysburg, Antietam, Winchester, Hagerstown, Wilderness, Mine Run, Deep Bottom and Bull Run, most of the time being under Gen. Sheridan. In December, 1863, he veteranized in the same company and regiment for three years or until the close of the war. He experienced all the trials and hardships of army life, was disabled by falling off a horse, and for three months was held a prisoner, being confined in Libby Prison nineteen and a half days of that time before his exchange. He took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C., where he was honorably discharged June 23, 1865, after almost four years of arduous service.

Returning to his home in Clearfield county, Mr. Lippart resumed agricultural pursuits, and cleared and improved twenty-eight acres in Lawrence township. There, in 1868, he married Miss Sophia Jane Hess, a native of Boggs township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of George and Mary (Litz) Hess, who were also born in Pennsylvania, and became early settlers of Boggs township, where they still reside. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lippart: (1) George R., a resident of West Clearfield, married Lillie Robins, and has three children—Frank, Mary and William. (2) Mrs. Mary Cupp is living at Clearfield. (3) Mrs. Anna Jane Nepkin, of Clearfield, has three children—Willie, John and Grace. (4) Frank, an agriculturist, wedded Anna Schrole, and has two children—Charley and Alice. (5) Ed. is the next in order of birth. (6) Mrs. Barbara Ogden is living in Curwensville. (7) Joseph completes the family. The mother of these died in 1884, and in 1896 Mr. Lippart married Miss Emma Boyle, a daughter of George and Clara Jane (Baker) Boyle, and one son, James E., has been born to them.

Mr. Lippart gives his unfaltering support to the Republican party, in the success of which he takes great interest. He is a prominent member of Lorimer Post, No. 179, G. A. R., of Clearfield, of which he served as commander, and in all the relations of life he has been as true and faithful as when following the "stars and stripes" on Southern battle fields.

WINFIELD S. BELL, who is classed among the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Greenwood township, belongs to one of

the most honored pioneer families of Clearfield county. At the place where he still lives our subject was born November 11, 1853, a son of David and Margarie (Hoover) Bell. The paternal grandfather was Greenwood Bell, who was also reared there, and the great-grandfather was Arthur Bell, for whom Bell township was named.

In his youth David Bell learned carding in Clarion county, Penn., and in Clearfield county erected the first machine for that purpose in this portion of the State. From his father's large estate he received a tract of land, on which he erected his woolen-mill and also a gristmill, which he operated in connection with farming. In 1865 he platted the town of Bellville upon his land, and erected thereon a hotel, store building, blacksmith and cabinet shops, besides a number of residences. There he continued to engage in mercantile pursuits throughout the remainder of his life, and also did an extensive lumber business. Progressive and public-spirited, he gave his support to all worthy enterprises for the good of the community, and was widely and favorably known. As a pronounced Republican, he took quite an active interest in political affairs, but would never allow his name to be used for any office that would take him away from home. For a number of years, however, he served as justice of the peace, and during that time performed many marriage ceremonies. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him, and was recognized as one of the most influential and valued citizens of the community.

To the parents of our subject were born four children: Mary E., who became the wife of F. I. Thompson, but is now deceased; Martha J., who died at the age of eleven; Winfield Scott; and Thomas J., now a resident of Bellville. The mother died in 1860. She was a daughter of Joseph Hoover, an honored pioneer farmer and great hunter, of Clearfield county. For his second wife, Mr. Bell wedded Miss Clementine Hoover, a niece of his first wife and a daughter of Luther Hoover, an agriculturist. By this union there were three children: Harry G., Berton and David F. The father died in 1875; his widow has since become the wife of Jesse Kester.

The educational advantages of Winfield S. Bell were such as the country schools afforded, and his business training was received upon the home farm and in the lumber woods, where he early learned industrious habits. Until his marriage he remained with his father, working in the store or assisting in his other business enterprises. After marriage he located in Bellville, and for a time engaged in farming and lumbering, and later conducted a store, dealt in stock and was interested in other speculations. He now gives his principal attention to agricultural pursuits and milling, having erected a good mill at Bellville, in 1896, which he has since successfully operated. From his father's estate he received seventy acres in Bellville, to which he has added seventeen acres. He has cleared forty-five acres, which he has improved with excellent buildings, including a two-story residence, where he is now living. He also has another highly-improved farm, and from both places has removed the stumps.

In 1874, Mr. Bell was married to Miss Minerva Arthurs, a daughter of James Arthurs, one of the early settlers of Clearfield county, coming from Clarion county, Penn., and is now residing in Bellville, at the age of sixty-eight. For many years he was actively engaged in farming, hotel keeping and lumbering, and in politics he is a strong Republican. In his family are seven children: Perry, Minerva, Clark, Nannie, Mintie, Naomi and Maud. Both parents are still living. Seven children have been born to our subject and his estimable wife, namely: Frances M., who died at the age of five years; and Minnie, Beulah, Maud, Stanley, James and Daisy B., all at home. Mrs. Bell is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. In his political affiliations, Mr. Bell was formerly a Democrat, but is now an ardent Prohibitionist. His pleasant, genial manners have gained him a host of warm personal friends, and he enjoys the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact, either in business or social life. About two years ago, by the donation of a fine lot of ground in the village of Bell's Landing, and also a liberal donation of lumber, Mr. Bell induced the Zion Baptist Church Denomination to build a fine church. In all, our subject donated toward this worthy object about two hundred dollars.

JOSEPH DAVIS, a representative farmer of Clearfield county, is located in Penn township, where he is maintaining his place among the farmers around him, engaging in general farming. He has a farm of 147 acres, which he purchased of Jonathan Wall, and substantial buildings have been erected. He is also interested in lumbering.

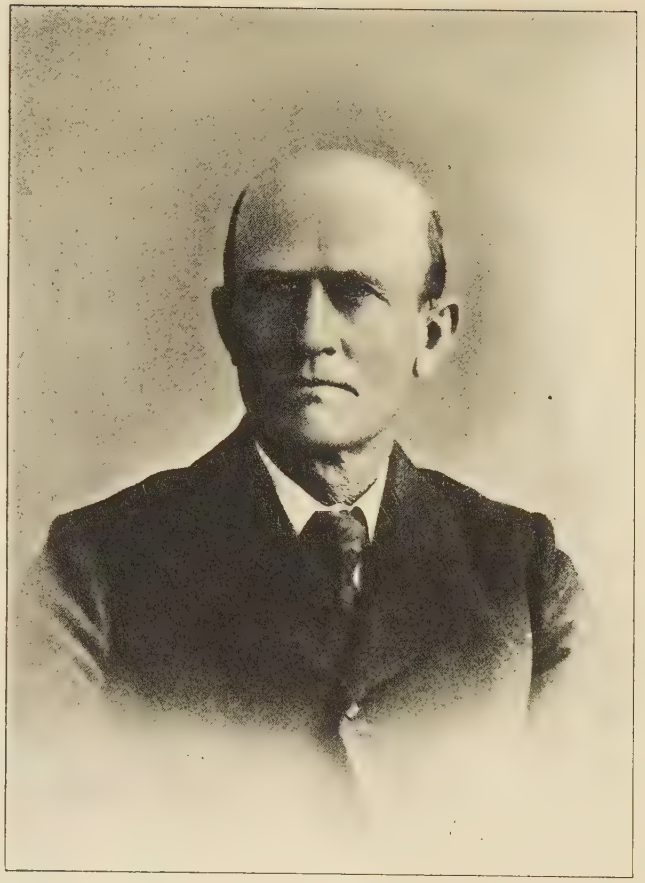
A son of Joseph and Rebecca (Moore) Davis, our subject was born June 9, 1836, and was reared on the old home farm. The father, a native of Tyrone, Blair Co., Penn., came to Clearfield county at an early day, and purchased 150 acres, which he cleared of the heavy growth of timber,

and transformed it into a farm, erecting all the buildings thereon. He married Miss Moore, who shared with him all the hardships of pioneer life, and died in 1871. The father departed this life at the age of seventy-eight. To this worthy couple were born ten children, as follows: (1) Lydia became the wife of Garison Johnson, of Penn township, and reared a family; they removed to Grant county, Ind., where Mr. Johnson followed farming. (2) Rachel, who is now about seventy years of age, makes her home with our subject and her brother Elisha. (3) Esther married Jonathan Wall, of Penn township, and resided in Grampian until her death in 1866; her husband still survives her. Their four children are—Mrs. Walker, of Penn township; Adaline, wife of Erastus Hepburn, a resident of Grampian; Joseph D., who married and moved to the West; and Eliza H., wife of Perry Arthurs, a resident of Belleville, Penn. (4) John went West when in manhood, married and settled in Iowa; no children. (5) Eliza married Thomas Cleaver, of Penn township, and they died leaving three children—Frank; James; and a daughter, now deceased. (6) James grew to manhood on the old homestead, and subsequently removed to Indiana, where he was married and reared a family. (7) Mc. died in 1895, leaving a widow and one son. (8) Hannah married Thomas Wall, of Penn township, and they lived on the E. Davis farm until her death, in 1860; her husband was killed by a team at his mill in 1892. They had three children—James; Elisha Milton, deceased; and Sarah Ellen, wife of Clark Norris. (9) Elisha married Katherine Hoover, where they now reside on his farm; their children are as follows: William, who married Miss Rishel, and resides near Troutville, Penn.; Ella, wife of George Rishel, of Troutville; Elias Curtin, married Edith Wagner, and resides near Ramey, Penn.; Lydia, wife of Brack Albert, who lives near Wallaceton, in Clearfield county; Myrtle, wife of Reuben Kester, of Penn township; Nathan, married to Mamie Currier, of Grampian; Pearl and Clare, at home. (10) Abraham enlisted August 25, 1862, in the Union army, during the Civil war, and served as a private in a P. V. I. Regiment, under Capt. McCullough. He was stricken with typhoid fever, and died in 1862 in Columbia hospital at the age of twenty-two.

In 1862, Joseph Davis married Miss Elizabeth Wall, of Penn township, and they became the parents of five children: (1) James Truman resides near Grampian, and follows lumbering; he married Jennie Kester, of Penn township, and they have three children—Alice Elizabeth, Joseph Lewis and Beulah, all at home. (2) Sarah Ann is the wife of Wilmot Wall, a farmer of Penn township, and they have three children—Joseph E., Lena and Eva M. (3) Mary Alice married Fred Smith, a resident of Grampian, and they have four children—Lizzie, Howard, Lulla and Clair; she died in 1897. (4) Cora is the wife of Bruce Kendal, a farmer of Penn township, by whom she has three children—Lester, Earnest and Raymond. (5) Eva, twin sister of Cora, married Clyde Kendal, and lives at her home, near her parents. In his political affiliations, Mr. Davis is a Republican, but has never cared for official distinction, preferring to give his exclusive attention to his business interests. He and his family are members of the Society of Friends.

JOHN W. LEONARD. Among the citizens of mark in Jordan township, Clearfield county, no one is more worthy of consideration than he whose name here appears. He is a progressive and energetic farmer, and is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most honored pioneer families of the county, who have borne an important part in its upbuilding and development. His grandfather, Joseph Leonard, a native of the North of Ireland, on emigrating to America first located in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, but later came to Clearfield county, where he improved a farm and spent his remaining days. In his family were five children: Jacob, the father of our subject; Robert, who was accidentally killed when in the prime of life; Margaret, Nancy and Mary A., Margaret being the first female white child born in the county.

Jacob Leonard was also a native of Clearfield county, where he spent his entire life, dying in 1850 at the age of forty-six years. He was a lumberman and farmer by occupation, and was a leading and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as class leader for some time. His political support was always given the men and measures of the Democratic party, but he cared nothing for official distinction. He married Miss Margaret, daughter of William and Mary Williams, who were of Welsh descent and honored pioneers of Centre county, Penn., where the father engaged in farming and coopering. Subsequently he became a prominent farmer and land owner of Clearfield county, was one of the most highly respected men of his community and a leading member of the Baptist Church. His children were as follows: David, Margaret, Jessie, Edmond, John, Catherine, Sophia, Tabitha, William, Mary and Elizabeth. Mrs. Leonard, who was a Methodist in religious



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belief, long survived her husband, dying in 1878. She was the mother of four children: Elizabeth, wife of G. I. Miles; Mary E., wife of A. W. Young; Robert, who died in 1892; and John W., of this sketch.

When our subject was only three years old his father died, and the mother took her children to the home of her father; but his death occurred soon afterward, and Mr. Leonard went to live with an uncle in Jordan township, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits and remained until his marriage, obtaining a fair education in the country schools.

In February, 1885, Mr. Leonard married Miss Edith Swan, a lady of culture, who belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families of Jordan township, her children being of the fifth generation that have here made their homes, and where they now reside. Henry Swan, the father, was born in Blair county, Penn., March 9, 1818, and in 1821 was brought to Clearfield county by his parents, John Swan and wife, the former of whom was a native of New York. The son became a prominent merchant and lumber dealer of Ansonville, was a Republican in politics, and a Baptist in religious belief, to which Church his family also belonged. His wife, Mrs. Lucinda Swan, passed away in 1884, and he departed this life February 24, 1895. They were the parents of the following children: John, a lumberman; Phebe, wife of J. W. Straw; Benjamin, a bookkeeper; Sarah, wife of P. Wagoner; Edith, wife of our subject; Harvey A. and Harriet M. (twins), the former of whom is a justice of the peace and postmaster at Coalport, and the latter is the wife of B. Clark; W. R., a farmer; and Wayland, deceased.

For a few years after his marriage, Mr. Leonard lived on the Swan homestead, but in 1891 he purchased his present valuable farm of 140 acres of improved and highly productive land, which adjoins the town of Ansonville. He has remodeled his residence and barn, making the place one of the most desirable in the locality. In 1892 he went to West Virginia to look after the large landed interests of Hon. I. D. Cameron in Clay and Nicholas counties, and spent the most of four years in surveying, making estimates of lumber, etc., during which time his farm here was operated by hired help. Although he has ever taken an active part in political affairs, as a stanch Republican, he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. He is emphatically a man of enterprise, positive character, indomitable energy, strict integrity and liberal views, and is thoroughly identified in feeling with the growth and prosperity of his native county.

Mr. Leonard was born in Becaria township, Clearfield county, February 22, 1846, and his wife, whose birth occurred July 13, 1855, was the first child born in the village of Ansonville, and she remained at the old home there until her marriage. Both are faithful members of the Baptist Church, and are people of prominence in the community, holding a high place in social circles. Their home has been blessed by the presence of four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Alvin W., March 4, 1886; Helen L., February 11, 1889; Margaret L., September 4, 1891; and Mary E., November 30, 1893.

JMANESFIELD READ, a thorough and scientific farmer, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, was there born in 1853, a son of Alexander and Isabella (Clyde) Read. The father's birth occurred in the same township, in 1827, while the grandfather, James Read, was a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Clearfield county at an early day, where he followed farming. Here he wedded Margaret Arden, and in Lawrence township they made their home until called to the world beyond. They reared a family of three sons and one daughter, namely: Thompson, a resident of Goshen township, Clearfield county; Alexander A., father of our subject; Matthew, who died in Lawrence township; and Mrs. Ellen Rheems, of Iowa.

Upon the home farm Alexander A. Read passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and on attaining to man's estate was married in Clearfield to Isabella Clyde, who was born in Clearfield borough, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Hartshorn) Clyde. The father was a native of Ireland, and, being a blacksmith by trade, erected the first shop of that kind in Clearfield. There he married Nancy Hartshorn, a native of Curwensville, and a daughter of Benjamin Hartshorn, an honored pioneer of Clearfield county. Mr. Clyde later opened up a farm at the mouth of Wolf run, where he also erected a sawmill, and engaged in lumbering and farming for many years. Both himself and wife are now deceased. After their marriage, the parents of our subject located upon a farm in what was then Goshen but now Lawrence township, which the father successfully operated, but they are now living in West Clearfield. Of the eight children born to them, three are now deceased: Amos, Elmer and Carrie. Those living are: Mrs. Margaret Owens, of Lawrence township; J. Manesfield, of this sketch; S. C., engaged in farming in Law-

rence township; Anna B., at home; Rachel, a practical nurse, who graduated from a school in Philadelphia, and is now in Japan; and Archie, who is married and living on the old home farm.

Mr. Read, whose name introduces this sketch, pursued his literary studies in the schools of Lawrence township, and early became familiar with the labors of the farm. In 1880 he located upon his present place—a fine tract of 148 acres, ninety of which have been cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation. Besides general farming, he has also engaged in lumbering with good success, and is now numbered among the most substantial and capable business men of Lawrence township. On April 8, 1880, in that township, he married Miss M. M. Richel, who was born there, a daughter of Nathaniel and Isabella (Daniel) Richel, the former a native of Brady township, Clearfield county, and the latter of Lawrence township. Both are now deceased. To our subject and his estimable wife were born five children, namely: Margaret Lowery; William A.; one who died in infancy; Ida B.; and Russell H., also deceased.

Mr. Read is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and is at present an efficient member of the school board. He holds membership in the American Mechanics Society, and Mt. Joy Grange. He is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of the county, and his sterling worth and strict integrity have gained him the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact in either business or social life.

M F. WALLACE, who owns seventy-five acres of the most valuable land in Lawrence township, and has distinguished himself as one of its most active and enterprising citizens, came, in 1843, to his present farm, which at that time was covered with a dense growth of timber. He has given close attention to the improvement of his land, the soil of which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He is a native of Clearfield county, born in Brady township, in 1827, and is a son of William and Sarah B. (Fowler) Wallace.

William Wallace, the father of our subject, was born in Perry county, Penn., in 1796, a son of William and Martha (Brown) Wallace. The grandfather was also a native of Pennsylvania, of Scotch descent, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war. At an early day, he located in Perry county, where he followed his trade of blacksmithing until his death. In that county the father of our subject was reared, and there married Miss Fowler, who was born in Juniata county, this State. In 1826 they came to Clearfield county, first locating in the woods of Brady township, near Luthersburg, at which place Mr. Wallace engaged in blacksmithing, but in 1841 they removed to Lawrence township, and two years later took up their residence upon the farm now owned and occupied by our subject. Besides his farming operations, the father gave considerable attention to hunting, and he held a number of township offices. He died on that farm in 1863; his widow also passed away at the old home, in 1882. In their family were five children: Martha J., wife of Joseph Owens, of Lawrence township; M. F., of this sketch; Mrs. Tabitha Robinson, who died in Bradford township in 1870; John W., who is married, and is living in Lawrence township; and Melinda, who married Ephraim Shirey, and died in Lawrence township in 1893.

The first fourteen years of his life our subject passed in Brady township, where he attended school, and then came to Lawrence township, where he has since resided. During his entire business career he has engaged in farming and lumbering, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the old homestead farm indicates the supervision of a careful, painstaking owner. In Juniata county, Penn., in 1855, he married Miss Sarah S. Patten, a native of that county, and a daughter of Robert and Jane (Castle) Patten, who were both born in that county, and there spent their entire lives, the mother dying in 1847, and the father in 1875. Mrs. Wallace is the eldest of their four children, the others being as follows: Thomas M., who served in the army during the Civil war, having enlisted in Company C., Ninth Indiana, and died in 1864. James A. enlisted in Centre county, Penn., in 1861, in Company C, 49th P. V. I., for three years; he was killed at Renovo, Penn., Jan. 1, 1869, in a railroad collision, having been a brakeman for several years. Mrs. Nancy J. Shaffner is living at West Clearfield. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have no children of their own, but have reared five: C. H. Halsey, now residing in Centre county, Penn.; Louie Owens, now of Michigan; Courtland B. Graham, now of Jersey Shore, Penn.; Millie Halsey, who died at the home of our subject in 1891; and D. Guy Halsey, who is still with his foster parents.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Wallace entirely coincides with the doctrines and platforms of the Democratic party, and in the exercise of his elective franchise supports the candidates of that organization. He has most faithfully discharged the duties of township treasurer and

overseer of the poor, to which offices he was elected, and is one of the leading representative citizens of his portion of the county.

J. W. YOUNG, of Ferguson township, is well entitled to be considered, not only one of the progressive farmers of Clearfield county, but one of its respected and honored citizens, and a man of more than ordinary ability. He is a native of Centre county, Penn., born March 24, 1848, and was reared and educated in Clearfield county.

Albert Young, father of our subject, was born in Snyder county, Penn., and at an early day went to Centre county, where he was employed in the iron works of Curtin & Co. There he wedded Miss Mary Wagoner, and continued to reside until 1852, when he brought his family to Clearfield county, where he rented a farm for two years, and then purchased a tract of land, of which twelve acres had been cleared and a small house erected thereon. Devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits, he there spent his remaining days, dying in 1881, at the age of seventy-two years. Politically, he was a Democrat; in religious faith he was a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Grandfather Young came from Holland, and served in the war of 1812.

Adam Wagoner, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Germany, of a prominent family, and was a miller by trade. At an early day he became a resident of Centre county, Penn., where he owned a good mill. In religious belief he was a Lutheran. His family included the following children: Nancy; Catherine; Sarah; Leah; Mary, the mother of our subject; Mrs. Eliza Williams; Margaret; Jane; and John, a farmer, who is still living in Centre county. Three of the number yet survive.

To Albert Young and wife were born eight children, of whom two died when quite young; the others are William; Sarah, wife of J. T. Straw; Mrs. Mary Kester; Margaret, wife of R. McCracken; J. W., of this sketch; and Mrs. Sophia McMurrah. The mother is still living at the age of eighty-six years, and finds a pleasant home with our subject. For many years she has been a faithful member of the Zion Baptist Church, and she enjoys the love and esteem of all who know her.

J. W. Young was reared to agricultural pursuits, and during early life assisted his father in paying for the old homestead farm in Ferguson township, on which he still resides. Since his father's death he has purchased the interests of the other heirs, has added to the land, but has also sold some, and still has eighty-one acres, improved with substantial and commodious buildings and a fine orchard, as well as many other conveniences and comforts which add to its value and neat appearance. About sixty-five acres have been cleared and cultivated, and the whole tract is underlaid with coal and fire clay. For the past five years he has successfully operated coal mines upon his place, and in this way added not a little to his income. He married Miss Mary McCracken, a most estimable lady, a daughter of Greenwood McCracken, who was one of the first settlers in this section of the State, where he followed the occupation of farming. His political support was given the Democracy, and religiously he and his family were members of the Lutheran Church. He had nine children, namely: James; Rebecca, wife of A. Bloom; John, a resident of Oregon; Thomas, a farmer; Lizzie; Alfred, a farmer; Mrs. Sarah Hunter; Mary, the honored wife of our subject; and Theophilus.

To Mr. and Mrs. Young were born thirteen children, as follows: Elizabeth, who married Charles Strong, and died at the birth of her only child, Cecil Strong, who is now living with our subject; Eliza, at home; George, married to Bertha Witherite, daughter of Shannon Witherite, of Ferguson township; Minta, who married John Lang, and has one child, James; and Albert, Mollie, Sarah, William, Earla, Dove, Leslie, Ruth and Imo, all at home. The parents and seven of the children are earnest members of the Baptist Church, and the family altogether is one of prominence in the community. Reared a Democrat, Mr. Young has always adhered to the principles of that party, and has taken quite an active and prominent part in public affairs, filling a number of important township offices, including those of judge of the election board and treasurer two terms. He possesses in an eminent degree all the qualifications that go to make up a good citizen and an honorable man.

JOHN E. WITHEROW, an energetic and enterprising agriculturist of Knox township, Clearfield county, was born April 14, 1852, on the farm where he still resides, a son of John and Margaret (Hagarty) Witherow. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Witherow, was a native of Dublin, Ireland, where he was married, but in 1821 he came to the New World, locating near the city of Clearfield, in Clearfield county, Penn. About 1828 he came to Knox township, where he purchased land and improved a farm, on

which he spent his remaining days, dying in 1872.

The father of our subject was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1819, and was therefore a child when brought by his parents to America. In Clearfield county he grew to manhood and learned the potter's trade, at which he worked for many years. After his marriage he located at the present site of Coalport where he followed his trade in connection with farming, and later purchased a tract of wild land in Knox township, from which he developed the farm where our subject now resides, erecting thereon a commodious residence, a large barn and also a pottery, which he conducted. Later in life he was interested to a considerable extent in the lumber business, and in all his undertakings met with a well-merited success. He was accidentally killed June 16, 1884; his widow is now a resident of Ansonville, Clearfield county. In religious belief both were Presbyterians, holding membership in the Fruit Hill Church, and for several years he was an elder, which office he was filling at the time of his death; they liberally contributed toward the erection of the house of worship at that place; previously the congregation had held services in houses and barns that were convenient. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Witherow: Henry, Archibald, Mary J., Samuel H., Margaret, John E., and Isabel.

The common schools afforded our subject his educational advantages, and his business training was obtained by assisting his father in the farm work and in lumbering. Together with a brother-in-law, they purchased a 400-acre tract of land, of which our subject still owns 160 acres that is underlaid with a four-foot vein of good coal yet unsold. He has partially improved this property, and previous to his father's death he became the owner of the old homestead, which contains one hundred acres, seventy-five of which are now cleared and under a high state of cultivation. He took an active part in its development, and to-day it is one of the most desirable places in Knox township. It is underlaid not only with good coal, but also fire clay, which is yet unsold.

Mr. Witherow has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Jennie Patterson, a daughter of John and ——— (Hunter) Patterson, early settlers and prominent citizens of Clearfield county. One child graced this marriage, John C., who was born in 1876, and now resides with his grandmother. The wife and mother, who was a consistent member of the Fruit Hill Presbyterian Church, was called to her final rest in 1879. In March, 1882, Mr. Witherow was again married, this time to Miss Annie Davis, a daughter of Harry and Eliza A. (Groom) Davis. On the death of his father Mr. Davis was thrown upon his own resources at an early age, and during his youth learned the tanner's trade. After his marriage he engaged in lumber, and subsequently improved a farm in Bigler township, Clearfield county, where he still resides, giving his attention to his agricultural pursuits. In his family are ten children: Mary C., Annie, George, Harry, John, William, Clara, Blake, Eugene and Frank, all still living and all married with the exception of two. The parents are faithful members of the Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Witherow have been born four interesting children: Kittie, Wade, Blanche and Mark. Politically our subject supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, and in religious belief both he and his wife are Presbyterians. They hold a high position in social circles, and their friends throughout the county are many.

ROBERT A. JACKSON. A man's reputation is the property of the world. The laws of nature have forbidden isolation. Every human being submits to the controlling influence of others, or as a master spirit wields a power either for good or evil on the masses of mankind. There can be no impropriety in justly scanning the acts of any man as they affect his public and business relations. If he is honest and eminent in his chosen field of labor, investigation will brighten his fame and point the path that others may follow with like success. From among the ranks of the energetic, persevering and prominent citizens of Osceola Mills—prominent on account of what he has done in commercial circles—there is no one more deserving of mention in a volume of this character than Robert A. Jackson, an extensive coal operator and hardware merchant.

Mr. Jackson was born in 1847, in the city of Philadelphia, and is a son of Robert and Jane (Knox) Jackson, who were born in Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and were married in that country. On coming to the New World in 1846, the parents located in Philadelphia, where the father engaged in merchandising throughout his active business life. There his wife died in 1884, and he passed away four years later, honored and respected by all who knew them. In their family were three sons: James K., who died in Philadelphia at the age of twenty-seven years; William J., who came to Powelton, Centre county, in 1876, but after a residence of ten years returned to Philadelphia, where he is still living; and Robert A.

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In Philadelphia our subject was reared and educated, and on leaving home, in 1868, he went to Warriors Mark, Huntingdon Co., Penn., where he engaged in merchandising for a time. He next took up his residence in Virginia, between Petersburg and Richmond, but since 1876 has made his home in Osceola Mills, and has been prominently identified with its commercial and industrial interests for over twenty years. Here he has successfully conducted a hardware store since 1892, and has built up an extensive business along that line. In 1876 he began operating in coal at Powelton, Centre county, at what is known as the Black Diamond mine, which was opened in 1861 by John Nuttall and operated by him for some time, when it was sold to Robert Hair Powell, of Philadelphia, and later became the property of Jackson Brothers, but in 1876 was purchased by our subject. In the woods near the mine he erected a building, where he also engaged in general merchandising. At that time Powelton was the terminus of the railroad and mail route from Philipsburg and Clearfield, and in the growth and development of this region Mr. Jackson has borne an important part. In his mining operations he now furnishes employment to an average of one hundred men, and thus in advancing his own interests he also promotes the welfare of the community. He has won the public confidence by his fair dealing and honorable course, and gained many patrons by his universal courtesy and helpfulness.

In Philadelphia, in 1871, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage with Miss Anna McFeeters, a native of that city, and they have become the parents of seven sons: James Knox and William, who both died in Philadelphia; Robert, a physician and surgeon, who graduated at Jefferson Medical College; Andrew C., who married Gertrude Walker, and is engaged in the hardware business in Osceola Mills; Clifford L., who is attending school; Howard K.; and Russell A.

Mr. Jackson takes an active interest in the success of the Republican party, which he always supports by his ballot, and has served his fellow citizens as president of the city council. He is a prominent member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Osceola Lodge No. 515, F. & A. M.; Clearfield Chapter No. 228, R. A. M. At first he held membership in the Commandery at Bellefonte, but withdrew and joined the Philipsburg Commandery. He is also a member of Osceola Lodge No. 515, I. O. O. F., and of the Presbyterian Church. As a business man, his record is without stain, and he has ever been upright, conscientious and honorable. As a patriotic citizen, he has always contributed to those movements tending to improve and enlarge the usefulness of his adopted town and county, and is justly held in high repute by his fellow men.

E. K. TURNER is one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of Graham township, Clearfield county, where he is extensively engaged in general farming, and where he was born February 12, 1853.

Samuel Turner, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the Keystone State, and was one of the early pioneers of Boggs township, Clearfield county, but later removed to Bradford township, where he opened up a good farm in the midst of the timber, and also operated a grist and saw mill in Grahamton for a number of years. He married Susan Wiser, and died in Boggs township, when his son John W., was about eight years old.

John W. Turner, father of our subject, was born in Clearfield county, March 23, 1822, and acquired his education there. After the death of his father he made his home with strangers until eighteen years of age, when he came with his mother to Graham township, and located in the woods, where he erected a log house. There she died July 12, 1852. In that township Mr. Turner developed two good farms, on which he erected substantial and commodious buildings, and made other valuable improvements. Politically he was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and for a number of years served as justice of the peace in his township. He was widely and favorably known throughout the community, and took an active part in everything that would promote its general welfare. An earnest Christian gentleman, he was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and assisted in the erection of several houses of worship, being a prime mover in the building of the church in Wallaceton, and shouldering most of its financial burden. He held membership in the Church at Bigler, and on his death, which occurred August 23, 1893, he was buried in the Bigler cemetery. He stated before his death the Bigler Church was the first church he was ever in; also if his body was taken into the church before burial, it would be the last.

On July 3, 1842, John W. Turner married Miss Martha Dixon, a native of Bradford township, who died on the home farm in Graham township in February, 1874. Five children were born to them: Ellis B., who is married and resides in Boggs township; Maggie, wife of Martin Taylor, of Bradford township; E. K., of this

sketch; Mrs. Anna Bell Russell, of Chester Hill, Clearfield county; and Mrs. Martha Hambright, of Lancaster, Penn. In 1879 Mr. Turner was again married, his second union being with Mary A. Colegrove, who is still living in Clearfield county.

Upon the farm in Graham township, which is still his home, E. K. Turner was reared to manhood, and he was educated in the district schools of the neighborhood. Throughout his entire business career he has successfully engaged in lumbering and farming in Clearfield county, owning the old homestead, given him by his father, which comprises one hundred acres, as well as other valuable tracts. His first purchase, which was in 1878, consisted of one hundred acres in Bradford township; in 1893 he bought seventy-five acres adjoining his home farm, and, in all, his landed possessions aggregate 275 acres of rich and productive land in Graham and Bradford townships, which yield a golden tribute for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

In 1876, in Bradford township, Mr. Turner was married to Miss Jane Ann Graham, a native of that township, and a daughter of John and Gwen (Dale) Graham, who were born in England, and became early settlers of Bradford township, where the father followed lumbering and farming. In 1866 he was drowned at the mouth of Moravian run; his widow still resides on the old homestead which he left her. Eleven children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Turner, namely: John W., Effie, William, Carrie, Gwen, Ernest, Ella, Linn, Anna, Mabel and Wendell.

In politics Mr. Turner is a stalwart Democrat; fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of Welcome Council, No. 406, American Mechanics, of Morrisdale. He and his estimable wife are active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Centre Hill, in which he is serving as class leader, steward and trustee. Charitable and benevolent people, they give their support to all worthy enterprises which will in any way advance the welfare of the community or benefit their fellow men, and are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

STEWART SHICK, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Goshen township, Clearfield county, was born in Monroe county, Penn., August 4, 1853, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Edinger) Shick, the former of whom was a native of Northampton county, Penn., and his father was born in France. The Edinger family is of German lineage. Samuel Shick made farming his life work. He gave his political support to the Democratic party, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. They had eleven children, namely: Henry, Amos, Franklin, Samuel, George, Stewart, Milton, Ledda, Mary, Carrie and Sarah. With the exception of Carrie and George all are yet living.

Stewart Shick, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared to manhood on the old home farm, and at the age of seventeen began to earn his own living. In 1872 he came to Clearfield county, and for two years worked in the woods. In 1874 he purchased his present farm of 200 acres, and now has a valuable property, the well-tilled fields yielding to him a good return for his labor, while the substantial buildings and excellent orchard bespeak his thrift and progressiveness. In the winter he works in the lumber woods, and his industry and energy have brought to him a good measure of success. In 1895 he married Miss Mattie A. Harris, daughter of Andrew J. and Frances A. (Woodson) Harris, both of Albemarle county, Va. They were married in their native county, and died in Augusta county, Va., the father in April, 1863, and the mother in July, 1894; both were members of the Baptist Church. In their family were six children: John A., Charles T., Joshua, Andrew J., Bettie F., and Martha A.

Mr. Shick was formerly a Democrat in politics, but now supports the Prohibition party. He has filled some local offices, and gives a worthy support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, his wife to the Baptist Church. She is a lady of intelligence and fine appearance, presiding with gracious hospitality over their home, and the friends of this worthy couple are many.

JOHN E. LIVERGOOD, a farmer of Bradford township, Clearfield county, was born in Girard township, April 22, 1854, and has spent his entire life in that county. Many changes have occurred, and in the work of progress and development he has ever faithfully borne his part, thus carrying on the labors of his ancestors, who in pioneer days located in the county. His parents were Robert and Margaret (Williams) Livergood. The former was born in Girard township, a son of Peter Livergood, a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the first settlers in that township, where he developed and improved a farm. His wife died there, after which he re-

moved to Bradford township, where he spent his last days, dying in March, 1882, aged 91 years 4 months, and 3 days. Their children were Mordecai, who resided for many years in Girard township, but died in Goshen township; Mrs. Hannah Pearce, who died in Bradford; Mrs. Margaret Earl and Mrs. Susan Kyler, who both died in Goshen township; John, who was killed while rafting on the Susquehanna river; and Robert, who died in August, 1884, aged 56 years, 4 months, and 2 days.

The last named was educated in Girard township, and became a farmer and lumberman. He was married in Bradford township to Margaret Williams, who was born on the farm which is now the home of our subject. Her father, Edward Williams, a native of Pennsylvania, became one of the first settlers in Bradford township, and by the development of his farm aided in opening up the region for civilization. He served as justice of the peace, and was an active promoter of all measures calculated to advance the public welfare. He removed to what is now the town of Bigler, and improved a farm there, making his home thereon until his death, living to a good old age.

Upon their marriage, Robert Livergood and his wife began their domestic life in Girard township, and in 1853 removed to Bradford township, where he purchased a farm of 125 acres of partially-improved land. To this he added as opportunity offered until at his death he was the owner of a valuable property of 245 acres. His wife is still living in Woodland. They had eight children, namely: Mrs. Martha Graham, who died in Bradford township; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Mentzer, of Bradford township; John E.; Mrs. Jane Owens, of Lawrence township; William, who died on the home farm in December, 1887; Mrs. Susie Livingston, of Woodland; Edward, who died, aged 26 years, 11 months, 5 days; and Mrs. Amanda Barger, of Woodland.

John E. Livergood was reared under the parental roof, and spent his boyhood days in work on the home farm and in attending the district schools. He continued to give his father the benefit of his services until twenty-two years of age, when he went to Goshen township, bought and cleared up a small farm, sold same, and in 1888 removed to the homestead in Bradford township, where he now lives. In 1875 he married Miss Clara Luzere, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of George Luzere, who in pioneer days took up his residence in this locality. He also represented the county in the Union army during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Livergood have three adopted children: Helen, Thomas and Walter. The parents are members of the United Brethren Church, and their consistent Christian lives have won for them the esteem of all. To the Republican party Mr. Livergood gives his political support, and is now serving for the second term in the office of township supervisor. His farm of 125 acres is divided into richly-cultivated fields, while the substantial improvements upon the place add to its value and attractive appearance, and indicate the owner to be one of the progressive farmers of Clearfield county.

QE. DRESSLER is one of the most energetic and enterprising agriculturists of Union township, Clearfield county, where he owns and operates a good farm of fifty-six acres, which he had purchased in 1878. He now has about thirty acres under cultivation, and improved the place with good buildings, including the erection of a comfortable two-story residence, 16 x 32 feet, with an "L," 16 x 20, also two stories in height. In connection with his agricultural pursuits he has successfully engaged in lumbering for many years.

Mr. Dressler was born in 1855, in Union township, whither his paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Gelnett) Dressler, who were natives of Pennsylvania, came at a very early day, locating in the woods on Burns' improvement. Here the grandfather developed a farm, on which both he and his wife died. They reared a large family of children. L. R. Dressler, the father of our subject, was also born in Pennsylvania, and was about thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Union township, Clearfield county. Upon the home farm he grew to manhood amidst the scenes of frontier life, and aided in the arduous task of clearing and developing the land. In Brady township, same county, he wedded Miss Julia G. Hall, who was born in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where her father, John Hall, located at an early day. They began their domestic life upon the old Dressler homestead, where they still reside, the place now being owned by Mr. Dressler, who throughout his active business career has always engaged in farming.

Our subject is the eldest of the children born to L. R. and Julia G. Dressler, the others being: Virginia, now the wife of Henry Carspecken, of Iowa; Florence, who became the wife of G. W. Brown, and died in Union township, November 16, 1879; Harry, who is married and resides upon a part of the old homestead; Gertrude, wife of Samuel Hepburn, of Grampian, Penn town-

ship, Clearfield county; and Carrie, wife of E. G. Brubaker, of Union township. Upon the old home farm, Q. E. Dressler passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and in the district schools of the neighborhood began his education, which was completed with an attendance of several terms at an academy in Armstrong county, Penn. He was thus fitted for the practical and responsible duties of business life.

In Brady township, Clearfield county, in 1877, Mr. Dressler married Miss Elizabeth Lines, who was born in that township, a daughter of Jesse and Lavina (Horn) Lines, natives of Pennsylvania. Her parents were among the earliest settlers of Brady township, where they yet reside. Six children grace the union of our subject and his estimable wife, namely: Jesse, Levi, Lavina, Lois, Cyrus and Fairy. By his ballot, Mr. Dressler always supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, and on that ticket was elected justice of the peace in 1892, which office he is still creditably filling. He also faithfully discharged the duties of township auditor for six years, and has ever proved a capable and trustworthy official. Socially he is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, No. 469, of Rockton, Penn. He is one of the prominent and representative citizens of the community, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all with with whom he comes in contact.

JOSEPH A. BOWERSOX, of the well-known firm of Pifer & Bowersox, manufacturers of lumber, DuBois, was the first justice of the peace in Sandy township, Clearfield county, and held the office continuously from 1881 to 1896, a period of fifteen years. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and education, and for many years was actively interested in school work either as teacher or as superintendent of township schools. His family, which has furnished a number of excellent educators, has been identified with Centre county from an early day, his grandfather, Jacob Bowersox, a native of Pennsylvania, having been prominent among the settlers of his day.

George Bowersox, father of our subject, was born at Aaronsburg, Centre county, April 11, 1823, a son of Jacob and Margaret (Buell) Bowersox, the former of whom was born in Union county, Penn., the latter in England. The father, who was a lifelong farmer, came to Centre county when a single man, and was there married; he died on his farm in 1860, his wife in 1847. They had a family of four children: Polly (Mrs. Boyer) died in Brush Valley, Centre county; Sarah (Mrs. Consor) died in Lockport; George comes next in the order of birth; and Jonathan died in Clinton county, Penn., in 1895.

George Bowersox received a liberal education at the common schools of Haines township, and learned the trade of shoemaker, at which he worked for some years. In 1843 he first came to Clearfield county, and for a time he made his home in Morrisdale, where he drove stage, and then moved to Curwensville, where he also drove stage for several years. From there he went to Ohio, and traveled throughout that State, also Michigan and Canada. Again coming to Clearfield county, he once more drove stage; then farmed in Bradford township, and worked at his trade; thence in May, 1866, came to Union township, where he bought one hundred acres of wild woodland, to which he subsequently added fifty acres, all of which he has brought under a high state of cultivation.

In 1846 Mr. Bowersox had married Miss Margaret Hall, a daughter of John and Nancy (Passmore) Hall (now deceased), natives of England, whence they came to this country, becoming pioneer farmers of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where their daughter, Margaret, was born. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowersox were born children, as follows: Hannah E., formerly a successful teacher in Clearfield county, is now Mrs. Wing, of Union township; Joseph A. is the subject proper of these lines; Emma (Mrs. W. W. Cole) resides at Sabula, Clearfield Co., Penn.; Sophy (Mrs. Michael Crowley) resides at the old homestead in Union township; John is a resident of Penfield, Penn.; Mary, formerly a successful teacher of Clearfield county, married N. L. Strong, district attorney of Jefferson county; Anna, formerly a school teacher in her native county, is now the wife of Orrin Stambaugh, of Medix Run, Elk Co., Penn.; and Margaret, also at one time an efficient school teacher, is now employed as a telegraph operator on the A. V. R. R., at Winterburn, Clearfield county. The mother of this family was called from earth January 21, 1891. In politics the father is active in the support of the Democratic party, and in religious faith the family have for the most part been identified with the M. E. Church.

Squire Bowersox, whose name introduces this sketch, was born October 11, 1848, his parents being then residents of Bradford township, Clearfield county, and his elementary education was obtained in the schools of Bigler and Woodland, he later attending the Normal schools of Clearfield county. After the removal to Union township, in 1866, he continued his studies, and in 1869 began teaching in Huston (now Sandy)

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township, Clearfield county, in the Pine Grove school house, which stood in the midst of a forest. He taught there five terms, in the meantime succeeding in having a clearing made around the building. Later he taught school in Sandy township, and in 1876 took charge of a school in Horton township, Elk county, Penn., and then spent some time in Union township, Clearfield county. In 1879 he engaged in mercantile business in Sabula, Penn., dealing extensively in shingles, and continuing until 1889, when he located at Du Bois, purchased a sawmill in partnership with Mr. Pifer, and began his present business of manufacturing lumber. He has never lost his interest in educational matters, and has served four years as a member of the local board, while at one time he was superintendent of the schools of his township, performing the duties of his office with energy and fidelity. He is active in local affairs and in fraternal society work, being a leading member of Cicerone Lodge No. 897, I. O. O. F., at Brockwayville, and of Garfield Lodge No. 559, F. & A. M., at Du Bois.

On December 9, 1890, Squire Bowersox was married in Brockwayville to Miss Esther Brockway, a native of Brockport, Elk Co., Penn., and a member of a prominent family of that county. Her grandparents, Chauncey and Rhoda (Nichols) Brockway, were born, reared and married in New York State, and in 1816 settled in Elk county, where they cleared a farm. Her grandfather was a successful lumberman and farmer and a leading citizen, holding the office of justice of the peace for many years. He became the founder of Brockport, later removing to Kankakee county, Ill., where he located upon a farm, and died thereon in December, 1886, at the age of ninty-three. His wife breathed her last in February, 1885, at the same place.

Capt. N. M. Brockway, the father of Mrs. Bowersox, was born in Elk county, January 28, 1829, and is a prosperous lumberman, at present residing in Jefferson county. His title of "captain" was earned by service in the State Militia from 1863 to 1865. His wife, Catherine (Taylor), was also a native of Elk county, born May 29, 1826. They had five children: Wilmer, who was born in 1849, and died in Kansas in September, 1879; Esther (Mrs. Bowersox); Myra (now Mrs. John McGovern, of Elk county); and Wakefield and Winfield (twins), of whom the former resides at Falls Creek, Elk county, while the latter is a farmer in Kansas. Mrs. Bowersox is possessed of fine mental gifts, and her home life is enriched by the intellectual sympathy and companionship which is only possible where husband and wife can keep pace with each other in thought. Her childhood was spent at the Elk county home of her parents, but at the age of fourteen she went to Manteno, Ill. Later she pursued a course in the normal school at Valparaiso, Ind., and, although delayed by absence during 1886, was graduated in 1887. She taught one year near Manteno, Ill., and then returned to Pennsylvania, and continued her work successfully at Brockwayville and Brockport until marriage called her to other duties. In all she has taught twenty years—five in Pennsylvania and fifteen in Illinois.

JAMES D. WALL is a prominent representative of the industrial interests of Clearfield county, being engaged in the lumber business in Penn township. The development of this enterprise has been to the county one of its most prolific sources of income; it is a potent factor in the business life of this section of the State, and its development has largely advanced the general prosperity. Mr. Wall is one of the leading lumbermen of Penn township, and is a wide-awake, reliable business man, whose success is the result of persistent effort and honorable dealing.

Our subject was born July 15, 1855, on the old family homestead, his parents being Thomas and Hannah (Davis) Wall. The father was born on the same farm, and was a son of Jonathan and Jane (Thomas) Wall. The grandfather was born in York county, Penn., was married in Chester county, and removing to Clearfield county, in the year 1820, located on the old Boone farm in Penn township, where he lived two years, then moved to another tract of land and cleared up a farm and reared his family, of whom: (1) Sarah (the eldest), married William Wall, of Penn township, and located on a farm there; they had eight children. (2) Isaiah married Miss Widemire, of Penn township, where he followed farming and reared a family of five children, all now deceased with the exception of one son, who resided on the old homestead. (3) Sidney became the wife of Reuben Wall, who resided on a farm two miles south of Grampian, and they had two children. (4) Eliza became the wife of Asaph Kirk, a pioneer settler of Penn township, where he follows farming; they had five children, three of whom are living. (5) Jonathan married Ester Davis, of Penn township, and resides in Grampian; they have four children, all residents of Penn township.

Thomas Wall, father of our subject, was married in 1854 to Hannah Davis, and removed to the homestead farm in Penn township. Mrs.

Wall died in 1860, leaving three children, and in 1862 the father married Eliza Nicholson, of Bell township, Clearfield county. In 1863 he removed to Grampian, where he engaged in the lumber business and in merchandising for six years. He then removed to Bell Run, and purchased the sawmill property of Irwin & Welch, known as the Dr. Hoyt tract, in Penn township. In May, 1894, when engaged in loading shingles on a wagon, the blowing of a whistle frightened his team which ran away, and the wagon passed over his body; he lived but a short time.

The children of Thomas Wall's first marriage were: James D., Elisha M. and Sarah E. The second son went to California in 1885, and after a two-years' residence there was accidentally shot and killed while out hunting; Sarah E. became the wife of Clark Morris, a farmer of Pike township, Clearfield county, and they have a family of ten children. The children born to Thomas Wall by his second marriage are as follows: (1) Mary E. is the wife of E. A. Spencer, a farmer of Penn township, and they have three children. (2) Annie married William McGovern, and died in 1871; Mr. McGovern is now living in Grampian. (3) Leona B. is the wife of James Donahue, formerly of Indiana county, Penn., but now residing on the old Wall homestead at Bell Run; they have three living children. (4) Blanche died at the age of thirteen years. (5) Charles and (6) Maud are both at home with their mother.

James D. Wall spent the first eight years of his life on the home farm, where his birth occurred, and then accompanied his father to Grampian and later to Bell Run. His educational privileges were those afforded by the common schools, and his business training was received under the direction of his father. In 1881 he took a trip through the West, and went to Colorado with the intention of engaging in mining there. He spent three years in the West, after which he returned to Pennsylvania and has since been engaged in lumbering in Clearfield county. After his father's death he assumed the management of the business, and in connection with the manufacture of lumber in Penn township is associated with Isaac Norris in the ownership of a large lumber mill in Grampian. He is a progressive business man, having the brain to devise and the will to direct extensive operations. His success has been worthily achieved, and he is now numbered among the prominent lumbermen of this section of the State.

Mr. Wall married Miss Clara Miller, daughter of Col. and Louisa Miller, of Grampian. Her father was killed in a runaway June 30, 1896. Mr. Wall is a Republican, is one of the active workers of his party, and has held the offices of school director and auditor. He belongs to the Friends Church, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both are held in the highest esteem by their many friends.

J M. WEAVER, one of the most progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Burnside township, Clearfield county, is a native of Stephenson county, Ill., born December 18, 1857. His grandfather, John Weaver, Sr., was a native of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. In his family were ten children, namely: Samuel, Sarah, Esther, James, Ruth, Eliza, Peter, Amanda, Mary C. and John, who became prominent and highly respected citizens in the communities where they made their homes.

John Weaver, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Union county, Penn., February 27, 1825, and died on the old homestead, in Burnside township, Clearfield county, April 26, 1895. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, was shrewd and far-sighted, and did an extensive lumbering business in connection with farming. Charitable and benevolent, he was widely and favorably known, and was ever ready to do an act of kindness. Although an invalid for many years, he died suddenly, and his death was deeply mourned by many warm friends and acquaintances.

The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Miss Margaret G. McGee, was born in Clearfield county, in 1827, a daughter of James and Mary (Burnhart) McGee, and is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence. Her paternal grandfather, John McGee, was an Irish patriot, who aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence, serving for seven years in the Continental army. When the war ended he located in Pennsylvania, where he married, and reared a large family, from whom sprang the McGees now so numerous throughout the country. He was a local preacher in the Methodist Protestant Church, of which his wife was also a faithful member. In their family were six children: John, who located in Virginia; Thomas, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; James, the father of Mrs. Weaver; Mrs. Mary Burnhart; Mrs. Elizabeth Goodfellow, and Mrs. Margaret Gapin.

James McGee wedded Miss Mary Burnhart, a daughter of Philip Burnhart, who was also a resident of Pennsylvania, and for seven years a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He reared a large and highly-respected family. Eight chil-

dren blessed the union of James McGee and wife, as follows: John, Thomas, Philip, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret G., James and Henry, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and held responsible positions in life. To the parents of our subject were born five children: Ruth, who died in childhood; James M., of this sketch; Dow, who died at the age of five years; Sadie, wife of William Stephenson, a prominent farmer of Burnside township; and John H., who is still on the old homestead with his widowed mother.

Mr. Weaver, whose name introduces this sketch, received a good practical education in the schools of New Washington, and was reared to habits of industry upon the farm. As his father was in poor health, and traveled much of the time, our subject assumed the management of the farm when only about twelve years of age. He remained at home until his marriage, in 1881, to Miss Anna E. Ross, a refined and well-educated young lady. Seven children grace their union, all living at home: Margaret M., Nanny M., John R., Mary J., Sarah R., and James H. (born April 4, 1895), and Elizabeth (born February 6, 1897).

Mrs. Weaver was born in Bell township, Clearfield county, October 13, 1861, a daughter of John M. and Nancy J. (Mahaffey) Ross. Her grandfather, John Ross, was a pioneer of Centre county, coming to Clearfield county at an early day, and here spending the remainder of his life. He owned a farm which he conducted, but gave most of his attention to the shoemaker's trade. In his family were the following children: Philip, who is now living at the Soldiers' Home; Mrs. Susanna Garrison; Sarah, wife of D. W. Wise; Elizabeth, who is unmarried; John M., the father of Mrs. Weaver; William, who resides in the West; Jacob, deceased; and Delilah, now Mrs. Savage. The mother of Mrs. Weaver, who was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in 1874, but the father is still living, at the age of sixty years. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, James, William, Howard, Frank, Edwin, Orrin, Sadie and Nancy.

For three years after his marriage, Mr. Weaver operated rented land, and then purchased a 100-acre tract in Burnside township, upon which he is still living. About ninety-four acres have been cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation, a commodious residence and substantial outbuildings have been erected, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place denotes the supervision of a careful and painstaking owner. It is pleasantly located one mile and a half southwest of New Washington. During his younger years Mr. Weaver devoted considerable attention to lumbering in the winter season, but now gives his time exclusively to farming and stock raising, keeping upon his place only the best and most profitable grades of stock, including a nice herd of Jersey cattle. He is interested in the manufacture of butter, for which he always receives the highest market price. In carrying on his work he uses the latest and most improved machinery, and in fact his progressive spirit, energy and perseverance have made him the model farmer of Burnside township. With the Pentecostal Church he and his wife hold membership, and in social circles they occupy a most enviable position, having the respect and esteem of all who know them.

JAMES B. WOODS, who resides in Brady township, Clearfield county, is a successful agriculturist and lumberman, who, in the prosecution of the enterprises that have claimed his attention, has ever manifested a strong desire to carry forward to the highest perfection attainable anything that he undertakes. This has formed one of the important elements in the success that has crowned his efforts.

Mr. Woods was born February 22, 1858, on the old homestead in Brady township, a son of James A. and Hannah (Horn) Woods. At an early day the father came to Luthersburg and purchased a tract of land one mile east of that place, near where the pottery now stands. Clearing the tract, he made many improvements upon the place, and there continued to make his home until his death, about thirty years ago. There his widow and six children continued to reside for two years, when the place was sold, as most of the children had married and gone to homes of their own. Some years later the mother became the wife of Philip Swope, of Brady township, where she is still living.

Besides our subject, the other members of the family were as follows: (1) Candes A. died in early womanhood. (2) William P., who now resides on our subject's farm in Brady township, married Flora Whipple, of Lock Haven, Penn., and has three children—Lewis, Erna and William. (3) Mary wedded John Neely, of Luthersburg, and they now live on a farm in Union township, Clearfield county; their children are: William, Norman, Olive, Jessie and Ida, all at home with their parents. (4) George died in Brady township at the age of twenty-two. (5) Sarah is the wife of John Eckelbarger, formerly of Clarion county, Penn., who now operates a farm adjoining our subject's place; they have six chil-

dren—Philip, Nellie, Mary, Dorcas, Lonie, and one whose name is not given.

Mr. Woods, whose name introduces this sketch, was but seven years of age at the time of his father's death, and he remained with his mother until reaching manhood. He began his business career by working in a sawmill and in the lumber woods, continuing those occupations until his marriage, in 1882, to Miss Rue Caldwell, of Brady township. She is a daughter of Jefferson and Sarah Caldwell, of Salem, Brady township. For two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Woods resided in Salem, where he purchased a house and lot, but in 1885 he removed to the Jesse Lyons farm in Brady township, where he still resides. Four years later he purchased an adjoining tract of 166 acres, known as the George Horn farm, and, in connection with the cultivation and development of both places, he also operated the Swope farm for three years. On his own place he has removed the stumps and placed the land under a high state of cultivation, and also cleared fifty acres for Mr. Lines. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and tireless energy and honesty of purpose have brought to him a well-merited success.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods are the parents of seven children, all at home, namely: Zella Rue, born at Salem February 28, 1883; Chester Caldwell, born August 25, 1885; Jesse Blake, September 6, 1887; Phyllis Fern, September 13, 1889; Hazel Leona, August 9, 1892; Garnet Marie, August 27, 1894; and Ruth. The mother is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and both she and Mr. Woods occupy an enviable position in social circles. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and he takes quite an active and prominent part in the work of his party. As one of the leading and influential men of his community, his advice is often sought even by those much older than himself, and his upright, straightforward course has won for him the respect and confidence of all who know him.

SAMUEL C. STEWART, M. D. Among the native-born physicians of Clearfield county stands prominent this gentleman, who, though yet in the prime of life, has won for himself a reputation second to none in the county as a skillful physician and surgeon.

The Doctor belongs to one of the early families of the county, and is of Irish descent, his grandfather, John Stewart, having been born in Ireland, where he grew to manhood and married. In 1819 he came to America, and, purchasing land in the woods in Bradford township, Clearfield county, he made a permanent settlement, following agriculture and lumbering pursuits the remainder of his life, and dying there in 1879 at the good old age of eighty-eight years. His wife passed away several years previously at the age of seventy-seven years. This pioneer couple reared a family of five sons and two daughters, of whom we have mention of four, viz.: Robert, residing in Clearfield county; John H., living on the old farm in Bradford township; Mrs. Wesley Shiny, of Bradford township; and Daniel, the father of our subject.

Daniel Stewart was born in 1822, in Bradford township, Clearfield county, where he passed his early life. He married Jane Lyons, and they became the parents of five children—four sons and one daughter: J. A., a farmer, resides in Bradford; J. C. resides in West Clearfield borough; B. M. lives in Clearfield; May E., who married Martin Wilson, died in Bradford township in 1883; and Samuel C. is the subject proper of these lines. Daniel Stewart was a farmer and lumberman in Bradford for many years. In later life he took up his residence in Clearfield, where his death occurred in 1890, and where his widow is now living. Politically he was an ardent Democrat.

Samuel C. Stewart, whose name introduces these lines, was born in 1856, in Bradford township, Clearfield county. He received his primary education at Curwensville, later attending school at Millersville, Penn., and taught in Clearfield and Lancaster counties for four years. In 1878 he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated with the class of '81. In the year of his graduation he located at Clearfield, where he has since been engaged in the active duties of his profession, and he has gained an enviable reputation throughout the county. His practice is a general one, but he has made a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and of surgery. He is prominent and popular among his brother physicians, and is ex-vice-president of the State Medical Society, and secretary and treasurer of the Clearfield County Medical Society. Socially he is connected with Clearfield Lodge No. 314, F. & A. M., and is a Knight Templar.

In 1884 Dr. Stewart was married, in Clearfield, to Miss Blanche Flegal, a native of that place, whose father, Lever Flegal, resides in Lawrence township. Two children have blessed this union: Samuel C. and Lever F. In political sentiment the Doctor is a Democrat, and he takes quite an interest in the affairs of his neighbor-

hood. For three successive terms—1891–92–93, he served as burgess of Clearfield borough, and all the street paving was done during his administration. He is physician for the Pennsylvania R. R., having been appointed to fill the place of Dr. Hartwick, deceased; for the last seven years he has served as physician for the Burch Creek R. R.; and also for the County Home.

JESSE LINES, one of the leading and representative business men of Brady township, Clearfield county, has since reaching manhood been actively identified with the industrial interests of this locality, devoting his time and attention principally to the occupations of farming and lumbering. He belongs to one of the old and honored families of this section of the State.

Joseph Lines, father of our subject, and a native of Centre county, Penn., came to Brady township, Clearfield county, in an early day, and was here married to Matilda Kirk. He then located upon his father's old homestead near the Brady pottery, but subsequently bought what was known as the Read farm, in Taylortown, on the Erie & Sunbury pike, where he made his home until his death in 1896. He was one of the largest lumber jobbers in his section of the county, and for a number of years carried on operations along Anderson creek. Later at different times he was connected with John, Abel and John E. Du Bois; doing business with the last named for about ten years previous to his death. He was a fair type of the hardy pioneer who has done so much for the development and prosperity of this region, and he ever gave his support to all measures calculated to advance the general welfare. Active, energetic and enterprising, he accumulated considerable property, and was numbered among the influential and prominent citizens of his community. In 1861 he enlisted in the Fifth P. V. I., belonging to Company E, commanded by Capt. Loraine, of Clearfield, and took part in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged, including Bull Run, Antietam, Lookout Mountain, and the seven-days' fight in the Wilderness. He was a Lutheran in belief, but a member of no Church, and always affiliated with the Democratic party, on whose ticket he was elected to a number of local offices.

The mother of our subject died when he was only about a year old, leaving two children, the other being Lucella, who was born on the old homestead near Luthersburg in 1866, and after attending the local schools for some time completed her education in the Young Ladies Seminary, of Hagerstown, Md. In 1894 she became the wife of Harry Nolder, of Brady township, who now resides in Luthersburg, and they have one child, Elizabeth. After the death of his first wife, Joseph Lines married her sister, Miss Ellen Eliza Kirk, and of the six children born to this union four are still living: Joseph A., the eldest, grew to manhood on the home farm, attending the common schools of the neighborhood during the winter months until 1894, when he entered the Lock Haven Normal, where he pursued his studies for a number of terms. He is a bright young man, and intends fitting himself for the ministry; but he is at present engaged in teaching at Coal Hill, Brady township. Pearl, Fern and Ruth are still with their mother, and are attending school.

Until his marriage Jesse Lines remained under the parental roof, acquiring a good, practical education in the common schools. At an early age he began assisting his father in business, keeping his books and acting as general foreman until the latter's death, when he assumed charge of affairs. He has displayed remarkable business ability, is energetic and industrious, and in the winter of 1896–97 put in nearly five million feet of lumber at the King dam, on the Luthersburg branch of Sandy creek. He also looks after the farming interests of his father, but gives the greater part of his attention to logging on Sandy creek for John E. Du Bois.

In 1889 Mr. Lines was united in marriage with Miss Effie, daughter of A. M. and M. A. Draucker, of Luthersburg, and they first located at Rockton, where he and his father were engaged in logging, but now make their home in Luthersburg. They have three children: Zoe Irene, born January 25, 1891; Lucila G., born September 9, 1893; and R. Emerson, born August 11, 1895.

SPENCER M. FREE, A. M., M. D., of DuBois, whose prestige in the medical profession makes him well worthy of biographic honors, has for eighteen years devoted his time and attention to the profession. One of the most exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of the physician. A most scrupulous preliminary training is demanded, and a nicety of judgment little understood by the laity. Then again the profession brings its devotees into almost constant association with the sadder side of life—that of pain and suffering—so that a mind capable of great self-control, and a heart responsive and sympathetic, are essential attributes of the phy-

sician. When professional success is attained in any instance, it may therefore be taken as certain that such measure of success is justly deserved.

Dr. Free, one of the most progressive physicians of this section of Pennsylvania, was born in 1856, in York county, where his parents, E. W. and V. A. (Michael) Free, were residents. His mother was born in Maryland, and his father in York county, Penn.; he has engaged in the practice of medicine for over half a century, and is now following his chosen calling in Maryland, where he makes a specialty of the diseases of women.

Dr. Spencer M. Free was reared in the county of his nativity, and attended its public schools until fifteen years of age, when he entered Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Penn. Subsequently he became a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, and was graduated in the class of 1877, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He pursued his professional studies in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md., where he matriculated in 1877, and graduated in 1880. He has since actively engaged in practice, first serving as resident physician of the Maryland Maternité, in Baltimore, after which he located at Dagus Mines, in Elk county, Penn., and was connected with the North Western Mining & Exchange Co. at that place until 1885, when he returned to Baltimore and accepted the chair of Diseases of Children in the Post Graduate Medical School. In 1887 he began practice in Beechtree, Jefferson Co., Penn., subsequently removing to Helvetia, Clearfield county; and in 1892 came to Du Bois. During the greater part of his professional career he has been employed as physician and surgeon by mining companies, and in that capacity is now connected with the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron Co. He is also surgeon for the different railway companies whose lines enter Du Bois.

Dr. Free has made continued progress along the lines of advancement and improvement in his profession, is one of the most able medical practitioners in this part of Pennsylvania, and has kept abreast of the time through his connection with various medical organizations. He is a member of the State Medical Society; is now president of the Jefferson County Medical Society, and holds membership in the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Medicine, the American Public Health Association, the American Electro-Therapeutical Association, the National Association of Railway Surgeons, the American Academy of Railway Surgeons, and the West Branch Medical Society. Of the last named, Dr. Ball, of Lock Haven, and Dr. Free were the originators.

Dr. Free was married in Elk county, Penn., to May Irene Elway, a native of Altoona, Penn., and they have three sons: Edward, Rohe and Spencer. Socially, Dr. Free is connected with Olympia Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Mountain Cliff Lodge, K. of P., of Beechtree; and Echo Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Washington Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., of Baltimore, the oldest lodge in the State; St. John's Chapter, No. 19, R. A. M.; Knapp Commandery, No. 50, K. T., of Ridgway, Penn.; and Zem-Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of Erie, Penn. He served as president of the city council of Du Bois in 1894; is a member of the Board of Health, and one of the most prominent residents of the borough, taking an active part in public affairs, and lending his influence to everything calculated to prove of public benefit.

JOHN C. STEWART, of the Perfection Knitting Machine Co., manufacturers of knitting machines, at West Clearfield, Clearfield county, is a descendant of a well-known pioneer family of that county, and has himself seen many changes in the locality.

John Stewart, his grandfather, a native of Ireland, came to Pennsylvania when a young man, and located in Bradford township, Clearfield county. He was married there to Miss Mary Campbell, and passed his life as a farmer at the old homestead, where he died in 1879. His wife spent her last days at Clearfield, passing away some time prior to her husband. They had seven children: (1) Archibald, who died in Bradford township, leaving a widow, now a resident of Clearfield. (2) Daniel, our subject's father. (3) Robert, a lumberman in Girard township, Clearfield county. (4) James, formerly a cooper, at Kylertown, who died in July, 1895, leaving a family. (5) John H., who lives at the old homestead. (6) Mary, who married Robert Wrigley, and died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. (7) Eliza Jane (Mrs. W. H. Shirey), of Bradford township.

Daniel Stewart was born in 1822, at the old farm, and followed agriculture in Bradford township for many years. He was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics was a Democrat. He married Miss Jane Lyons, by whom he had five children: (1) Mary, who married Morton Wilson, of Bradford township, and died in 1883. (2) Ashley J., who is married, and lives upon a farm in Bradford township. (3)

John C., our subject. (4) Samuel C., a physician. (5) Bishop, who is married, and resides in Clearfield borough. In 1881 our subject's parents removed to Clearfield, where his father passed to his eternal rest in January, 1890. The widowed mother resides in Clearfield.

John C. Stewart was born in 1854. During his early years he attended the schools of Bradford township, and was initiated into the ancient calling of agriculture through practical work. On attaining manhood's estate, he followed farming and lumbering for some time, but in the fall of 1889 he moved to Clearfield, where, in 1890, he engaged in mercantile business as the junior member of the firm of Spackman & Stewart. After three years he sold his interest in this enterprise, and established his present factory, in company with A. J. Gulich. In addition to this he gives attention to real-estate business, and is the owner of several residences in Clearfield.

On April 22, 1881, Mr. Stewart was married, in Bradford township, to Miss Ellen Mayer, a native of Morris township, and daughter of Adam Mayer, who was prominent in that locality in the early days. He is now living in Philipsburg, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have two children, Stattie and Christina. The home, which was built in 1892, is one of the finest in the city. As a public-spirited citizen Mr. Stewart takes great interest in the questions of the day, and in political faith he is a Democrat. He is an active member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Lodge No. 318.

ANDREW PENTZ, JR., ex-sheriff of Clearfield county, is a prosperous agriculturist residing near Luthersburg. He belongs to one of the pioneer families of that section, his father, John Pentz, having located there in 1837, when Brady township was a "waste, howling wilderness." The family is now numerously represented, and has always been noted for public spirit, any project for local improvement, especially in educational or religious lines, receiving their generous aid.

The late John Pentz was born, in 1800, in York county, Penn., the son of George and Elizabeth (Bower) Pentz. The grandfather came from Germany, and acquired a large amount of land in York county. John Pentz followed farming in that locality until 1837, when he moved to Brady township, Clearfield county, accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth Knox. He cleared a fine farm and made valuable improvements, erecting good buildings for the time, and his remaining years were spent there, his death occurring in 1846; his wife survived him with seven children: I. George was born in 1834, in York county, and came with his parents to Brady township. He married Miss Polly Zigler, of that township, afterward bought an improved farm near Luthersburg, where he died in 1894, leaving four children—(1) Eliott M., a real-estate dealer of Iowa, is married and has one living son, Ernest; (2) Frederick married Ella Betts, of Du Bois, and resides on his father's old homestead; they have a family of six children; (3) Flora married Charles Weber, a lumberman of Du Bois, but has no children; and (4) John W., who lives in Du Bois, is married and has three children. II. Andrew, our subject, is mentioned below. III. Henry was born in 1837, in Brady township, on the old homestead, and received a very limited education. He married Miss Lizzie Hallopeter, of Union township, where he bought land and cleared a good farm; he has had ten children—(1) Jane married Mitchell Askey, of Union township, and died leaving one child, Grace, who lives with her grandfather in Union township. (2) H. M., a merchant in Glen Hope, is married, but has no children; (3) Miss Emma is at home with her parents; (4) Herbert married Stella Wayland, of Reynoldsville; (5) Earl; (6) Mathias; (7) Roland; (8) Augustus; and (9) Reuben and (10) Levert (twins), are all at home. IV. Maria was born and reared in Brady township, and married a Mr. Eels, of the State of Maine, where she died in 1878 or '79, leaving two children. V. John, born in 1841, in Brady township, married (first) a Miss Hallopeter, of Union township, Clearfield county, who died some years ago. He then married Mrs. McDonald, and resides in Grampian. VI. Fred Pentz died at the age of nineteen years in Brady township. VII. Lizzie, born in 1846, married Walter Parker, of Brady township, and they reside in Reynolds, Neb., where he is engaged in the mercantile business; they have seven sons and two daughters.

The subject of this sketch was born in 1835 in York county, and was a mere child when he came to this section. He enjoyed the usual opportunities of a pioneer farmer's son, studying in winter in local schools, and acquiring practical knowledge of agriculture at home. At an early age he engaged in lumbering, and his first investment was the purchase of the homestead, after his father's death. In 1860 he bought a stone pottery of M. J. Porter, and this he conducted for five years, when he sold out and purchased a tract of timber land in Bloom township, Clearfield county, where he continued his lumber operations until 1876. In 1862 he enlisted in Company E, 172nd P. V. I., under Col.

Kleckner, serving ten months as first lieutenant, having been appointed to that rank on his enlistment. In 1866 he bought his present farm, and in 1867 he installed there a bride, Miss Catherine Norton, of Middletown, Penn. After his election, in 1876, to the office of sheriff of Clearfield county, he moved to the county seat, and on the expiration of his term of three years, he rented the "Shaw Hotel," which he managed for a year. The following year he spent in a residence on Walnut street in Clearfield, and then he returned to the farm where he has since remained. Mr. Pentz has taken an influential part in local politics, and has always been an ardent supporter of the old Jacksonian Democracy. He has held numerous township offices, and was constable a number of years, school director for six years, and auditor for five terms. In religious faith he is a Lutheran.

In February, 1883, his wife, a devout Catholic, whose loving assistance had brightened his early years of effort, passed from earth, and in 1885 he married Miss Maggie I. Brockbank, daughter of Thomas and Isabel Brockbank, well-known agriculturists of Union township, Clearfield county. She is also a Catholic in faith. By the second marriage Mr. Pentz had one child who died in infancy, and by the first there were six, four of whom lived to adult age: (1) Edward, born in 1868, is single and resides at the homestead; (2) Frank, born 1869, is a druggist in Allegheny, Penn. He married Miss Humes, of that city; (3) John, born January 1, 1872, died May 21, 1877; (4) Charles, born July 29, 1874, died May 4, 1875; (5) Miss Louise and (6) Miss Birdie I. Pentz are not married, and the latter is attending school at Luthersburg.

G F. PROWELL, M. D. Among those who devote their time and energies to the practice of medicine, and have gained a leading place in the ranks of the profession, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. For twenty years he has successfully engaged in practice in Burnside, Clearfield county, and is recognized as one of the most able and skillful physicians of the community.

Dr. Prowell was born in York county, Penn., April 23, 1843, a son of Jacob and Jane (Potts) Prowell, also natives of that county. His paternal grandfather was born in Germany, and crossing the Atlantic at an early day became a prominent farmer in Pennsylvania. Jacob Prowell also followed agricultural pursuits, and died upon his farm in York county in 1870; his wife surviving him until 1880. Her parents were of English descent, and also farming people. The Doctor is the fifth in the order of birth in the family of six children, the others being as follows: Ann, wife of E. Krone; Harriet, wife of J. L. Griest; Abram and Andrew, both mechanics; and Jacob. The father was a Methodist, but the mother was a member of the Society of Friends.

In boyhood Dr. Prowell attended the common schools, and the knowledge there acquired was supplemented by a Normal course. Until eighteen years of age he remained upon the home farm, assisting in its cultivation; but in 1861, feeling that his country needed his services, he enlisted in the 87th P. V. I., and was mustered in at York, Penn. His first service was in guarding railroads in Maryland, whence he was sent to West Virginia, and was finally in Milroy's command at the battle of Winchester, where he was taken prisoner. After being confined at Libby and Belle Isle for about five weeks, he was paroled and was out of service for a short time. After rejoining his command he participated in the battle of Mine Run under Mead, was with Grant through the battle of the Wilderness, and later served under Sheridan. During his three-years' service he was in many important battles, but was never wounded, though on his return home, in 1864, he was almost a physical wreck. After recuperating upon the home farm, Dr. Prowell commenced the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. W. P. Nebinger, and later attended lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1871. He at first opened an office in Lewisberry, York Co., Penn., being engaged in practice with his old preceptor, but in 1873 he came to Burnside, where he soon secured a large and lucrative practice. A close student of his profession, he has met with well-merited success in his chosen calling, and gained the confidence of the entire community.

In 1872, Dr. Prowell was united in marriage with Miss Mary C. Ensminger, a refined and highly educated young lady, who belongs to a well-known pioneer family of York county. She was born April 11, 1851, a daughter of Thomas and ——— (Myers) Ensminger, both natives of York county, where the father followed the occupotion of a tanner. In the family were seven children, namely: Frank; Tillie; Mary C., the wife of our subject; Elbridge, a resident of Iowa; Myers, of York county, Penn.; Mrs. Ida Davis; and Winnie. All are quite prominent and some of them have become successful teachers. Dr. and Mrs. Prowell have become the parents of three children: Beulah, who died at the age of seven

years; Fannie, born in 1877; and Max, born in 1882. The parents are both consistent members of the Methodist Church. The Doctor takes an active and commendable interest in all public affairs, is a recognized leader of the Republican party in his locality, and has filled all the school and minor offices of his borough. Socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Of genial manner and pleasant disposition, he is very popular with all classes of people, and wherever he goes wins friends, and has the happy faculty of being able to retain them. His popularity has made him a great favorite in all circles.

JAMES McEWEN. There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable gentleman whose name opens this review, since his mind bears impress of the historical annals of Clearfield county from early pioneer days, and from the fact that he has been a loyal son of the Republic and has attained to a position of distinctive prominence in the thriving little village of Westover, of which he was the founder and where he still resides, being one of the revered patriarchs of the community.

Born in Centre county, Penn., December 25, 1815, Mr. McEwen was reared to the honest pursuit of a farmer, and was educated in the subscription schools. His father, Samuel McEwen, was a native of the North of Ireland, and emigrated to America about 1810 or 1812, when the British were pressing young men coming to the New World in order to place them in their army; but he eluded his captors and reached Philadelphia in safety. There he was employed on the construction of the first Masonic lodge building in the city. Later he went to Lancaster county, Penn., where he worked for a farmer for a time, and then located in Centre county, where he also engaged in farming, though by trade he was a stone mason.

In Centre county, Samuel McEwen was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Steer, by whom he had three children: James, of this sketch; Mary, wife of S. Williams; and Eliza, who died unmarried. In 1823, Mr. McEwen brought his family to Clearfield county, locating near New Washington, where he purchased a tract of timber land and improved a farm, making that his home until about five years previous to his death, when he resided with our subject. He passed away in 1869 at about the age of ninety years, having long survived his wife. She held membership in the Methodist Church, while he was a Presbyterian in religious belief. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, but he cared nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office. After coming to Clearfield county his attention was principally devoted to farming and lumbering, in which he met with a fair degree of success.

James McEwen was eight years of age when his parents took up their residence in Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood amid the primitive scenes of frontier life, and in early life followed farming and lumbering in connection with his father. After his marriage, in 1843, he located on a tract of wild land near New Washington, where he developed a farm and engaged in lumbering until 1865, when he sold out and removed to the place where he still resides. Here he purchased three surveys amounting to 400 acres, of which considerable land was under cultivation and a house and sawmill erected thereon. To its further development and cultivation he at once turned his attention, and in 1866 erected a store building and platted the site of the present town of Westover, which has grown to be a flourishing place, containing many residences and stores, three good schools and three churches—Baptist, Evangelical and Methodist—besides a number of important industries. It was incorporated in 1894. There our subject successfully engaged in merchandising for some time in connection with his farming and lumber interests.

In 1843 Mr. McEwen wedded Miss Ann Eason, of Indiana county, Penn., a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Eason) Eason, who were second cousins before their marriage, which was celebrated in Lycoming county. On coming from his native land, Ireland, her father located in that county, where he participated in the war of 1812. For a number of years he lived at Williamsport, working at the wagonmaker's trade, and then removed to Indiana county, Penn., where he improved a farm, whereon he died in 1844 and his wife in 1854. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. In their family were ten children, namely: Harriet, wife of William Jarrett; Joseph, a farmer; Jane, who died unmarried; Ann, wife of our subject; Emeline, wife of M. Ervin; Elizabeth, wife of R. Hughes; John, a farmer; Bell; Robert, a farmer of Centre county; and Susan. Mrs. McEwen, who was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, died in 1844, leaving one son, Eason, now a resident of Irvona, Pennsylvania.

On August 29, 1848, Mr. McEwen was again married, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Preastly, who belongs to an honored pio-

neer family of central Pennsylvania. Her father, Shipley Preastly, was a native of Huntingdon county, whence he removed to Johnstown, where he followed the trade of carpentering, and he became the first postmaster of that city, owning at one time the land on which Johnstown is now situated. Subsequently he came to Clearfield county, where he operated a sawmill, engaged in the lumber business and opened up a farm, but finally sold out and emigrated to Princeton, Ill., where his death occurred. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, and in politics an ardent Republican. He had nine children, as follows: Mrs. Matilda Craver; Mrs. Hannah Drits; Mary A., wife of S. Swan, a minister; Jonathan, deceased; Sarah, wife of J. Drits; Elizabeth, wife of our subject; Rachel, who died in childhood; Charles M., a resident of Princeton, Ill.; and Jane, who died in childhood.

Five children blessed the second marriage of our subject, namely. (1) Jane became the wife of John S. Fry, who died in 1881, leaving a widow and two children—Flora M. and James S.; they all find a pleasant home with Mr. McEwen. (2) Samuel P. died in 1856. (3) Charles M. is also deceased. (4) Mary S. is at home. (5) Elizabeth A. died in childhood. The wife and mother was called to her final rest February 10, 1894, dying in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, with which she had long held membership.

On attaining his majority, Mr. McEwen voted with the Whig party, and since its organization has been a stalwart Republican. A man of unswerving integrity and honor, one who has a perfect appreciation of the higher ethics of life, he has gained and retained the confidence and respect of his fellow men, and is distinctively one of the leading citizens of Westover, with whose interests he has always been identified.

DAVID HORNING has found a pleasant home in Huston township, Clearfield county, since 1865, at which time he purchased a timbered tract of 200 acres, the previous owner being Philip Hebener.

Our subject was born in Montgomery county, Penn., in 1819, and is a son of Lewis and Ann (Guldwaltz) Horning, both natives of Pennsylvania, the mother born in Montgomery county, of German ancestry. In that county the father followed farming until his death, but the mother died in Schuylkill county, this State. Ten children were born to them: Mrs. Sarah Gamon, who died in Philadelphia; Mrs. Elizabeth Kooker, of Florida; Abraham, who died in Herkimer county, N. Y.; John, who died in Ohio; David of this sketch; Amos, who has been a resident of Penfield, Clearfield county, since 1865; Mrs. Polly Kealey, of Spring City, Chester Co., Penn.; Mrs. Frances Schwenk, of Bucks county, this State; Mrs. Hannah Gingery, of Florida; and Lewis, who died in Montgomery county.

In the county of his nativity David Horning was reared to manhood, receiving his education in its public schools, and has followed farming throughout life. He is now one of the honored citizens of Penfield. In Montgomery county, in 1845, he married Susan B. Huntricker, a native of that county and a daughter of Henry and Mary (Detwiler) Huntricker, who spent their entire lives there. To Mr. and Mrs. Horning were born children as follows: (1) Mary Ann and (2) William Henry, both died in Montgomery county; (3) David departed this life while a resident of Huston township, Clearfield county.

(4) LEWIS H., born in Montgomery county, in 1852, was about twelve years of age when brought by his parents to Clearfield county, where since reaching manhood he has engaged in farming. He was married in Minnesota, in September, 1883, to Miss Estella Elier Bundy, who was born in Huston township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Jefferson and Nancy (Hebener) Bundy, now residents of Minnesota. Three children grace this union: Ruby, born February 4, 1886; Goldie, born January 20, 1888, and David, born July 15, 1893. Lewis H. Horning is now engaged in the operation of the home farm, and is serving as tax collector of his township. He is a wide-awake, energetic citizen, a consistent member of the Free Methodist Church, and in politics was first a Republican, but, on account of his views on the temperance question, he now supports the Prohibition party.

(5) John was married in Minnesota, in 1880, to Miss Samantha Hebener, a native of Huston township, Clearfield county, and to them were born three children, of whom two are yet living —Jennie Bell, born January 14, 1884; and John Kline, born August 9, 1887. By occupation John Horning is also an agriculturist, and he is a Prohibitionist in politics. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Penfield.

Like his sons, David Horning casts his ballot with the Prohibition party, but formerly was an ardent Republican, and has faithfully served his fellow citizens as a member of the school board and as tax collector. A conscientious, earnest Christian, he is a devout member of the Free Methodist Church, and his upright, honorable

life has won for him the respect of all with whom he has come in contact. He has been called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, a most estimable lady, who passed to her reward, January 7, 1893, dying on the home farm.

ANTHONY McGARVEY in the school of experience early learned that industry and perseverance are the essential elements of success in any undertaking, and putting this knowledge to the practical test he has by determined effort and honorable purpose worked his way steadily upward from humble surroundings to a position of affluence.

Mr. McGarvey was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in September, 1819, and his parents, William and Jennie (Long) McGarvey, were also natives of the Emerald Isle. The mother died when our subject was four years old, and the father afterward married Mattie Gallaher. After her death William McGarvey came with two of his younger sons to America, joining his older children who had previously emigrated to the United States. He lived among his children until his death, which occurred at the home of his son in Delaware county, Penn. The parents of our subject were both members of the Church of England, and were cultured and intelligent people. They had four children: Thomas, of Delaware county; Mary A., now Mrs. McGarvey; Anthony; and Mrs. Martha Montgomery. The children of the second marriage were William, who went to Chicago, where he entered the army, and is supposed to have been killed during the war; Mrs. Elizabeth Goon; and Hannah.

Anthony McGarvey came to America when twelve years of age with his younger sister, and went to the home of his brother Thomas, who had sent for them to come to this country. He remained in Delaware county with his brother for two years, after which he was employed for three years as a farm hand. He then removed to Huntingdon county, Penn., where he accepted a situation as manager of the farm of the Pennsylvania Furnace Company for two years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Spence Creek, where he remained four years, and in 1842 came to Clearfield county. To his original purchase of land of one hundred acres he has added until he now has a valuable tract of 300 acres. This was at first covered with a heavy growth of timber, and in the midst of the forest he built a little cabin and began the improvement of a farm. He now has 125 acres transformed into rich fields, which yield to him a good return for the care and labor he bestows upon them. He has a commodious two-story frame residence, a large barn and other substantial outbuildings, the latest improved machinery and a fine bearing orchard. All of these accessories have been secured through his own efforts, and the homestead is an evidence of a well-spent life on his part. As he cut away the timber he made it into marketable lumber, and also did a jobbing business in lumber for others. There were no other farms in the neighborhood when he located here, and for a number of years he had to go to Huntingdon county for supplies, which he carried home on his back. For five years he owned no horse, and he cultivated his ground with a grub hoe; but as time passed he became more prosperous, and to-day in a comfortable home he is enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

Mr. McGarvey was married in 1842 in Huntingdon county to Jane McGarvey, who was born in Ireland, and during her girlhood came with a brother to America. After a short time spent in Philadelphia she took up her residence in Huntingdon county. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: John, a farmer; Elizabeth (widow of Dan Gorman), who superintends the operation of her own farm; and William, who died at the age of four years. The mother of this family died in 1849, and in 1851 Mr. McGarvey married Ellen Hunter, who was born in Scotland in 1823, and came to America in 1843. Her parents were John and Ellen (Johnston) Hunter. Her father, who was a farmer, died in October, 1869, aged eighty-five years; his wife passed away in 1874, at the age of ninety. They were consistent members of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Hunter served as elder in Fruit Hill Church. They had seven children: John, who died in 1894; Robert, who died leaving a family; Isabel, wife of R. Little; James, of Jordan township, Clearfield county; Elizabeth, deceased wife of John Wilson; Ellen; and Margaret, widow of John Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. McGarvey have four children: Ellen, wife of L. Miles; Robert, a merchant of Spangler; Kate J., wife of E. Sunderland; and Isabel, wife of F. Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. McGarvey are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a prominent Freemason, having become a member of Coalport Lodge, No. 574. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Clearfield, and became a Knight Templar in Philipsburg. For forty-five years he has been a faithful member of the Odd Fellows society, has filled the chairs in both organizations, and he is also a member of the Mystic Shrine, of Erie

county. In politics he was a Democrat until 1890, since which time he has voted with the Republican party.

JAMES McNEEL, who follows agricultural pursuits in Jordan township, Clearfield county, was born December 21, 1825, in the locality where he now lives.

His parents were James and Mary (Rickets) McNeel, and the father was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, whence he emigrated to America in 1804, locating at Sinking Valley, Penn. After a short time he married Elizabeth Crawford of that place, and removed to Jordan township, Clearfield county, where he purchased 300 acres of land, which is now in the possession of his three sons, James, Joseph and Isaac, his daughter Mary and a grandson, Taylor McNeel. In the midst of the wilderness he hewed out a farm, and continued its cultivation throughout his life; he died in 1863 at the age of eighty-five. After the death of his first wife he wedded Mary Rickets. The children of the first union were Mrs. Nancy Ramsey, Thomas, Mrs. Ann Adelman, Marshall and Mrs. Ellen Spur. The children of the second marriage were Eliza, wife of J. Hunter; John; James; Joseph; Mrs. Mary McCormick; Lydia, wife of L. Root; Isaac; and Caroline, who died in childhood. The parents lived to old age, and Mrs. McNeel, who long survived her husband, died on the old homestead farm and was buried by his side in Fruit Hill cemetery. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church; Mr. McNeel was one of the leaders of the Republican party in Jordan township, where he served as justice of the peace for more than twenty years, and held other township offices. He was a contractor on the Erie & Phildadelphia turnpike, and was a progressive and public-spirited citizen.

Isaac Rickets, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was an honored pioneer of Becaria township, Clearfield county. and a prominent and enterprising man. On his land he platted the town of Utahville, and had the distinction of being the first officer of the township. He erected a hotel, which was afterward conducted by his son and namesake, and in the midst of the forest, which he conducted throughout his life.

James McNeel early became familiar with the life and labors of the farm, and to his father gave the benefit of his services until he had attained his majority, his education being acquired in the common schools. In 1853 he was married, and began his domestic life upon a portion of the old homestead. He began lumbering, and for forty years followed that pursuit, rafting his lumber down the river to market. He inherited a part of the old homestead at his father's death, and upon his land has made substantial improvements, transforming the place into one of the fine farms of the neighborhood. He is progressive in his methods, and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place well indicates his careful supervision.

Mr. McNeel was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Linch, of an honored pioneer family of Centre county, daughter of John and Sarah (Moore) Linch, of Irish descent. The Moore family removed from Centre to Clearfield county at an early day, and the grandfather of Mrs. McNeel edited a paper in Clearfield, where he was widely and favorably known. His political support was given to the Republican party. Mr. Linch resided for some time in Perry county, Penn., where he was employed in the iron furnaces. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. They had two daughters: Mary J. and Nancy, the latter now the wife of John Thompson, a railroad man of Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. and Mrs. McNeel had eight children, namely: Sanford; William, who died in childhood; Alvin; Martha, wife of A. Bloom; Nancy, wife of E. Harnish; Thomas; Elizabeth; and Harry. The parents and most of the children are members of the Presbyterian Church, and the family is one of prominence in the community, where they have many friends. In politics, Mr. McNeel is a Republican, and he has held a number of township offices.

FREDERICK CAMPMAN, of the borough of Wallaceton, Clearfield county, is one of the most enterprising and successful citizens of the county, and, although of foreign birth, is a thorough American at heart. He and his three brothers all served in the cause of freedom during the Rebellion, and in peace as well as in war the family have shown their attachment for their adopted country.

Mr. Campman was born in Prussia, January 22, 1832, a son of Anthony Campman, who owned and conducted a farm there until 1844, when he brought his wife and family to America. He located first in Maryland, and was employed for a time in the iron works there. After making several changes of residence he located in Clarion county, then settled in Middlesex, Mercer Co., Penn, where he died in 1858. His wife's death occurred in Maryland a number of years previously. They had five children, namely:

Frederick, Henry, David, Caroline and Timothy. The four sons served in the army, as has been said, and Timothy died in Andersonville prison.

The early education of our subject was obtained in the schools of his native land. In 1851 he went to Clearfield county and found employment in Bradford township in lumbering and rafting. He was married in 1854 to Miss Esther Manes, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of Daniel Manes, a highly respected pioneer farmer. Until 1864 Mr. Campman continued the lumber business, but he was then drafted into the army, and joined Company F, 88th P. V. I. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and he saw some hard service, taking part in several battles, the chief of which was the siege of Petersburg, but he was neither wounded nor captured. He was mustered out of the United States service in Virginia at the close of the war, and received his final discharge at Philadelphia, June 30, 1865. Returning home, he followed logging until the lack of suitable timber ended that occupation in his vicinity, and in 1872 he purchased an improved farm of one hundred acres in Boggs township, adjoining the borough of Wallaceton, and has ever since conducted it. The farm is underlaid with coal. Of late he has given especial attention to raising and buying cattle, and has also been engaged in butchering.

Mr. Campman's first wife died in 1871, and in 1872 he wedded Mrs. May Ella (Williams) Smell, daughter of Edward Williams, a prominent pioneer of Bradford. Mr. Campman has the following children, all by the first marriage: Henry, a farmer in Decatur; Mrs. Mary Buck, of Goshen; Mrs. Ella Goss; David, a railroad man; and Mrs. Lizzie Conder, of Goshen. The Campmans have always been devout Catholics, and Mr. Campman is a member of that Church. He is a Democrat in politics, and has held a number of offices, including that of treasurer of his borough. Although he is now past life's meridian, he is full of enterprise and vigor, and having won success through years of hardship and toil, he is enjoying their well-earned fruits. Charles D. Williams, an adopted son of Mr. Campman and his second wife, has found a pleasant home with them since he was one and one-half years old. He is an employee of Mr. Campman in the business. He has made a study of telegraphy under M. E. Klare, of Wallaceton.

CAPT. JOSEPH DELEHUNT, the well-known and popular postmaster of Houtzdale, was born in Cambria county, Penn., March 14, 1838, his parents being Edward and Ann (Farrell) Delehunt. The father, a native of Ireland, emigrated to the United States in 1820, and took up his residence in York county, Penn., whence he removed to Cambria county in 1828. In Johnstown he engaged in contracting and teaming until 1851, when he removed to Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Penn., where his death occurred in 1868. His wife departed his life at the same place in 1860. There were five children in their family.

In the schools of Johnstown and Hollidaysburg, Captain Delehunt acquired his literary education, and continued with his parents until the outbreak of the Civil war. Hardly had the echoes from Fort Sumter's guns died away when he enlisted at Hollidaysburg, April 16, 1861, in Company A, 3rd P. V. I., for three months, and three days later was sworn into the United States service. On the expiration of his term he re-enlisted September 23, 1861, in Company A, 84th P. V. I., for three years, and was mustered in at Camp Crossman where the regiment was assigned to Shield's division of the Army of West Virginia; but in 1862 it was transferred to the Army of the Potomac. Our subject participated in the following battles: Falling Water, July 2, 1861; Bath, Va.; Hancock, Md.; Blooming Gap, W. Va.; Winchester, in March, 1862; Front Royal; Cedar Mountain; Thoroughfare Gap; second battle of Bull Run; Fredericksburg; Chancellorsville; Rappahannock Station; Gettysburg; Wapping Heights; Locust Grove; Mine Run; Wilderness; Todd's Tavern; Spottsylvania; North Anna River; Hawes Shop; Ptolemy Creek; Cold Harbor; and St. Petersburg. He received a shell wound at St. Petersburg, and for some time was confined in a hospital at Annapolis, Md. At the battles of North Anna River, Ptolemy Creek, Cold Harbor and St. Petersburg, Capt. Delehunt commanded his regiment. At St. Petersburg he was honorably discharged December 11, 1864, with the rank of captain, won by meritorious conduct and bravery on the field of battle. He had entered the service as private, but in 1861 was made sergeant, and on the 23d of March, 1862, was commissioned second lieutenant; after the battle of Winchester he was promoted from that rank to captain, October 15, 1862.

Capt. Delehunt was married in Hollidaysburg in 1863, to Miss Elizabeth Clonan, who is a native of the Emerald Isle, but was reared in Pennsylvania. They have six children: Thomas, Edward, Maggie, Elizabeth, Joseph and Matthew. The Captain continued to make his home in Hollidaysburg until 1868 when he moved to

Clearfield, where he was an engineer; then (1873) moved to Osceola, and opened a machine shop, which was entirely destroyed by fire in May, 1875. In 1876, he removed to Houtzdale, Clearfield county, and for fourteen years was in the employ of Robert H. Powell as an engineer. He is an ardent Democrat in politics, has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, and has creditably served in several important official positions, including those of burgess and as a member of the city council. In April, 1894, he received the appointment of postmaster at Houtzdale, and is proving one of the most efficient and obliging officers that has ever filled that position. In religious belief he is a Roman Catholic, and fraternally holds membership in the Veteran Legion.

JOSEPH BORST, a prosperous agriculturist of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, has an honorable place in the roll of gallant defenders of the Union. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the army for three months, and was assigned at first to the Pennsylvania Reserves. On being sworn into the United States service at Harrisburg, he became a member of Company A, First Pennsylvania Artillery, for three years, then for three years or "during the war." He took part in the battle of Dranesville, Va.; the Peninsular campaign, under Gen. McClellan; the second battle of Bull Run, under Pope; and the engagements at South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Suffolk (Va.), Butler Depot, and was at Petersburg at the time of the mine explosion. He was with Gen. Butler in Virginia and North Carolina for some time, and the entire four years were spent in serious work. He remained in the service until there was no more fighting to be done, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, July 25, 1865.

Mr. Borst was born in Germany, March 19, 1837, and came to Clearfield county when nine years old. His parents, John and Mary (Mock) Borst, were born and reared in Germany, and, after their marriage, crossed the ocean to make a home in Clearfield county, Penn. The father, who was a lumberman by occupation, died in Pike township in 1847; the mother passed her declining years in Lawrence township, where she breathed her last in 1868. Nine children were born to this pioneer couple: John died in Lawrence township; Michael resides in Altoona, Penn.; Joseph, our subject, is the third in the order of birth; Sylvester died in Pike township; Charles died in Lawrence township in 1866; Fred and Philip both died in Lawrence township; and Paulina (Mrs. John Lintner) resides in Altoona.

Joseph Borst was educated in the schools of Pike township, and his energy and business ability were displayed at an early age, as at thirteen he engaged in lumbering. After his return from the war he continued his business, and rafted on the river for many years. He now conducts a fine farm of 117 acres near Glen Richey, raising general crops. In 1888 he was married in Lawrence township to Miss Frances McLaughlin, a native of that locality. Her parents, John and Margery (Dougherty) McLaughlin (both now deceased), were born in Ireland, and settled in Lawrence township at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Borst have had the following children: William, Charley, John, Alvin, Paul, Peter, Frank (deceased), Joe (who died at an early day), May and Caroline. In his political views, Mr. Borst is a Republican, and he takes a keen interest in all the questions of the time. Socially he is a member of Lorimer Post, G. A. R., of Clearfield.

JOHN W. BELL. The work of development and improvement in any new locality requires time, patience and great energy. The best results are not those most hastily secured, but are those which follow earnest labor and persistent purpose. Through four generations the Bell family has been connected with the upbuilding and the substantial advancement of Clearfield county, and the various representatives of the name have been active and influential in the work which has transformed the unbroken wilderness into good homes, rich farms and thriving industrial centers.

Arthur Bell, the great-grandfather of our subject, married Miss Greenwood, and came to Clearfield county about 1790, making the third permanent settlement. He visited the region as a trapper and hunter from Lycoming county, coming up the river in a canoe, and in the following spring he brought his family, making a location on the Susquehanna river near the present site of Lumber City. He improved what is now known as the Farwell farm, aided in the organization of the county, and for many years served as justice of the peace, performing all marriage ceremonies in that early day. He was a very popular and highly respected citizen. The family experienced the usual hardships of frontier life. Game of all kinds was plentiful, but breadstuffs had to be carried across the mountains on the backs of the frontiersmen and brought down the river in canoes. Arthur Bell was reared in

the faith of the Presbyterian Church, to which he always adhered. His children were Letitia, Rebecca, Rachel, Mary, Greenwood, William and Greer, all now deceased.

Greenwood Bell, the grandfather of our subject, was reared in Clearfield county and became one of its prominent and respected citizens. He cleared a farm in the midst of the forest, and in connection with agricultural pursuits carried on lumbering. His son, Arthur Bell, father of our subject, was reared in Greenwood township, and purchased 200 acres of land, the farm on which John W. Bell now resides. From time to time he made additional purchases, becoming owner of 1,600 acres. He was a prominent factor in the development of the lumber industry, and in 1843 erected a sawmill, manufacturing lumber on an extensive scale and rafting it down the river to market. He also followed farming and placed one hundred acres of land under a high state of cultivation. He married Catherine Hazlett, who was reared in Clearfield county, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Wilson) Hazlett, honored pioneers. Her father also developed a farm from wild timber land, and engaged in lumbering. In politics he was a Whig, and on that ticket was elected county treasurer, being the only Whig candidate ever chosen for the office. On the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks, and in 1856 was its candidate for associate judge, but could not overcome the strong Democratic majority.

To Arthur and Catherine Bell were born six children: William, who died at the age of twelve years; John W.; Elizabeth, who married James Stevenson, and died in 1894; Delilah M.; Sarah C., who married C. Armstrong, and both are now deceased; and Harriet E., who died at the age of twenty years. The mother of this family died in 1850, and Arthur Bell was again married, in 1862. His death occurred in 1872.

On the farm where he now resides in Greenwood township, Clearfield county, John W. Bell was born July 12, 1838. The common schools afforded him his educational privileges, and he received ample training at farm labor and in the lumber business. In 1862, having married, he purchased from his father the homestead and 400 acres of land additional. After his father's death he purchased the interest of the other heirs until he owned one-half of the remainder of the land. His farm is supplied with all the modern improvements and accessories, and the excellent buildings stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He erected a pleasant and commodious two-story residence, a large barn, also substantial outbuildings, and has transformed the land into richly-cultivated fields. He aided his father in clearing the homestead tract and has since improved other portions, clearing it of the stumps and raising in the fields excellent crops. He also built a sawmill, and has done an extensive lumber business, piloting the lumber down the river every spring for thirty years. He made his last trip in 1891. His land is underlaid with a rich coal deposit, and his property is a valuable and productive one.

In 1862, Mr. Bell married Elizabeth Cook, daughter of Alexander Cook, who moved from Centre to Clearfield county at an early day, and engaged in the hotel business near Curwensville. He afterward removed to Clarion county, and later to Lyons, Iowa, where he and his wife died. Their children were Mary J., Mrs. Bell, William, John, James, Eliza, Carrie and Alexander, all of whom went to Iowa with the exception of Mrs. Bell. By her marriage she became the mother of five children: Ida, who died at the age of twelve years; Arthur, who is farming on the homestead; Cora, at home; Alice, who died in 1894, at the age of twenty-two; and Saner, who is attending school in Lewisburg. The mother of this family, who was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, died in 1875, mourned by many friends.

In 1876, Mr. Bell married Mrs. Eliza C. Thomson, who had two children by her first marriage—W. Harry, who is attending the State College; and Martha M., wife of Dr. Elton S. Corson. Mr. Bell reared and educated these children as his own. His wife is a daughter of David Williams, who was reared in Centre county, but removed to Clearfield county where he purchased and operated a farm and mill in Jordan township. His children were Mrs. Martha Henderson, James G. and William G., who follow farming; and Eliza C. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have one child, Ai T., born in 1877. They are members of the Baptist Church, and are people of genuine worth, enjoying the high regard of many friends. Mr. Bell was a Republican in politics until 1894, since which time he has voted the Prohibition ticket. He is now serving as postmaster at Bower, and is one of the popular citizens of the community, wherein he has spent his entire life.

ZENAS L. HARTSHORN. The steady development and substantial improvement of a community is largely dependent upon its farming population. Of this class our subject is a representative, being numbered among the leading and influential agriculturists of Clearfield county.

Mr. Hartshorn was born March 4, 1838, on the old homestead, in Pike township, where he yet resides, and is a son of Jonathan and Rachel (Leonard) Hartshorn. His paternal grandparents, Benjamin and Isabella (McClure) Hartshorn, natives of Maryland, removed from that State to Centre county, Penn., and in 1806 came to Clearfield county, where the grandfather secured a large tract of land, that is now in the possession of our subject. He opened up a farm, and also conducted a tannery, for he was a tanner by trade. His son, William, learned the trade, and after the grandfather's death carried on the business. Benjamin Hartshorn secured his land from the government, and it has never passed out of the hands of his descendants. In his family were eight children, namely: Peggy, Anna, Jonathan, William, Laura, Eliza, Benjamin, Mary Ann. The parents of this family were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Jonathan Hartshorn, who was born in Centre county, in 1799, came to Clearfield county, in 1806, and there spent his entire life as a farmer. After his father's death he remained with his widowed mother, and inherited from her the old homestead. In 1830 he was married, and located thereon, continuing to make it his place of abode until 1883, when he was called to his final rest. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and took a deep interest in public affairs, but never sought office. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged. Mrs. Hartshorn is still in the enjoyment of good health, although nearly ninety years of age. She was born May 28, 1807, and is a daughter of Abram and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Leonard. The family was founded in America by Patrick Leonard, her grandfather, who was born in Ireland, and spent his last days in Huntingdon county, Penn. Abram Leonard was reared and married there, and subsequently removed to Centre county, whence he came to Clearfield county, in 1803, locating near Clearfield creek, on land which at that time had not yet come into market. There he opened up a farm, which after his death was purchased by his son, James, and is now the property of Mrs. Hartshorn. He died July 23, 1840, and his wife passed away several years later; they were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were James T., Thomas, Mrs. Hartshorn, Zenas, Hannah, Robert, Agnes, Elizabeth and Andrew. James T. Leonard became a very prominent man, and accumulated a large fortune, which, at his death, was divided among his relatives, as he never married. Jonathan and Rachel Hartshorn became the parents of nine children, as follows: Jane, wife of R. Neeper; Benjamin; Margaret, wife of R. Wrigley; Zenas; Mary A.; Mrs. Hannah Broughler; Jonathan T., who resides in California; Joshua, a farmer and miller; and Lavina, who died in childhood.

Zenas L. Hartshorn was reared on the old homestead farm, and acquired his education in the common schools. His life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and to lumbering, and his capable management of his business interests has brought to him a high degree of success. He was married, in 1890, to Miss Josephine Antes, of Centre county, a daughter of James Antes, a prominent farmer of that county, where he spent his entire life. His death occurred in 1889; his widow is still living in Centre county. They had seven children: James B.; Martha (Mrs. William Allen), in Kansas; Jerome B., of Clearfield; Mrs. Hartshorn; E. F., Esther, and Estelle. The mother of this family is a member of the Methodist Church, and is widely and favorably known in Centre county. She was educated in the public schools of Centre county, for several years was a teacher in that county, and later taught one term in Clearfield county.

Mr. Hartshorn exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never desired political preferment. He is, however, public-spirited and progressive, ever true to his duties of citizenship, and in all the relations of life is an upright, honorable man, who has the warm regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

DAVID C. BURKETT, a prominent agriculturist of Bradford township, and a veteran of the Civil war, is one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens of Clearfield county. During the twenty-eight years of his residence in that county he has been actively engaged in business, and has won the esteem of a large circle of acquaintances.

On both sides his ancestors have been residents of Pennsylvania for several generations. His father, David Burkett, was born in Huntingdon county, and was married there to Miss Sarah Spanogle, a native of Centre county, whose forefathers were among the earliest settlers of that section. The father died in Shirleysburg in 1852, but the mother was spared many years, her death occurring at the same town, November 28, 1883. Our subject is one of a family of five children: Peter, who also served in the Union army, enlisting from Huntingdon county, now resides at Shirleysburg; Mary (Mrs. Lightner) lives at Shirleysburg; Kate (Mrs. Anderson) is a resident of

Harrisburg; and James, who enlisted in Huntingdon county during the war, died at Orbisonia.

Mr. Burkett, our subject, was born February 4, 1848, at Orbisonia, Huntingdon county, and February 4, 1864, he gave evidence of the same patriotic spirit which made all the sons of this family respond to the call to arms, by enlisting for three years, or "during the war," in Company H, 21st Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was mustered in at Harrisburg, and his regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. Among the important engagements in which he took part was the battle of Cold Harbor, and in the struggle at Petersburg he received, on June 18, 1864, two gun-shot wounds—one in the thigh and one in the head. These confined him to the field hospitals at Little York, Penn., and Grace Church, Alexandria, for four months, when he rejoined his regiment in front of Petersburg. In 1865 he received an honorable discharge at Harrisburg, and returned to his native county. In 1868, he went to Clearfield county, and for some time was engaged in teaming and hauling lumber in Decatur township. He then became a merchant and coal dealer in Berwinsdale, and later a lumberman in Lawrence township, but in 1892 he went to Clearfield borough and kept a restaurant for a short time, giving it up in order to take charge of the "Susquehanna House" at Curwensville. In 1894 he purchased his present farm near Woodland, a fine property containing 206 acres, all improved. He is a general farmer, and his estate shows excellent management.

Mr. Burkett was married, in 1868, in Decatur township, Clearfield county, to Miss Alice Hughes, daughter of Richard Hughes, a leading resident of that township, and one of its pioneer settlers, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Three children of this marriage are now living, namely: Carrie (Mrs. Smith), of Clearfield; and Minnie and Maud, both at home. As a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Burkett has taken great interest in all questions and movements of the day. In politics he is a Democrat, and, although he is not a seeker after official honors, he was overseer of the poor in Decatur township for two years. He has been active in fraternal society work as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

SILAS REECE, a well-known coal operator of Philipsburg, Penn., is a man of keen perception, of great sagacity, of unbounded enterprise, and to these characteristics may be attributed his wonderful success in business life. He was born in Decatur township, Clearfield county, December 11, 1849, and there made his home for many years. For the past sixteen years, however, he has been identified with the commercial and industrial interests of Philipsburg, though his mining property is in Decatur township.

Elijah Reece, father of our subject, was born January 1, 1800, in Herefordshire, England, where his parents spent their entire lives. There he was reared, and attended the Church of which John Jay was pastor. In Bath he learned the currier's trade, which he continued to follow in that city until coming to the New World. He was married in his native land, in 1831, to Miss Mary Ann Blanthan, and at Liverpool, May 9, 1833, they started for America, in a sailing vessel, which, after two months, reached Newfoundland, whence it drifted to Greenland, but finally arrived at Philadelphia, August 9, 1833. By canal they proceeded to Lewistown, Penn., thence by stage to Bellefonte, and on foot to Philipsburg, where for a time Mr. Reece engaged in the tanning business. At an early date he purchased of Hardman Philips a tract of sixty-two acres of timber land, and located thereon when most of the country was still in its primitive condition, and many wild animals inhabited the forests. He immediately began to clear and develop his land, to which he added until he had 113 acres of as rich farming land as was to be found in the locality. He was one of the best known men in Decatur township, and one of its representative and influential citizens. In politics, he was a Democrat, and was the oldest subscriber to the *Clearfield Republican*, at the time of his death, which occurred November 3, 1883; his wife died in 1874. Her mother, who also came to America, died in Decatur township, August 24, 1833, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at Philipsburg.

Nine children were born to the parents of our subject, namely: (1) John, a native of Decatur township, was the first man in Clearfield county to offer his services as a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in 1861, in the 1st Pennsylvania Artillery; he was commissioned lieutenant, and served thirty months. He died in Virginia, in October, 1887. (2) Elijah also enlisted in Decatur township, in September, 1861, and served for eighteen months as a member of Company K, 110th P. V. I. Being wounded at the battle of Winchester, he returned home, but in August, 1863, again went to the front as a member of Company K, 87th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war. He died in Decatur township, December 8, 1895. (3) Arthur enlisted in the 149th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war. He

made his home in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where he passed away in 1885. (4) Mrs. Salina Morgan resides in Delaware. (5) Clara died at the age of eleven years. (6) James died when young. (7) Mrs. Adda Shaw is living in Huntingdon county, Penn. (8) Silas is next in order of birth. (9) Anna died at the age of four years.

Upon the home farm in Decatur township, Silas Reece spent his boyhood and youth, and in the common schools of the neighborhood began his education. Later he pursued his studies at State College and Edinboro, and after completing the prescribed course, graduated from the Iron City Commercial College of Pittsburg, Penn., in 1876. During the following twelve years he successfully engaged in teaching in Decatur township, and subsequently, for three years, carried on merchandising in Philipsburg. Since 1887 he has been actively engaged in the coal business, and upon his farm in Decatur township are three veins, which are being profitably worked. The first of these, which is the oldest in operation in that section of the county, was opened in 1883, but some years previously samples of the coal had been sent to Switzerland for analysis. The second vein was opened in 1886, and the third in 1892. In the management of his mines Mr. Reece has displayed excellent executive ability and sound judgment, and has thereby met with a well-deserved success in this undertaking.

In 1880, in Altoona, Penn., Mr. Reece was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Alleman, a native of Gulich township, Clearfield county, where her parents, David and Bathsheba (Campbell) Alleman, located at an early day. Her mother died there, but her father departed this life in West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Reece have four children: Paul and Lillian Ada (twins), born June 10, 1881; Bessie Alleman, born April 11, 1883; and Dora Ethel, born in July, 1885. Mrs. Reece received her education at the Clearfield County Normal School, Curwensville, after which she taught for about seven years in Clearfield and Blair counties, two years in the city of Altoona.

Although Mr. Reece has made his home in Philipsburg for the past sixteen years, his business interests are still in Decatur township, and he is a worthy representative of one of its honored pioneer families. At the time his parents located there only three families were living within its borders—those of Messrs. Goss, Hughes and Kephart—and they were obliged to go to Janesville (now Smith's Mills) to mill. They experienced all the hardships and difficulties incident to pioneer life, and took an active and prominent part in the upbuilding and progress of the township. Politically, Mr. Reece is a Democrat, and reigiously is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, as are also his wife and twins. His success in business life has been the result of honest and persistent effort in the line of honorable and manly dealing, and his career has ever been such as to gain him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

ERNEST F. MIGNOT, who is engaged in the milling business in Karthaus, Clearfield county, is one of the leading representatives of the industrial interests of that place.

Charles Mignot, father of our subject, was born April 7, 1818, in Centrey, France, and is a son of Hyacinth and Frances (Cherbonet) Mignot, also natives of France, whence in 1832 they came to this country, locating in Bellefonte, Penn. In 1842 Charles became a resident of Centre county, where he learned the trade of blacksmithing, and in 1835 he moved to Karthaus township, Clearfield county, entering the employ of Peter Karthaus. With him he remained two years, in 1840 locating on a tract of timber land in Covington township, Clearfield county, where he and his father opened up a farm which they operated until the death of the latter. He had a family of eight children, as follows: Charles; Elizabeth, widow of Francis Barthot, who opened up a farm in Covington township, but died in France; Frank, of Covington township; Augustus, of Girard township; John, of Covington township; Florentine, of Wellsville, Kans.; Emil, of Covington township; and Boniface, who died in the same township at the age of seventeen. The mother of these died in the spring of 1875.

Charles Mignot was married January 6, 1849, in Girard township, to Caroline Amelia Leconte, who was born in Paris, France, a daughter of Augustus and Caroline (Sheron) Leconte, natives of the same country. In 1832 her parents came to Covington township, and the father engaged in merchandising and lumbering in Frenchville for some years. He afterward removed to a farm at the mouth of Deer creek, and carried on the same pursuits there until 1854, when he located on what is known as the homestead farm. He died there January 24, 1873. The family then carried on the business until September 11, 1875, when Mrs. Leconte removed to Clearfield, where she died in May, 1890. They had three children: Caroline Amelia (Mrs. Mignot); Eugenia, of Clearfield; and Fannie, wife of C. A. Woods, of Altoona. Charles Mignot lived in Girard township for some time, and was engaged

in merchandising and lumbering. He afterward lived on a farm on Deer creek, until the death of his wife, June 22, 1864, when he removed to the Leconte homestead, but since 1895 he has resided with our subject in Karthaus. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mignot, as follows: Ferdinard married Annie E. Briel, and lived on the old homestead in Girard township until his death, June 6, 1894; and Ernest F., the subject proper of this sketch.

Ernest F. Mignot was born in Girard township, Clearfield county, September 6, 1852, and received his education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his home. When old enough he united with his brother in business, and they carried on merchandising and lumbering in Girard township, our subject also conducting a farm. On November 9, 18—, Ernest F. settled in Karthaus, where, in partnership with J. S. Briel, he erected a flouring-mill on the river, and began milling and lumbering at that point. The partnership between them was dissolved November 9, 1887, at which time Mr. Mignot purchased a tract of timber land on Deer creek, and began lumbering. He is now engaged in the same pursuit in Girard township, where he also operates a sawmill, and is the owner of 900 acres of valuable timber land underlaid with coal.

In Covington township, Clearfield county, August 4, 1878, Ernest F. Mignot was married to Miss Nancy Jane, who was born in Covington township, a daughter of John and Margaret (McGonegle) Briel, the former a native of Germany, the latter of Pennsylvania. Five children have been born to this union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: J. Ferdinand, May 18, 1879; Jesse J., November 8, 1882; Florence A., January 1, 1884; Clare Briel, July 8, 1890; and Angelus, January 6, 1894. In politics, Mr. Mignot is a Democrat, and has filled the office of collector.

FRANK GOSS. The business interests of Wallaceton, Clearfield county, are well represented by this gentleman, who has largely promoted commercial activity by his energetic efforts in the development of trade. He was born October 22, 1856, on the farm of his father, Jesse Goss, of Clearfield county. He is a representative of one of the old families of this locality. His grandfather, Abraham Goss, crossed the Atlantic to America, and became one of the early settlers in this section of Pennsylvania. His numerous descendants have been people of sterling worth, true to the duties of both public and private life and mostly have followed farming. The grandfather of our subject was George Goss. The father, Jesse Goss, was born in Clearfield county, and married Rebecca Smith, who was also a native of that county, and was an earnest Christian woman, holding membership in the United Brethren Church. In politics he was a Democrat, and was actively interested in public affairs, holding various township offices. In their family were four children: Frank, Mrs. Emma Connell, Charles and Mrs. Sarah Bret.

Under the parental roof Frank Goss remained until twenty years of age, when he started out in life for himself. Among his earliest ventures was merchandising, which he began in connection with a partner. He afterward continued the business alone, but later sold out. He then embarked in the lumber business, and also operated a sawmill, rafting the lumber down the river to market. As his financial resources have increased, he has invested in real-estate, and has found this a profitable source of income. It was largely through his instrumentality that the firebrick works were established at Wallaceton. He became one of the stockholders in the company, superintended the construction of the plant, and continued the management of the works until after the enterprise was in successful operation. He then sold out, and in 1882 he erected the large hotel in Wallaceton, which he conducted until 1889, when he leased the property. After two years it returned to his management, and he continued in control until 1893 when he sold out. On January 1, 1880, he was made agent of the Pennsylvania railroad at Wallaceton, and is still acting in that capacity.

In 1875 Mr. Goss received the appointment of postmaster at Wallaceton. He had not yet attained his majority at the time, and in consequence could not take the oath of office, but Senator Wallace, his special friend, made arrangements whereby he assumed the duties of the position. He served for seven years, and then resigned. In his political adherency he is a Democrat, and though he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking he has served as justice of the peace, and is now acting in the capacity of constable. In 1896 he was sent as a delegate from Clearfield county to the State Convention, which met in Allentown.

In 1876 Mr. Goss married Miss Ella Campman, a lady of intelligence and of an honored family. She was born in Clearfield county, a daughter of Frederick Campman, who was born in Prussia, and came to America in early life. He purchased an improved farm near Wallace-

ton, but now resides in the town, and carries on agricultural pursuits, also operating a meat market. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and a very prominent and influential citizen. A sketch of him appears elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Goss had six children, of whom four are living: Leonard, who is acting as station agent at Wallaceton; Minta; Fred; and an infant unnamed. Mr. Goss belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been very active in the development of Wallaceton, his enterprise has been the means of securing many substantial improvements, and he is a typical representative of that class of citizens who, while promoting individual prosperity, advance the public welfare.

JOSEPH E. GEARHART. Among the early emigrants from Germany, who contributed in such large measure in their day to the redemption of the fertile lands of Pennsylvania from the primeval wilderness, was John Gearhart (born about 1782, died in 1857). the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He married Catherine Gray, of Centre county, who lived to be ninety-seven years old. In 1820 he located in Centre county, near the present site of Philipsburg, where he cleared a tract of land and established his home.

John Gearhart, our subject's grandfather, was born there in 1790, and, moved by the true pioneer spirit, he in his turn sought new lands in Clearfield county, and made his home in the woods in Decatur township, where he died in February, 1871. His wife, Lydia (Shivery) Gearhart, survived him till 1885. They had ten children: (1) David, a resident of Chester Hill; (2) Sarah (Mrs. David Goss), of Decatur township; (3) John S., our subject's father; (4) Susan, who married Joseph Milward, of Osceola, Penn., and died in 1886; (5) Andrew, who died at Chester Hill, in 1896, leaving a widow, formerly Miss Lydia Ellis, and four children; (6) Jane, the widow of Jonas Peters, of Boggs township, Clearfield county, who died in 1881; (7) Catherine, the widow of Abraham Goss, of Osceola, who died in 1891; (8) Enoch, who married Nancy Ellis, and resides at Chester Hill; (9) Hannah, formerly the wife of Jacob Haverrocker, who died in 1881, her own death occurring a few years later; (10) Jacob, who married Miss Eliza Rumk, and resides in Crawford county, Pennsylvania.

John S. Gearhart, our subject's father, was born in Decatur township, April 20, 1818, and in early manhood, after his first marriage, followed the example of his ancestors by settling upon a tract of wild land in Boggs township, Clearfield county, which he transformed into a fine farm. He still resides there enjoying the well-earned fruits of his former labors. He was married in Decatur township, December 7, 1841, to Miss Lydia S. Showalter, born in 1824, died in 1851, a native of Clearfield county, and daughter of John Showalter, who was born in Pennsylvania, and died in Clearfield county in 1857. The family was of German origin. Four children of this marriage were as follows: (1) William enlisted from Huntingdon county, in 1864, in Company E, 45th P. V. I., was taken prisoner, and died at Salisbury, N. C., December 10, 1864. (2) Ellis died unmarried November 20, 1865. (3) Andrew Lloyd resides in Clearfield. (4) Joseph E. is our subject. The mother of this family died in Boggs township, July 2, 1851. The father on April 20, 1852, in Boggs township, married Miss Elizabeth Ann Smith, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of Samuel Smith, an early settler in that county, now deceased, Rev. Henry Kephart performing the ceremony. His widow, Barbara (Smith) Davis, now resides in Becaria township. Eight children were born of the second marriage, of whom seven are living: (1) George S. is married, and is a well-known furniture manufacturer at West Clearfield. (2) John Wesley and (3) Alvin C. married and settled upon farms in Boggs township. (4) Samuel is married, and resides in West Clearfield. (5) Lydia J. (Mrs. Charles Ricketts) lives in Becaria township, Clearfield county. (6) Charles died in 1885. (7) James is at home with his parents; and (8) Lewis is married and lives in West Clearfield.

J. E. Gearhart was born at the old homestead April 22, 1849, and after his mother's death, was cared for, and reared by his Grandmother Showalter, until about ten years of age; she (Grandmother Showalter) went to Illinois to spend the remaining days with her children who had moved to that State in 1853–5; she died in 1873. J. E. Gearhart was then taken home to his father. He was raised a farmer boy, and had only a meager education. From his boyhood he showed a mechanical genius by making mechanical contrivances for his own amusement. At twenty-one he engaged in lumbering for Hoover Hughes & Co., with whom he worked nine years, acting as foreman for the company. In 1890 he built a factory in West Clearfield, where he employs eight men, on an average, in the manufacture of knitting machines invented by himself, and which have a world-wide reputation. He is also interested in real estate, and rents a number of houses in West Clearfield. In

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1871 he was married, in Decatur township, to Miss Mary E. Middleton, a native of this State, and the daughter of the late John Middleton, a well-known gunsmith, who died in Decatur township. Her grandfather followed the same trade, and made guns for the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart have eight children: Sophia married Harry D. Hasson, of Philipsburg, Penn.; Leonard A. is a student at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; and the others—Ada B., John R., Edna E., Jessie P., Lydia May and Emory J.—are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart are prominent members of the M. E. Church, Mr. Gearhart being a teacher in the Sunday-school for twenty-five years. He is active in religious work, giving his spare time from business to Evangelistic work in the State. Politically, Mr. Gearhart is a Prohibitionist; in 1895 was nominated by the party for Assembly, and received quite a large vote in the county.

GIDEON WOODRING. This gentleman's honorable record as a soldier, gained while he was still a mere youth, furnishes a trustworthy indication of a nature in which loyalty to every duty, however remote the claim, has always been a prominent characteristic. His recent efforts, happily successful, to secure the commutation of the sentence of a former employee, A. W. Van Houten, who had been condemned to be hung in Colorado, will be readily recalled by the public, by whom his warm-hearted and generous rush to the rescue was fully appreciated. His rare good nature and whole-souled attachment to his friend has gained the deep regard of those who know him well, while his strict integrity in business compels the respect of acquaintances. For eighteen years past Squire Woodring has been one of the most popular citizens of Du Bois, Clearfield county, and has held the office of justice of the peace since 1888, being re-elected in 1893, and again elected, February 15, 1898, for a continuous term of five years.

Our subject comes of old Pennsylvania stock, and his grandfather, Solomon Woodring (formerly spelled Wotring), who was born in Berks county, settled, about 1820, in Crawford county, upon a tract of land which is now the county poor farm. The parents of our subject, Charles and Mary (Beige) Woodring, were both natives of Berks county, and were married in Crawford county, where they remained upon the farm mentioned, Charles Woodring buying part of it from his father. Both attained a good old age, our subject's mother breathing her last on February 23, 1888, aged seventy-four, and the father in March, 1892, aged seventy-nine years, eight months and twenty-two days.

Their children were William, a carpenter at Saegertown, Penn.; Henry, a carpenter at Mogadore, Ohio; Gideon, our subject; Samuel, a hotel keeper at Akron, Ohio; Lavinia (deceased), formerly the wife of Frank Hildebrand, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Alfred, a pattern-maker at Akron, Ohio; Anna, residing in Saegertown, Penn.; Daniel, superintendent of an oil company at Cyclone, Penn.; Wayne, who died in 1895 at McDonald, Penn.; Charles, who died in 1887 at Saegertown; and Kate, a resident of Saegertown.

Our subject was born June 16, 1843, near Saegertown, and was reared upon the old farm assisting in the work of the place as his boyish strength permitted. He was but eighteen years old when the Civil war broke out, nevertheless, in the fall of 1861, he enlisted at Erie, Penn., in Company I, 111th P. V. I., being mustered into service on December 26 of that year. His term expiring in February, 1863, he re-enlisted in the same company, and remained at the front as long as hostilities lasted, gaining the rank of orderly sergeant of his company, and not losing a day's service between 1861 and May 15, 1864, when he was wounded at Resaca, Ga. He was one of the marchers in the grand review at Washington, and was mustered out in that city June 26, 1865.

Returning to the paths of peace, Mr. Woodring engaged in the oil business, continuing until April, 1880, when, having purchased the Van-Houten bottling works at Karns City, Penn., he transferred them to Du Bois and established himself permanently in that thriving town. He has been the victim of three fires, being burned out in the conflagration which destroyed the town in 1888, and on two other occasions. It is not strange, therefore, that he should have been one of the chief promoters of the present fire department, now one of the best in the State. He was the president of the first meeting held for its organization, was chosen as the first president of the fire company then formed, and was chief of the fire department up to 1884. Politically he is a Republican of the stalwart type. He organized the Garfield and Arthur Club in 1880, the first campaign organization ever formed in Du Bois, and served as its captain. In 1881 he took the initiative in organizing the Union League. He is prominently identified with various non-political bodies, being a member of Easton Post, No. 229, G. A. R., of which he is past post commander; of Garfield Lodge, No. 559, F. & A.

M.; and is a charter member of Du Bois City Lodge, No. 199, A. O. U. W.

On August 28, 1878, at Millville, Clarion Co., Penn., Squire Woodring was married to Miss Sarah Cribbs, of that county, a daughter of John and Catherine (Miller) Cribbs, the former of whom was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., September 9, 1807, the latter born at Mt. Bethel, Northampton county, June 27, 1810. They were married December 10, 1829, and children as follows were born to them, their names and dates of birth being given: Caroline, September 11, 1830; Anna, April 24, 1833; Elizabeth, September 22, 1835; Susannah, January 22, 1837; Christmah, July 6, 1840; Sarah, August 1, 1843; Adam, February 6, 1845; Fiannah, July 10, 1847; Henry Jacob Arnold, July 28, 1849; and John, February 18, 1854. The father of this family died April 23, 1873, but Mrs. Catherine Cribbs is still living; her parents were Jacob and Susan (Mohoney) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Woodring have one daughter, Anna.

JACOB AMON. This gentleman ranks among the retired farmers and prominent citizens of West Clearfield, where he is resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. By untiring industry and economy he has acquired sufficient property to enable him to spend his declining years free from the cares and responsibilities of active business life. A native of Canada, Mr. Amon was born near the city of Montreal, July 1, 1844, a son of John and Emma (Singer) Amon, also natives of that country, the former born of German parentage and the latter of American. Throughout life the father followed the occupation of farming in his native land, where his death occurred, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Canada.

Our subject acquired a good practical education in the schools near his boyhood home, and was taught valuable lessons of industry and economy upon his father's farm, where he remained until 1861, when he came alone to Clearfield county. After stopping at two or three places, he finally located near the "Knobs," in Goshen township, where he secured work in the woods, and continued lumbering until 1868. After operating rented farms for ten years, he purchased one hundred acres, known as the Abe Kiler farm, of which about one-half had been cleared, and he at once began its further development and cultivation. Eighty acres have now been placed under the plow, while good and substantial buildings have been erected, making it a most desirable farm. It is pleasantly located twelve miles northeast of Clearfield, near the "Knobs." Since 1887 it has been conducted by his son, while our subject makes his home in West Clearfield, where he has purchased a comfortable residence.

In 1866, Mr. Amon was united in marriage with Miss Martha Kiler, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of Abraham Kiler, one of the pioneer settlers of this region, who died upon the farm which he has developed from the wilderness. There Mrs. Kiler, who was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, also passed away. Mrs. Amon is the only one of their three children now living. Ten children bless the union of our subject and his wife, namely: Mary, Calvin, Hannah, Thomas, Milton, Lena, Daffa, Gordon, Weaver and Alice. Mary, the eldest of the family, is now the wife of George Green, a lumberman by occupation.

Politically, Mr. Amon is identified with the Democratic party, and has served as overseer of the poor, but cares nothing for public office. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, while his wife is a Lutheran in religious belief. They are kind-hearted, benevolent people, who have many warm friends, and have the confidence and esteem of all who know them.

ISAAC RICKETTS, for many years one of the most prominent farmers of Clearfield county, was born April 28, 1814, at Banian Bend, near Glen Hope, and died November 16, 1895, at the advanced age of eighty-one years and seven months. His was a busy, useful and upright life, devoted to the faithful performance of the duties that fell to his lot, and all who knew him respected him for his sterling worth.

His parents were Isaac and Anna (Law) Ricketts. Coming to Clearfield county, the father located in Becaria township, near Glen Hope, and married Miss Law, who was reared in Canoe valley, Blair county, Penn. They located in Becaria township, and when our subject was four days old removed to Mt. Pleasant, where the father purchased one hundred acres of timber land, on which he built a round-log house. He made all the improvements upon the place, and continued its cultivation until his death, which occurred in 1851. His wife died in 1848.

They had a family of nine children: (1) Mary C., born in 1795, married James McNeal, and located at Fruit Hill, in Jordan township, Clearfield county, where they reared a large family and lived for many years. (2) Annie, born on a farm near Glen Hope, became the wife of Timothy Lumadue, who lived on a farm near

Glasgow, Penn.; they reared a large family. (3) Deborah, born at Banian Bend, married Samuel Smith, and they resided on his farm at Smith's Mill until his death; his widow is now living at the advanced age of ninety-two years, and has a large family. (4) John, born at Banian Bend, married Mrs. Annie Hewitt, of Lancaster county, Penn.; he lived in Pennville, Penn., for a number of years, and then erected a home at Utahville, wherein he resided until his death. His widow has since married again, and is now living in Berwinsdale. (5) Martha died at the age of twenty years. (6) Lydia, born at Banian Bend, married Samuel Ray, of Jordan township, Clearfield county, and lived on his farm in Knox township until called to the home beyond. They reared a large family. (7) Jane, born at Banian Bend, married Joshua Davis, and they also had a large family; their home was on his farm in Gulich township, near Ramey. (8) Isaac was the next of the family. (9) Rebecca, born at Mt. Pleasant, married John Litz, of Stoneville, Boggs township, Clearfield county, who after his marriage purchased a farm near Mt. Pleasant, on which they spent their remaining days. They had daughters as follows: Anna E., who became Mrs. Scott, and lived in Gulich township, near Janesville; Nancy, who is the widow of George Gowan, and lives in Janesville; Martha, wife of Edwin Turner, of Maine, who now owns and operates a farm near Utahville; Mrs. Mary O'Hara, who lives in Colorado; Sarah, wife of Abram Smith, now living on the homestead in Becaria township; and Alice, wife of John Smith, of Irvona.

Isaac Ricketts was reared to farm life, and always followed that pursuit. He married Philenia Litz, of Boggs township, Clearfield county, daughter of Rudolph and Mary Ann Litz. The wedding was celebrated February 22, 1842, and on the following day they came on horseback to Mt. Pleasant, locating on his father's farm in Becaria township. Mrs. Ricketts was not fifteen years of age until the 4th of March following. They began their domestic life in a hewed-log house, and there resided until 1859, when they removed to a part of the farm which his brother John had formerly purchased. For twenty-eight years it was their place of residence, after which they made their home in Utahville until the death of Mr. Ricketts. His wife still survives him, and is a well-preserved old lady of seventy years, who vividly remembers the early pioneer experiences of their married life, when the forests were the haunts of wolves, panthers and other wild animals. She can relate many interesting incidents of frontier experiences. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ricketts held membership with the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was a Democrat, but never sought office, preferring to give his leisure time to the enjoyment of his home. Mr. and Mrs. Ricketts had a family of fourteen children, as follows:

(1) Mary Ann, born in 1843, and educated in the common schools, married Wilson Winslow, of Bradford county, Penn., and resides on his farm in Becaria township. Their children were —Minerva, married to James McKavish, and residing near Utahville; Philena, at home; John, who was accidentally shot by a neighbor boy; Thomas; Charles; Perry; Ellis, who died in childhood; Lewis and Rebecca, who also died young. (2) Rebecca, born in May, 1844, became the wife of John Robson, of Bradford county. They located in Glen Hope, where he engaged in lumbering and merchandising, having at one time the largest store in Clearfield county, and owning large tracts of timber land. He afterward moved to Hecla Furnace, where he became the owner of extensive farming property and a gristmill. On selling this, he removed to Marble Rock, Iowa, where his extensive dealings in real estate brought him a fortune; but ill health caused him to go to Nashville, Tenn., where he also made large investments in land. After disposing of his interests there he returned to Centre county, Penn., and purchased two large farms near Pine Grove, where he died, leaving a widow and eight children—(a) Emily, born in Glen Hope, and educated in a high school in Iowa, is the wife of Prof. Butts, who is connected with the Pennsylvania State College; they have three children. (b) Bertha, born in Glen Hope, and educated in a college of Iowa, became the wife of Rev. Long, a Methodist minister, and died some years ago leaving two children. (c) Alice, born at Hecla Furnace, Centre Co., Penn., and educated in Iowa, died in Pine Grove, Centre county, at the age of twenty years. (d) John I., born at Hecla Furnace, and educated in Iowa and The Pennsylvania State College, is now studying medicine in Philadelphia. (e) Frederick, born in Iowa, and educated in The Pennsylvania State College, is now employed in the electrical works of Johnstown, Penn. (f) George, born in Iowa, and educated in The Pennsylvania State College, is at home with his mother. (g) One child died in Iowa, and (h) another died in infancy at Glen Hope.

(3) Emily, born July 6, 1846, married Abednego Stevens, of Warrior's Mark, Penn., where they resided until he entered the Union army. He was captured in battle, and died in Andersonville prison, leaving a widow and one son,

Edgar. Mrs. Stevens afterward married Thomas Gates, of Huntington county, Penn., who died at their home in Iowa; she still resides in Rockford, Iowa. By her second marriage she has two children: A daughter, who married a Mr. Johnston, a railroad official of Iowa, by whom she has one child; and Charles, who is living with his mother. (4) John, born December 3, 1848, married Sarah Turner, only daughter of Samuel and Susan Turner, of Cambria county, Penn. They reside on the Turner homestead, one of the best cultivated farms of Cambria county, and have seven children living—Allen, a graduate of the State Normal School, at Lock Haven, Penn.; Susan, who was educated in Ebensburg, Cambria county; Samuel; Isaac; Bruce; Bertha; and Dorothy. (5) Sarah Jane, born January 26, 1851, married Chantellor Strunk, of Bradford county, a dealer in musical instruments and a teacher of music in Utahville. They have had three children—Nellie, who was born in Utahville, and died in Bradford county at the age of twelve years; Augustus and Philenia, both natives of Bradford county. (6) Edward, born March 8, 1853, was reared on his father's farm, and married Tessie Hammond, of Becaria township, where they reside on a farm. Their children are —Mrs. Sarah Scott, of Mountaindale; Rebecca, wife of William Scott, principal of the high school at Johnstown, Penn.; John; Uriah; George W.; Augusta; Melissa; Philenia; and Anna M. (7) Isaac E., born April 1, 1855, and educated in the common schools, married Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Crowell, of Becaria township. He then resided on the home farm for a few years, and worked on the railroad. Subsequently he built a home in Utahville, where he resided five years, when he traded it to his mother for the hotel property in that village. He is now conducting a first-class hostelry, supplied with all modern improvements, and is a popular host. His children were—Bertha, Henrietta, Edgar, Roby, Elva, Isaac, and two children who died in infancy. (8) Philenia, born March 20, 1857, is the wife of John Mathews, who resides on the old Mathews homestead in Becaria township. Their children were—Laura, who died at the age of seven years; Charles; Ira; Lottie and Hannah J., at home. (9) Charles, born July 11, 1859, and reared on the home farm, married Lydia Gearhart, of Blue Ball, and is now engaged in merchandising in Becaria, and also serves as postmaster of the town. They have one son—Walter.

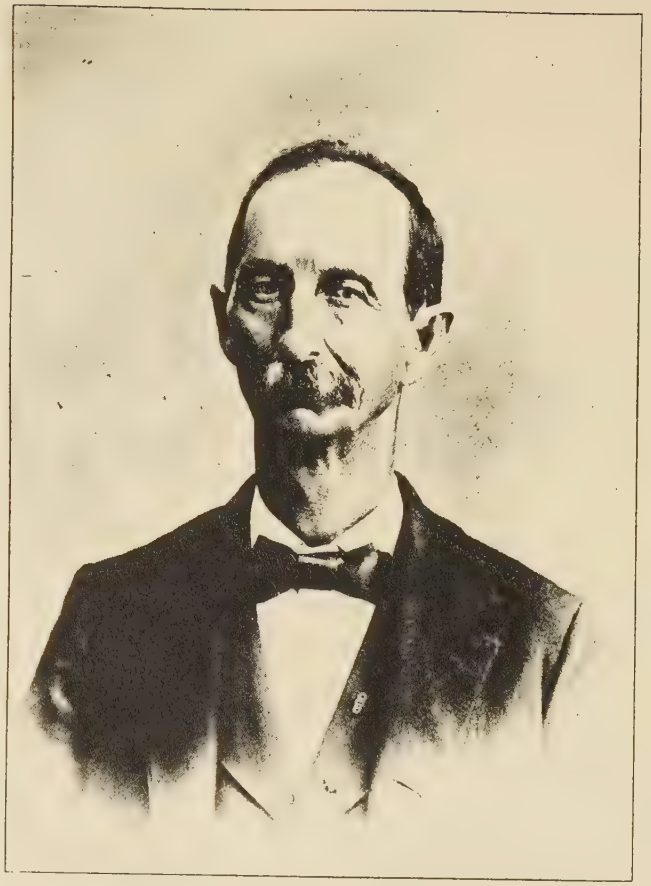
(10) ELZA, born July 29, 1861, spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the old homestead, and since early manhood has followed sawmilling. He is an enterprising, industrious business man, respected by all who know him. (11) Melissa, born October 4, 1863, is the wife of William Chapman, who is now engaged in the real-estate business in Clinton, Cambria county, where he also conducts a hotel. They have four children living—Isaac, Augustus, Marguerite and Helen. (12) Ellen May, born December 7, 1866, is the wife of Blair Decker, a native of Blair county, Penn., who is now a furniture dealer and insurance agent at Coalport. They have two children—Mabel and Clyde. (13) Eliza, born February 15, 1869, died March 1 of the same year.

(14) MARTHA, born May 1, 1871, spent her girlhood days on the home farm, and attended the common schools, where she displayed special aptitude in her studies. At the age of sixteen she was granted a first-grade certificate, and began teaching, which profession she has since followed with marked success, being regarded as one of the most competent teachers and cultured young ladies in Clearfield county. She makes her home with her mother.

A C. LANSBERY, a prominent and highly-respected agriculturist of Graham township, Clearfield county, owning one of the best improved farms in his locality, was born in 1849, on the farm which is still his home, a son of Samuel and Mary (Hoover) Lansbery.

The father of our subject was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, August 16, 1816, and was a son of Benjamin and Anna (Owens) Lansbery, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Pennsylvania. They located in Bradford township at an early day, and after their marriage the grandfather developed a farm, upon which he made his home until his death, which occurred on Easter Sunday of 1875. His wife passed away in 1886. Their children were: Samuel; Robert, who died in Bradford township; James, who died in Bradford township; Abraham, who died in Virginia; Benjamin and Peter, who died in Bradford township, the latter in 1892; Nancy, wife of Levi Hubler; and Rebecca, wife of Abram Luzier, of Virginia.

Samuel Lansbery was reared and educated in Bradford township, and for some time followed lumbering there. He was one of the first to engage in the development of the coal industry, and shipped the product of his mine down the river in "arks." In 1835 he wedded Mary Hoover, a native of Bradford township and a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Eminhizer) Hoover. Her father was born in Clearfield



A. C. Fansbery

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county, and died there. In 1844 Samuel Lansbery purchased 169 acres of land, of which one acre was cleared. There were no roads to the place, and the entire surrounding region was wild and unimproved. He made his home there until 1865, when he purchased and removed to a farm in Bradford township, where he resided until his death, in 1891. His wife passed away in 1893. They had a family of thirteen children, six of whom reached mature years: Hezekiah, of Graham township; W. A., of Indiana; Peter, who is living in Graham township; A. C.; Mrs. Ellen Barger, in Graham township; and Jasper, who is married and resides in Cambria county, Pennsylvania.

A. C. Lansbery spent his boyhood days under the parental roof, and as soon as old enough to handle the plow began work in the fields. He has always resided in his native township with the exception of a period between 1865 and 1870. His education was obtained in the common schools, and he has been engaged in lumbering and farming through the greater part of his business career. As a lumber jobber he has done quite an extensive business in Clearfield county and others, employing a number of men. At the age of nineteen he began operations along this line, and his careful management and perseverance have brought to him a merited success. He now owns the old homestead in Graham township, comprising 169 acres of rich land; also the homestead at Bigler of fourteen acres; also the Jacob Hubler homestead in Graham township. In 1883 his residence was destroyed by fire, and in 1891 he lost his barn in a similar way; but with characteristic energy he replaced these buildings, the barn being rebuilt in the same year, but on Sunday morning, October 24, 1897, it burned, together with all its contents, wagons, drill, mower and separator.

Mr. Lansbery was married in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, in 1870, to Miss Helen Barger, who was born in Bradford township in 1850, a daughter of George and Sarah (Peters) Barger, the former a native of Union county, and the latter of Clearfield county. The father died in Boggs township, Clearfield county, April 30, 1883, and the mother in Clearfield, in 1894. By their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lansbery became the parents of eleven children, as follows: Harvey, who died at the age of one year, six months, four days; Orvis, of Chicago; Minnie, a seamstress, having been three years at the business; Anna, who is engaged as a clerk in Clearfield; Latimer; Bertha, who died aged two months, twenty days; Maud; Mertie; Arthur; Ruth; and Roy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lansbery are members of the United Brethren Church in Fairview, and take a prominent part in its work and upbuilding. He is now serving as trustee and circuit steward, and for the past twelve years has been connected with the board of directors of the Bigler Camp Meeting Association, while since 1885 he has acted as its treasurer, and been very active in the promotion of its work. The management of the camp meeting devolves largely upon him, and his control of affairs is most satisfactory. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as assessor, and as a member of the school board. Socially, he belongs to Clearfield Lodge, No. 198, I. O. O. F.; to the American Mechanics, No. 310, of Kylerstown; and to Fairview Grange, No. 783. For many years he has been connected with the history of Graham township, and has ever been an advocate of those measures which are calculated to prove of public benefit, supporting all educational, moral, and social interests which tend to advance the general good.

HENRY WEBER. Germany has furnished to the United States many prominent and enterprising men who have left the Fatherland to enter the business circles of this country with its more progressive methods, livelier competition, and advancement more quickly secured. Among this number is Mr. Weber, of Brady township, Clearfield county, who was born in 1830, and when eight years of age took passage with his parents. Godfrey and Catharine (Schmidt) Weber, on a sailing vessel bound for the New World, where they arrived after a long and tedious voyage of forty-two days. Coming at once to Clearfield county, the father purchased 175 acres of wild land in Brady township, of which only ten acres had been cleared, and the only improvement thereon was a small log house. To its further improvement and cultivation he devoted his time and attention until called to the world beyond in 1849. His faithful wife died in 1851.

Our subject was the eldest of the four children of this worthy couple, the others being as follows: (2) Katie, a native of Germany, was reared in Brady township, and for a number of years after her marriage to Frederick Korp, of the same township, lived upon the present farm of our subject. They then removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where she died leaving a family of four children. (3) Godfrey, born in Brady township, married Margaret Wingert, of that township, and they resided upon a part of the old

homestead until his death, which occurred some twenty-four years ago. He left a widow and four children—Mary, now Mrs. Beck, of Brady township; Katie, wife of Jacob Haag, a farmer of the same township; and Laura and Sadie (twins), who both married and resided in Brady township, where the former died about five years ago. She was Mrs. Haag. (4) Philip was born and reared on the home farm, and married Lizzie Aye, of Kittanning, Penn. For thirteen years they resided in Luthersburg, where he followed the shoemaker's trade, but since 1887 he has lived retired in Du Bois, where he owns much valuable real estate, including a large block at Nos. 911 and 913 Brady street.

During his boyhood and youth Henry Weber attended the local school during the winter months, while during the summer season he assisted in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm, where he still continues to reside. In 1867 he built the large barn still in use, and in 1880 erected a commodious frame residence. Many other improvements have been added to the place, the stumps have been removed, and to-day it is one of the most highly-cultivated farms in Brady township, its neat and thrifty appearance testifying to the careful supervision of the owner. In 1851 he was married to Miss Catharine Zilliox, a daughter of Charles and Mary Zilliox, farming people of Brady township. After a happy married life of more than forty years, Mrs. Weber was called to her final rest in 1893. They had become the parents of nine children, namely: (1) Lewis, born in 1853, was educated in the public schools, and is now a farmer in Bloom township, Clearfield county. He married Maggie Weaver, of that township, and has six children—Helen, George, Olive, Victor, Verne, and one whose name is not given. (2) Sarah, born in 1854, is the wife of Henry Hartzfeld, of Brady township, who owns and operates a farm four miles south of Luthersburg, and they have seven children. (3) Godfrey, born in 1856, lives on a farm near his father's plac. eHe married Minnie Blubaker, of Rockton, Penn., and has four children—Larne, Arthur, Elsie and Lula. (4) Mary, born in 1858, was educated in the public schools of Brady, and married August Heckman, a native of Germany, who was formerly a resident of Brady township, but is now extensively engaged in the boot and shoe business in DuBois. They have two children—Annie and Gertrude. (5) William, born in 1860, received a common-school education, and lives upon a part of the old homestead. He married Katie Zilliox, and has one child, Iva. (6) Charles, born in 1866, married Flora Pentz, of Brady township, and is engaged in milling in Du Bois. (7) Lydia, born in 1868, is the wife of J. M. Lies, a merchant of Helvetia, and they have two children—Emory and one whose name is not given. (8) GEORGE, born in 1871, assisted in the work of the home farm until reaching manhood. He obtained his primary education in the public schools of the neighborhood. In 1890 he attended the State Normal School at Lock Haven for two terms, and was, later, a student in the Iron City Commercial College, of Pittsburg, where he graduated in 1891. For four years he engaged in bookkeeping in that city for the firm of Bing & Co., and then came to Du-Bois, Clearfield county, to enter the employ of his brother-in-law, Mr. Heckman, as salesman and bookkeeper, which positions he still fills to the satisfaction of all concerned. (9) Francis, born in 1875, attended the local schools, and is still at home.

In his political views, Mr. Weber, our subject, is a Democrat, has been active in promoting the best interests of his party, and has served his fellow citizens as supervisor, and as school director for two terms. In religious belief he is a Lutheran, with which Church his family is also connected. He is a man of genial disposition and affable manners, and is keen and sagacious in business. In everything pertaining to the upbuilding of the community he takes an active part, and is a liberal contributor to the enterprises which insure its progress.

THOMPSON READ, a prominent agriculturist of Goshen township, Clearfield county, is one of the most highly esteemed citizens, his long and useful life having won the honor which a quiet devotion to duty irresistibly draws. Since 1850—nearly a half a century—he has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Clearfield, and throughout his life no measure for the advancement of the community has failed to receive his generous encouragement. He is a descendant of one of the oldest families, of which a more complete record is given in the biography of John A. Read elsewhere.

Mr. Read was born in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, November 24, 1823. His grandfather, Alexander Read, came from Maryland at an early day, and after a short residence in Centre county went, in 1802, to Clearfield county. James A. Read, our subject's father, was born in 1795, and consequently was a child when the family moved, in 1803, to the new home which the father had prepared for them in Lawrence township. He married Miss Margaret

Ardery, a native of Lawrence township, and a daughter of George and Eleanor (Colter) Ardery, honored pioneers of that locality, now deceased. After his marriage our subject's father settled upon a tract of forest land, of which he in due time made a fine farm. He died there in 1871, his wife having passed to the other world some years before. He was a man of ability, and became prominent in local affairs, filling various offices of trust, including that of county commissioner, with satisfaction to his constituents and credit to himself. In political faith he was a steadfast Democrat. He had four children, namely: Eleanor, now Mrs. Ream, of Iowa; Thompson, our subject; Amos, a resident of West Clearfield; and Mathew, who died in Lawrence township, in 1888.

Thompson Read was trained from childhood to the honest industry of a farmer's life, and was educated in the schools of his native township. In 1840 he bought 140 acres of wooded land six miles north of Clearfield, and by toil and management it has been transformed into one of the best farms in the vicinity. The greater portion of it is under cultivation, and there are fine orchards and substantial buildings, including a commodious residence and barn. In 1850, Mr. Read married Miss Susannah J. Fulton, a lady of fine intellectual gifts, and a native of Clearfield county. Her father, Samuel Fulton, was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1805, but went to Clearfield county in early life and made his permanent home there, becoming one of the influential and respected citizens of that time. Mr. and Mrs. Read have reared a family of four children: Margaret, now Mrs. Copp, of Altoona, Penn.; Olive at home; John R.; and Blanche, now Mrs. Flegal, of Oregon. Although Mr. Read has always been an ardent Democrat, he has had no desire to enter the political arena.

BURTON WINTER, who for about a third of a century prior to his death, January 29, 1898, had been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Decatur township, Clearfield county, and was the owner of one of the most desirable farms of the community, was born in Monroe county, Penn., in 1842, a son of Ira and Elizabeth (Hayes) Winter, who spent their entire lives in that county, where the father followed the occupation of farming.

Our subject was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, and remained until the South took up arms against the general government, when he resolved to strike a blow in defense of the Union. In Stroudsburg, Monroe county, he enlisted September 27, 1861, in Company D, 67th P. V. I., for three years, and was mustered into the United States service at Philadelphia, where the regiment was assigned to the Middle Division, Sixth Army Corps. He participated in the battles of Occoquan, Fishers Hill, Cedar Creek and Winchester, at which latter engagement he received a flesh wound and was taken prisoner June 14, 1863. For four months as a prisoner of war, he was confined in Belle Isle and Libby prisons, but was finally paroled and returned to his regiment at Harper's Ferry. Being taken sick, he was sent to Carver Hospital, Washington, D. C., where he remained from November, 1863, until September, 1864. He then rejoined his regiment, but on October 30, 1864, he was honorably discharged after three years and one month of arduous and faithful service, during which time he experienced the hardships of Southern prison life. On leaving the army, Mr. Winter came to Decatur township, where he made a pleasant home, and in connection with farming worked in the lumber woods.

In Glen Hope, Becaria township, Clearfield county, on October 15, 1865, he was married to Miss Susannah Walker, a native of Indiana county, Penn., and a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hoffman) Walker. Her father was born, reared, and married in Centre county, and on coming to Clearfield county, located in Decatur township, near the present village of Osceola Mills, which at that time contained only two or three houses. There he erected a sawmill where the tannery now stands, and would haul his lumber to Bellefonte. He died in Indiana county, February 5, 1877, long surviving his wife, who passed away April 22, 1854. Their children were Mrs. Jane Pardee, of Decker's Point, Indiana county; Mrs. Catharine Walker, of Woodward township, Clearfield county; Matthew, of Centre county; Daniel, of Indiana county; Mrs. Nancy Custard, of Decatur township; and Mrs Winter. To our subject and his wife were born the following children: Mrs. Rosanna Westover, who resides at Westover, Clearfield county; Pemberton, who is married and lives in the same county; John, who died in boyhood; Mrs. Lizzie B. Britton, of Decatur township; Mrs. Milletta Westover, of Westover; Ira; Uz; Burton; Charley; and Lucy.

Mr. Winter through life had always been a stalwart Republican, and for three years he creditably served as supervisor of his township. Fraternally he affiliated with Lieut. William H. Kinkaid Post, No. 293, G. A. R., and thus kept up his acquaintance with his army comrades. He

was not only true to his country in her hour of peril, but in times of peace proved himself a valuable and public-spirited citizen, doing all within his power to promote her interests and advance the welfare of the general community.

JOSIAH S. RICHARDS is a prominent and enterprising lumberman of Greenwood township, Clearfield county. Comparatively few men can attain to the highest offices in civil or military life, but in America the opportunity for advancement in business circles is open to all, and one may exercise his powers unrestrained and gain an enviable place in the ranks of trade. Mr. Richards has been dependent upon his own resources from an early age, and the success he has achieved is the reward of his own labors, while his life record furnishes a striking example of what can be accomplished by determined and honorable purpose.

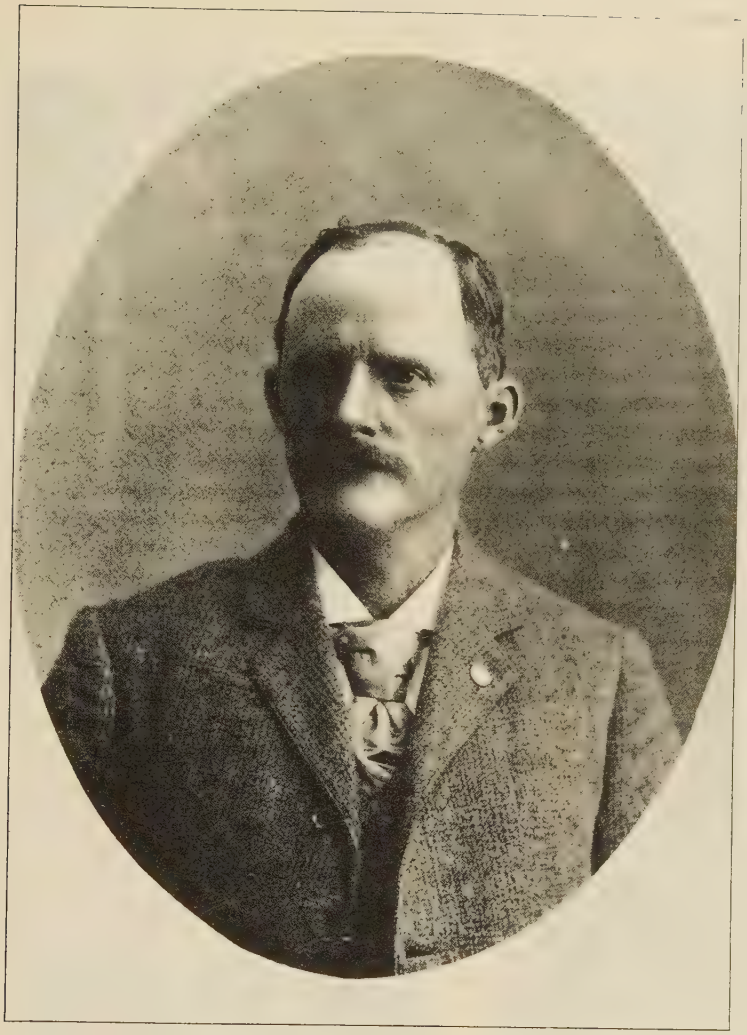
Mr. Richards was born in Boggs township, Clearfield county, September 5, 1850, and is a son of James and Susanna (Dixon) Richards. His grandfather, George Richards, was a son of a Welsh emigrant, who, coming to America, located in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre county, Penn., among its first settlers. George Richards was there reared and followed farming, also was employed at the Curtin iron furnace. His death occurred in Centre county. His children were: James; Jesse; Henry; Hardman; Reuben; William; Armour; Alexander; Maria, wife of J. C. Calhoun; Mrs. Sophia Stover; and Mrs. Sarah McGarvey, whose husband was a soldier in the Mexican war. The parents were members of the Presbyterian Church, and the mother bore the family name of McMullen.

James Richards was reared on a farm in Centre county, and in early life was employed in the iron works there. In 1834 he was married in that county to Susanna Dixon, and in 1838 came to Clearfield county, locating near the present site of Wallaceton. He afterward took up his residence on a tract of wild land which he transformed into a good farm. In 1866 he removed to Ohio, and purchased a large farm, which he operated until his death in 1869. He was a stanch Republican in politics, and filled some township offices. He and his wife held membership in the Methodist Church. The family remained in Ohio for about two years after the father's death, and then returned to Clearfield county, where the mother died in August, 1876. Eleven of their children reached mature years, namely: Hardman Mahaffee, who served in the Civil war; John, a Union soldier, who was taken prisoner, and is supposed to have starved to death in Andersonville; George, who served three years in the 110th P. V. I., and is now making his home in Erie; Tama, wife of J. Ulrick; Sarah, twin sister of Tama, and the deceased wife of A. Guinn, a soldier in the Union army from Blair county, Penn.; Mrs. Martha Guinn; Josiah S.; Daniel, a farmer; Curtin, a lumberman; Emma, wife of R. White, of Canada; and Velma, now Mrs. Aska, of Osceola

Josiah S. Richards accompanied his parents on their various removals, and returned with the family to Clearfield county when sixteen years of age. They had little means of support, and he at once sought and found employment in the lumber woods. For thirty years he has been connected with the lumber business, and in 1880 he began jobbing on his own account. During the years 1869 and 1870 he worked in the lumber forests of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and also engaged in farming to some extent in the latter State. He then returned to Pennsylvania, and in 1875 was married. Owning property in Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Penn., he there made his home for twelve years. He also owned real estate in Patton, and in 1895 purchased an improved farm in connection with his brother. [This is part of the McCracken estate, and is pleasantly situated by the river.]

In 1888 Mr. Richards established a lumber camp there, making a contract with Mr. Irvin. In the following year he establised a camp near Penfield, but after one season passed there he returned to Greenwood township. In the following year, while engaged in lumbering, he sustained an injury which caused him to remain in a hospital for some time. When he had recovered he drove logs on the river, and later, in connection with his brother, made a contract with Col. Irvin, and afterward contracted for the lumber interests in the land of Governor Bigler. He is now operating a large force of men there, and also conducts a store at the camp. He is thoroughly familiar with the lumber business in every department, and his managerial ability, his keen foresight and enterprise have brought to him a handsome return for his labors.

Mr. Richards was united in marriage, in 1875, with Rachel Henry, of Indiana county, Penn., a daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Radcliffe) Henry, the former of whom was born in Mifflin county, Penn., whence he moved to Indiana county, where he married Sarah Radcliffe, who was a native of Ireland, coming to this country with her parents. Two brothers of Mrs. Henry started West in 1849, and after a short stay in Utah proceeded to the gold fields of California.



J. S. Richards

LUMBER CAMP OF J. S. RICHARDS,

CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENN.

Later these brothers, David and James Radcliffe, returned to Pennsylvania and during the Civil war entered the Union army. Both are still living. Jeremiah Henry was reared in Mifflin county, and throughout his life followed the shoemaker's trade. He was a Republican in politics, a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in 1882. His children were: Mrs. Richards; Emma, wife of W. Smith; James, a saddler, of Gettysburg, Penn.; Jennie, deceased; Mollie, wife of J. Colmer; William, who is conducting a restaurant in Du Bois, Clearfield Co., Penn.; Phœbe, wife of J. Rodkey; Anna B., wife of J. Williams; Sarah, deceased; and Samuel and John, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards have seven children, as follows: John D., Edward G., Naomia Grace (deceased), James S., Earl Daton, Harry L. and Elva W. Mr. Richards is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows societies, and has filled some of the offices in the latter. His wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Since attaining his majority he has given his political support to the Republican party, and is deeply interested in its success; has been overseer of the poor, also school director of Green township, Clearfield county.

JOHN B. GARRISON, who throughout his entire life has been identified with the agricultural interests of Clearfield county, was born in Pike township, July 27, 1827, a son of Mason and Betsey (Bloom) Garrison. The father was a native of the Old Dominion, where he worked in a cotton factory during early life, but at the age of twenty he came to Clearfield county.

After being variously employed for three or four years, he and George Leach built the first woolen-mill in central Pennsylvania, which they conducted for about twelve years, and then sold the machinery to a factory erected at Bridgeport. Subsequently, Mr. Garrison bought a tract of wild land, from which he developed a good farm, now known as the John Holden place, and there spent his remaining days, dying in August, 1861. In connection with his farming operations, he also mined coal during the winter season, which he would raft down the river. Politically, he was an ardent Democrat, and served for four years as justice of the peace. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which the mother of our subject also belonged.

While conducting his woolen-factory Mason Garrison married Miss Betsey Bloom. Her father, Isaac Bloom, was a native of New Jersey, came to Pennsylvania about 1795, and arrived in Clearfield county in 1802, accompanied by his father, William Bloom, who for six years served in the Revolutionary war. To Mr. and Mrs. Garrison were born twelve children, six of whom lived to adult age, namely: Isaac, a resident of Kansas; Mrs. Amanda Detrich, now deceased; John B.; Mrs. Philena Leach, deceased; Mrs. Marian Woods, of Ohio; and Levi, of New Jersey. The mother of these children died about 1850, and the father subsequently wedded Elizabeth Templeton, who belonged to a pioneer family of Clearfield county, and by her he had four children: Annie, James, Emma and Zachariah.

In a private school of his native county, John B. Garrison was educated, and upon the home farm he became familiar with agricultural pursuits, which he decided to make his life work. Upon his marriage he left the parental roof and located upon the farm in Pike township, which is still his home. It was covered with a heavy growth of timber, which he at once began to clear, erected a small house and later built a sawmill, where he converted his trees into lumber, which he would then raft down the river to market; but the prices he received were very small. From time to time he purchased other wooded tracts of land, and from the timber manufactured lumber, successfully continuing this business for thirty years. He now gives his attention exclusively to the cultivation and improvement of his valuable farm of ninety-two acres, eighty of which have been cleared of the stumps and placed under the plow. His residence is a good, two-story frame structure, located two miles south of Curwensville, and is surrounded by all the outbuildings to be found upon a model farm. In the orchard is a fine variety of fruit trees, which never fail to bear. In connection with his home farm Mr. Garrison has also sixty-three acres of raw timber land in Lawrence township, at the mouth of Hog Back run, on which has been opened up a fire-clay mine, while underlying his farm is found a good grade of coal, and also fire-clay.

In 1848, Mr. Garrison was married to Miss Abigail Bloom, a daughter of John and Susie (High) Bloom, in whose family were eleven children: Mary, Eve, Catharine, Abraham H., Matthew, Margaret, George, David, Sophia, Abigail and John I. Of these, seven are living, including Eve, who has now reached the age of eighty-eight years. The father, who belonged to the original Bloom family of Revolutionary fame, was among the earliest settlers of central Pennsylvania, and in Pike township, Clearfield county, engaged in farming and reared his fam-

ily. He was born January 25, 1786, and died in June, 1872; his wife was born June 2, 1788, and died in 1874, both at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years.

Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, five grew to manhood and womanhood: Catharine, wife of T. Farnsworth, a farmer by occupation; Philena, wife of William K. Henderson, a farmer; Julia A., wife of William Kanar, of Du Bois, Penn.; Mirta T., wife of Elmer Smith, a mechanic; and Jesse B., who is living upon the homestead farm. The parents and children are all consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them. Since casting his first vote, Mr. Garrison has always been a solid Democrat in politics, and although he has filled some township offices has never aspired to official distinction.

CURTIS REAMS. Among the agriculturists of Decatur township, Clearfield county, who have attained success in their chosen vocation, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is one of the most progressive and energetic farmers in this section of the country, and is a complete master of the calling which he is following. His entire life has been passed in the township, which is still his home, having been born there in 1826.

John Reams, father of our subject, was born in Centre county, in 1777, a son of Frederick Reams, who was also a native of that county. There John Reams was united in marriage with Frances Carney, and in 1822 they came to Decatur township, Clearfield county, taking up their residence in the woods, where he developed a farm. In 1848 he purchased the place where our subject yet resides, and made his home there until called to his final rest, in 1861. The death of his wife occurred in 1871. In their family were six children: Lydia, wife of William A. Bloom, of New Millport, Clearfield county; Sophia, wife of A. Baughman, of Montgomery county, Md.; Curtis, of this sketch; John, a resident of Decatur township; Mrs. Mary Ann Gardner, of Tyrone, Penn.; and William A., of Osceola Mills.

Curtis Reams received his education in the common schools of Decatur township, and as soon as old enough began to assist his father in the operation of the home farm. In connection with agricultural pursuits he also successfully engaged in lumbering during early life. While thus calmly employed, the storm of war broke out, and bidding adieu to home and its influences, Mr. Reams enlisted at Osceola Mills, in Company E, 149th P. V. I., for three years, or during the war, and was mustered in at Harrisburg. Later he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, and stationed at Point Lookout, St. Mary's county, Md., where he guarded prisoners. At Frederick City, in that State, he was honorably discharged, in August, 1865, and returned to his home in Decatur township. He owns the old homestead, comprising eighty-four acres of well-improved land, and the well-tilled fields and neat appearance of the place testify to his thrift and industry.

In 1866, in Philipsburg, Centre county, Mr. Reams was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Dale, who was born in Morris township, Clearfield county, a daughter of David and Mary A. (Hunter) Dale, natives of England and Clearfield county, respectively. They were early pioneers of Morris township, where they spent the last years of their lives. Seven children bless the union of our subject and his wife, namely: Mary, now the wife of James Motherbough, of Brisbin, Clearfield county; Cordelia, wife of Henry Custard, of Smoke Run, in the same county; Vinnie; Samuel; Allen; Luther; and William E., who was killed in the mines when twenty-four years of age.

Mr. Reams is unswerving in his support of the Republican party, and has been elected to the office of overseer of the poor. Socially he holds membership in Joseph McLaren Post, No. 553, G. A. R., of Osceola Mills. He is a worthy representative of one of the most prominent pioneer families of this section of the State, and has watched with interest its growth and development, in which he has borne an important part. Within his remembrance the towns of Osceola Mills and Philipsburg have been established and become flourishing places. He is one of the leading and influential men of his community, one who keeps fully abreast with the times in every particular, and by the faithful performance of life's duties has well earned the respect that is accorded him.

A J. GOSS, who follows farming and lumbering in Woodward township, Clearfield county, is a representative of one of the old families of this section of the State.

Abraham Goss, grandfather of our subject, was born in Philadelphia, and, with his father and six brothers, entered the Colonial army in the war of the Revolution. As he was the youngest, he enlisted as a fifer, and so served until independ-

ence was attained. After the war no trace of his father and brother could be found, they probably having been killed in battle, and Abram Goss removed with his mother to Bellefonte, Penn., where he made a claim, but sold that property after two years. About that time he met and married Emma Hiser, and came to Clearfield county, purchasing what is now known as the old Goss farm, comprising 200 acres of timber land near Osceola. Clearing away the trees he developed the land into richly cultivated fields, and there reared his family of seven sons and five daughters, namely: George, Jacob, John, Abram, Issac, David, Joseph, Polly, Elizabeth, Sallie, Margaret and Susanna. The grandfather having purchased an additional 400 acres of land, developed two farms, which he gave to his sons, Joseph and David. His wife died on the old homestead, and he was a second time married, surviving his second wife four years. His death occurred at the home of his son Joseph.

John Goss, father of our subject, was born near Osceola, and reared to manhood on the homestead farm. He married Rachel Smith, and afterward purchased one hundred acres of timber land about two miles from his father's home. There he built a log house, but after three months returned to the homestead, which he operated some six years. His father aided him to clear and pay for the farm, and then he returned to his own place, purchasing an addition of fifty acres of land of Hardman Phillips, and also bought another tract of fifty acres. Still later he purchared 120 acres of his brother George, and held eighty acres of unclaimed land adjoining, making in all a farm of 400 acres. In 1852, in connection with our subject, he bought 200 acres of timber land of Hardman Phillips, and erected a sawmill on Beaver run, to the operation of which he gave his attention. In 1854 the sawmill was sold to John L. Cutter, and John Goss erected a new residence on his farm, where he lived with his son-in-law, Daniel Kline, until he sold that property to William Kraus, of Philadelphia. He then removed to Woodward township, and bought 200 acres of partially-improved land where he made his home until his death; his wife also died there. They had three children: (1) William married Caroline Westbrook, of Huntingdon county, Penn., and resided on his farm in Woodward township until about 1890, when he removed to Hastings, Penn. Since 1896 he has engaged in lumbering in Somerset county, Penn. He has nine children—Mrs. Sophia McHenry, Frank, Elmer, Mrs. Louisa Stott, Harry, Mrs. Martha Chase, Isabel, Jackson and Elizabeth Alice. (2) Sophia A. Goss married Daniel Kline, son of Dr. Kline, of Osceola. They reside on his farm in Woodward township, and have children—John, who married Miss Hollaman; Catharine, wife of George Newson, of Morris township, Clearfield county; Mary, now Mrs. Bush, of Boggs township; Daniel, who married a Miss Kline, and lives in Glen Richey; Benjamin and Annie, at home.

A. J. Goss was reared on the old family homestead, and for some years was associated with his father in business. When the latter began the operation of a sawmill he assumed the management of the farm, where he remained until purchasing 125 acres of land in Woodward township. He has since cleared about fifty acres, and has made excellent improvements upon the place, transforming it into one of the desirable farms of the county. The fields are well tilled, and everything is neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating his careful supervision. In 1848 he married Miss Sarah Mays, of Huntingdon county, Penn., born in 1828, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Gardner) Mays. Her paternal ancestry came from England and Germany. Her father died in Tyrone, Penn., in 1867, and her mother passed away there in November, 1890, in her ninety-eighth year. They had eight children, of whom four are living: William, in Osceola; Mrs. Mary Henderson, in Tyrone, who has two sons, one a railroad engineer in Colorado, and the other of Tyrone; and Mrs. Eliza Dugan, who is now a widow living in Blair county, Penn. She has a family of eight children.

Mr. and Mrs. Goss became the parents of three sons and two daughters: (1) John Wesley, born January 24, 1856, was educated in the common schools, and has always made his home on his father's farm. He married Nancy Herdman, of Centre county, who died in February, 1895. He has an adopted son, Allen. (2) Thomas, born October 30, 1858, married Annie Mains, of Bradford, and resides on a portion of the old homestead. They have three children—Howard, Bertha May and Raymond. (3) William, born June 18, 1863, married Clara Hampton, of Woodward township, and is living on the homestead with his wife and four children—Charles W., Milton, Sarah and Leonard. (4) Roby, born May 1, 1866, is at home. (5) Elizabeth A., born June 14, 1869, is the wife of Joseph Bailey, of Philadelphia. He is a graduate of the Normal High School, followed teaching for about nine years before his marriage, and is now a teacher in the Brisbin High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have three children—Ida May, Laura Bertha and Sarah E.

Mr. Goss is a member of the Church of God, and has reared his family in that faith. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and is a citizen of worth, giving a hearty support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit, while at the same time he successfully carries on his business interests.

JOSEPH UREN, the owner of a fine farm near Sabula, Clearfield county, is one of our representative self-made men. Coming to America from England in 1867 as a lad of seventeen, with no capital and but limited education, he worked in different localities in Canada and the United States, as opportunity offered, until he secured a foothold in business life, and is now numbered among the substantial citizens of his locality.

James and Elizabeth (Oats) Uren, parents of our subject, were born, reared and married in Cornwall, England, where the father died when our subject was but a small boy. The mother passed from earth in 1892, in Durham, England. They had eight children, all of whom were born in Cornwall: (1) James was married in England to Miss Jemima Jennings, and continued to reside there for some time; about ten years ago he came to Sabula, and, finding business prospects favorable, sent for his wife and family; they now live in Schuylkill county, Penn. (2) Thomas was married in England, and later came to America, but returned after a few years, and was killed at Durham by a fall of coal in a coal mine. His widow and family reside in England. (3) John came to this country about fourteen years ago, accompanied by his wife, formerly a Miss Milburn; they have eight children, and now reside upon a farm adjoining that of our subject. (4) Joseph is mentioned more fully below. (5) Elizabeth married James Botton, then of Cornwall, and now a miner in Durham, England; they have six children. (6) Susan Jane was married in England to William Moyle, and they afterward came to America; one year they spent in Schuylkill county, Penn., and then located at Silverton, Colo., where Mr. Moyle operates a silver mine; they have one child—Minnie. (7) Mary married John Wilson, a miner in Durham, England, and they have four living children. (8) Martha married William Baker, of Durham, and has three children.

Joseph Uren was born February 3, 1850, and even in boyhood was dissatisfied with the promise which life in Cornwall held out to him. At seventeen, as has been said, he left his native land, sailing for Halifax, Nova Scotia. For six months he worked at the "Oldham gold diggings" in that province, and then went to Lunenburg to open up a gold field for an English company. After a short time he sailed for Portland, Maine, and from there went to the copper regions of Lake Superior, and worked in the Calumet mines for a year. A voyage to Canada was then taken, four months being spent in the silver mines near Thunder Bay, and on leaving that locality he sailed for Detroit, and thence proceeded by rail to New York. Later he went up the Hudson to Poughkeepsie, and for two months was in the employ of the city, afterward working for a short time in a stone quarry at Troy, going from that place to Massachusetts, where he did not remain long, however. His next employment was as a miner in the railroad tunnel at Cazenovia, N. Y., where he spent ten months, and then, after a brief stay in New York City, he came to Clearfield county, "Hickory Kingdom" (New Sabula), to work on the Allegheny railroad. This occupied him from 1873 to 1876, and in the meantime he entered upon a partnership which had the happy effect of ending his wanderings and establishing him in a fixed home. On January 6, 1874, he married Miss Lucinda Burns, a daughter of Elijah and Lavinia Burns, respected pioneers of Sandy township, Clearfield county, and during the first year of his wedded life he resided at the Burns homestead. He then purchased one hundred acres of land near Sabula, from John Du Bois, and to this he has since added twenty-three acres, making an excellent farm, all the land being kept in a high state of cultivation. His first residence being burned in 1877, he replaced it by a fine modern house with the latest improvements. His barn, a model structure, 60 x 42 feet, also burned. He has now a new structure 50 x 60, and altogether the estate compares well with any in the vicinity. Since 1876 Mr. Uren has been engaged in lumbering on Sandy and Narrow creeks, taking logging contracts from John Du Bois until the latter's death, and then from his nephew, John E. Du Bois, his connection with these shrewd business men through so long a period showing his trustworthiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Uren have one daughter, Martha, who received a common-school education, and in 1891 was married to F. M. Shrauger, of Meadville, Penn. They reside with Mr. Uren, and Mr. Shrauger is engaged in business as a carpenter. Their three children—Carrie, born June 4, 1892; Norman H., born February 16,

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1894, and Joseph F., born July 17, 1896—make the home merry. The family is prominently identified with the M. E. Church of Sabula, Mr. Uren, his wife, daughter and son-in-law being active members of same; in fact Mr. Uren was one of the leaders in securing a new church edifice, and took the contract for its erection. Later, as one of the trustees, he was instrumental in the building of the fine parsonage, and he has always given freely of his time and means to advance the interests of the society. He is no less active as a worker in the Democratic organization in his township, and he has been supervisor two terms, overseer of the poor one term, and is now serving his third term as school director.

N. H. MAINES, a leading and influential farmer of Bradford township, Clearfield county, was born in that township in 1830, a son of Seth and Nancy (Forcey) Maines. The birth of the father occurred in Centre county, Penn., in 1812. His parents, Nehemiah and Phebe (Bunnell) Maines, were natives of Maine, whence at an early day they migrated to Centre county, later taking up their residence in Bradford township, Clearfield county, where they died. In their family were the following children: Melinda, who became the wife of William Murray, and died in Graham township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Esther Williams, who died in Venango county, Penn.; Seth, the father of our subject; Daniel, a great hunter, who lived and died in Bradford township; and John and Henry, who also died in Bradford township.

Seth Maines was a child when brought by his parents to Clearfield county, and in Bradford township he was reared, educated and married. In the midst of the forest there he developed a good farm, upon which he made his home until his death in 1859. His wife died in Karthaus township, Clearfield county, in 1881. Five children blessed their union: Arnold, who died in Bradford township in 1848; N. H., the subject of this sketch; Seth, who also died in Bradford township in 1848; Jane, wife of D. DeHaas, of Elk county, Penn.; and D. B., who removed to Virginia, and there died in 1892.

In the usual manner of farmer lads, N. H. Maines spent the days of his boyhood and youth, attending the common schools of Bradford township, and assisting his father in the arduous task of clearing and developing a farm. In 1851 he purchased his present place, which was then a heavily-wooded tract of 160 acres; but his untiring labors have transformed it into one of the highly-cultivated tracts of the township. In connection with agricultural pursuits he successfully engaged in lumbering and jobbing for twenty years.

In Bradford township, in 1853, Mr. Maines was married to Miss Mary A. Hitchings, a native of that township, of which her parents, William and Betsy (Jones) Hitchings, were early pioneers, and there died. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Maines, as follows: Gilbert L., a resident of Graham township, Clearfield county; D. M., of Morrisdale Mines, same county; B. F., of Bradford township; Martha, wife of Clark Hoobler, of Graham township; and J. W., of Bradford township.

Politically, Mr. Maines affiliates with the Democratic party, and is the supporter of all movements which have for their object the upbuilding and advancement of the community. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Bradford township, and has borne an important part in its progress and development.

ALEXANDER FERGUSON, a well-known agriculturist of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, is a worthy representative of one of the distinguished and prominent pioneer families of the county, being one of the first five families to make a permanent settlement. The township of Ferguson was named in their honor, and in the progress and development of this region they have borne an important part, aiding all worthy enterprises which would advance the interests of the community.

Here our subject was born March 30, 1831, a son of David and Rachel (McKee) Ferguson. The paternal grandfather, John Ferguson, was reared near Lock Haven, Penn., where he married Sarah Hanna, and at a very early day he left Clinton county for Clearfield county, being the fifth family to locate there. He settled a little below the present site of Lumber City, took up land and improved a farm in tha midst of the wilderness, making it his home during the remainder of his life. It was then occupied by his son James, who died there at the age of sixty-eight, and was then sold to another son who is now deceased. At the present time it is owned and operated by a third son—J. B. Ferguson.

Upon the old homestead, David Ferguson, the father of our subject, grew to manhood. Studying civil engineering, he became a proficient surveyor, which occupation he followed throughout life, and for some time served as county surveyor. After his marriage, in 1826, he located

on a farm, which he improved, and which is now known as the Hile farm. A prominent and influential citizen, he ably represented his district in the Legislature in 1836 and 1837, also served as justice of the peace twenty years, and filled many other important offices in his township to the satisfaction of all concerned. He was well and favorably known, and did much for the moral and physical development of the community. He was a recognized leader in the Democratic party in his locality, and took an active interest in all public affairs. In 1839 he sold his first farm, and purchased a tract of 187 acres of raw land, which he improved, and upon which our subject still resides. In 1863 he departed this life at the age of seventy-seven years; his wife died in 1852. She belonged to a prominent family of Cumberland county, Penn., whose members were principally farmers by occupation. The parents of our subject were faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church.

To this worthy couple were born seven children, as follows: Sarah, who died in childhood; Alexander, the subject of this sketch; John, a prominent resident of Clearfield county; Jane, now Mrs. McCracken; David L.; James H.; and Sarah E., wife of Dr. Guernsey. The three brothers of our subject were faithful soldiers in the Union army, and James H. received a slight wound, was taken prisoner, and for six months was incarcerated in the loathsome Rebel prisons. All are now leading citizens of Clearfield county.

Being the eldest child, Alexander Ferguson remained at home, assisting in clearing, improving and cultivating the home farm, and his education was acquired in the country schools of the neighborhood. While his brothers were in the service of their country he remained at home to care for his father and the farm, but a short time before the close of the war he was drafted; hostilities ceased, however, before he was mustered in. With one of his brothers he purchased the old homestead, and later bought his brother's interest. As soon as he was large enough he began lumbering, which occupation he followed for many years, and also piloted on the river, but in later years he has given his attention principally to his farming operations. Coal mines have been opened upon his farm, and he is also interested in that business. He is a wide-awake, progressive man, whose success has come as the legitimate reward of well-directed labor and perseverance.

On June 28, 1860, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage with Miss Martha A. Straw, who was reared in Ferguson township. Her parents, Joseph and Nancy (Thompson) Straw, were honored pioneers of Clearfield county, and had their first home there under a tree until their primitive cabin could be erected, enduring all the hardships and privations of frontier life. Six children grace the union of our subject and his wife: Murray E., a farmer by occupation; David O., a lumberman of Humboldt county, Cal.; Mary A., a resident of Modoc county, Cal., first wedded Edward I. Cathcart, who died leaving three children, and she is now the wife of a Mr. Wendt; James N., a resident of Denver, Colo.; Jennie B., a teacher; and Elva L., who died at the age of two years. They also have a grandson residing with them—Alexander C. Ferguson.

In his political affiliations Mr. Ferguson is a Republican, and he has acceptably filled all the township offices, but has never aspired to higher positions. With the Presbyterian Church he and his wife hold membership, and they occupy an enviable position in the esteem and confidence of their fellow-citizens.

ELIJAH McDOWELL is numbered among the representative agriculturists of Bradford township, Clearfield county, where he has for some years successfully engaged in general farming. He is now the owner of 310 acres of valuable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, the well-tilled fields yielding to him a golden tribute, while the many improvements upon the place indicate his progressiveness. He has erected a comfortable residence and substantial barns and outbuildings, and gives to every department of the farm work his careful supervision.

Mr. McDowell is a native of Centre county, Penn., born in 1831, in Half Moon Valley township, where lived his parents, Jonathan W. and Keziah (Merryman) McDowell. His father was born in Centre county in 1796, and was a son of John McDowell, a native of the North of Ireland, and of Scotch ancestry. The latter came with his father to Centre county, Penn., and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Stone Valley, where he spent his remaining days. Jonathan McDowell was married in Centre county, of which locality his wife was a native, and in 1833 removed to Pike township, Clearfield county, where he opened up a farm. He purchased of Porter Bailey a partially-improved tract of land, and made it his home for some years, but his last days were spent on the farm of his son Elijah, where he died in 1878; his wife died in Pike township, in 1880.

Mr. and Mrs. McDowell reared a family of eight children, namely: Elizabeth, wife of M.

L. C. Evans, died in Pike township; Samuel resides in Curwensville; Elijah is the third in the family; Jane, who resides in Bell township, Clearfield county, married A. B. Tate, an early settler of the community; James and George are both residents of Clarion county, Penn.; Charles makes his home in Pike township; and Martha is the wife of Milton Shiny, of Bradford township.

Elijah McDowell was reared in Pike township from the age of two years, and is indebted to its public-school system for the educational privileges he enjoyed. Farming has been his life work. He was trained in that industry during his boyhood, and since attaining years of maturity he has followed the same pursuit. He came to Bradford township in 1859, purchasing his present farm, to which he removed his family. In 1854 he was married, in Centre county, to Miss Nancy Jane Marks, a native of that county, and a daughter of Jacob Marks, a pioneer settler, who died some years ago. Twelve children were born of this union, eleven of whom reached mature years, as follows: Justus M., who resides in Bradford township; William M., who is married and lives in the same township; Westanna, wife of J. W. Gearhart, of Decatur township, Clearfield county; R. W., who is married and lives in Lajose, Clearfield county; James, who is married and makes his home in Ansonville, Penn.; W. S., a resident of Newport, Penn.; Ashley P., who is married and resides in Pike township; B. B., who died December 18, 1895; R. L., at home; Lloyd D., twin brother of R. L.; and Blanche D.

Mr. McDowell exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and during his official connection with the school board has done effective service in the cause of education. He has long been a witness of the growth and development of this section of the State, and has ever borne his part in the work of progress. He did not have wealth to aid him in the beginning of his business career. His reliance has been placed in the more substantial qualities of untiring enterprise and commendable zeal, and, withal, his actions have been guided by an honesty of purpose that none have questioned.

ISAAC WILSON occupies a prominent position among the properous and representative agriculturists of Bradford township, Clearfield county, where his entire life has been passed. Since 1813 the Wilson family has found a home within its borders, and has taken an active and leading part in promoting its interests. They shared with the other brave pioneers the hardships and trials incident to frontier life in order to make homes for themselves and posterity, and in promoting their own welfare advanced the interests of the community.

Our subject was born on July 1, 1837, a son of George and Sarah (Graham) Wilson. The birth of the father occurred August 1, 1811, in Huntingdon county, Penn., whence when an infant he was brought to Bradford township, Clearfield county, by his father, David Wilson, who here engaged in farming until called to the world beyond. George was the eldest of his children, the others being as follows: David, who died in Bradford township, in February, 1896; Mrs. V. B. Holt, S. P. and John, all of whom died in the same township; Matthew, who died in Bradford township, in 1890; Mrs. James Hollenbeck, who died in Clearfield county; and Mrs. Robert Shaw, who died in Bradford township.

In the same township George Wilson was married to Sarah Graham, a daughter of William Graham, who was also one of the honored pioneers of Bradford township, where his death occurred. The young couple began their domestic life upon a timber tract of 105 acres, which Mr. Wilson purchased, and from the same developed an excellent farm. There he died in 1893. He was a Democrat in politics, and was widely and favorably known throughout the community. His widow resides on the old homestead at this writing, aged eighty-two years. They were the parents of six children: Isaac, of this review; Maria, who became the wife of John Forcey, and died in Bradford township, in 1888; Cornelius, who enlisted in 1861, in Company K, 84th P. V. I., under Capt. M. Ogden, and died in Washington, D. C., in 1863; Cyrus, a resident of Curwensville, Clearfield county; Hiram, who lives in the city of Clearfield; James, who resides on the old home farm in Bradford township; and Milton, a resident of Clearfield.

Isaac Wilson obtained a good practical education in the district schools of his native township, and on starting out in life for himself engaged in rafting on the river and lumbering in connection with agricultural pursuits, commencing at the age of fourteen years, and following the same for forty years. At the present time, however, he gives his exclusive attention to farming with most gratifying results. In 1862 he purchased his present farm of 202 acres, known as the Stewart farm, of which fifty acres had been cleared, but now eighty acres have been placed under the plow and yield a ready return for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

In Bradford township, in 1859, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Emma Pow-

nell, a native of Morris township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of Jonas and Mary Pownell, who were pioneers of that township, where both died. Our subject has been called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in August, 1888. Six sons and one daughter were born to them, namely: Elbridge, a resident of Clearfield, who married Eva Spence, and has four children; Edwin S. and Curtin G., also of Clearfield; Oscar M., a minister of the United Brethren Church, located at Bigler, Clearfield county; Warren S., of the borough of Clearfield; and Rev. A. B. and Emma Melissa, at home.

Mr. Wilson is a stalwart supporter of the Republican party, in the success of which he takes an active interest. He is a prominent and leading member of the United Brethren Church, and was one of the organizers and promoters of the Bigler camp meeting, with which he has since been identified. His support is cheerfully given to all worthy enterprises having for their object the betterment of mankind or the welfare of the community, and as an upright, honorable citizen, he justly deserves representation in any history of Clearfield county.

JOHN FRANKLIN PETERS was born October 9, 1852, on the farm in Boggs township, Clearfield county, on which he still makes his home, and is a son of Jonas H. and Jane (Gearhart) Peters. The mother belonged to an honored pioneer family of Clearfield county, while the father came from Centre county, Penn. They were married in Clearfield county, and began their domestic life in Philipsburg. The paternal grandfather, Leonard Peters, belonged to one of the old Pennsylvania-German families, that for many years had been prominently and honorably connected with the agricultural and mechanical interests of this State. The maternal grandfather, John Gearhart, came to Clearfield county in 1820, and is numbered among its leading pioneers. In 1870 his descendants held a reunion at the old home place, at which were present 138 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was long a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and a man of high standing in the community.

Jonas H. Peters was a carpenter by trade, and in 1846 located on the farm which is now the home of our subject. At that time there had been a small clearing made, and the improvements consisted of a log house and log barn. Mr. Peters plowed and planted the land, developed it into rich and fertile fields, and erected substantial buildings. In connection with farming he also carried on carpentering. He was the first to discover fire-clay in Clearfield county, and afterward gave his attention largely to the shipping of this clay, for which he found a ready market in Harrisburg and Pittsburg. While working in a mine of the Harrisburg Clay Co., he was killed by the caving in of a roof, December 22, 1880. He was widely and favorably known, was a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democracy in this locality, and held many township offices. For over forty years he was a leading member of the Methodist Church, and his wife always aided him in his Christian work. They had a family of six children: Clarissa, who became the wife of J. W. Waple, and died leaving ten children; William H., who is superintendent of the clay mines of the Clearfield Fire Brick Co., and hauled the first load of fire-clay in the county; John F.; Sarah, wife of Hon. Charles King, ex-member of the Pennsylvania Legislature; C. A., a carpenter by trade, who married Ella Mullen, and is the father of ten children; and Miriam Ella, wife of George M. Rhule, of Philipsburg.

John F. Peters was reared to the peaceful pursuits of a farmer. At the age of seventeen he aided in digging the first load of fire-clay ever secured in Clearfield county, and for many years he was employed in connection with the clay business, the Clearfield Fire Brick Co. adjoining his farm. He was thus engaged until after his father's death, in 1880, when his mother removed to Blue Ball, where she is yet living, and he took charge of the home farm. He has since purchased this property, which comprises 113 acres, seventy-five of which are under a high state of cultivation. This is one of the best fruit farms in the county, and he cultivates the finest varieties of apples; pears, plums and peaches, and the excellent care which he gives his orchard always insures a good crop. He has one variety of plums which measures seven and one-half inches around, and another five and one half. On the farm are also undeveloped fire-clay beds, within two miles of Blue Ball. Since purchasing the farm, Mr. Peters has erected a commodious two-story frame dwelling, a good barn, and other substantial outbuildings, and has made many other improvements which add to the value and attractive appearance of the place.

On September 16, 1879, Mr. Peters married Miss Netta McEwen, who was born May 11, 1854, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Shunkwiler) McEwen, both of Centre county, Penn. Her father came to Clearfield county about 1846, and engaged in lumbering on Lick Run. He afterward followed railroading, and lo-

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cated at Unionville, where he died April 30, 1873. His wife died at Lick Run Mills. They were parents of six children, of whom one died in early life; the others are Alonzo, a tanner; William, who is engaged in the lumber business; Netta; Mrs. Sade Burlie; and Mrs. Melissa St. Clair; the last named is now deceased. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peters, three of whom died within eleven days of each other of diphtheria; they were Howard A., Frank and Elizabeth, aged nine, five and three years, respectively. Those living are Jennie, at this writing fourteen years of age; Charles S., seven years old; Clarence, five years old; and Belle, three years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters were both reared in the faith of the Methodist Church, to which they still adhere, and he is a member of several fraternal societies, including the American Mechanics, Royal Arcanum and the Ancient Order of Knights of the Mystic Chain. His entire life has been passed in Clearfield county, and among his stanchest friends are those who have known him from boyhood, a fact which indicates his honorable career. Politically, he is an adherent of the Democratic party.

J. H. BAILEY, a prominent real-estate dealer of Du Bois, Clearfield county, is a son of the well-known pioneer of that section, the late Caleb Bailey, and can well remember the days when deep and unbroken forests covered Brady township, and the now populous region around Du Bois.

Mr. Bailey's ancestors were early settlers in Lycoming county, Penn., and his father, who was born there in 1797, came, in 1809, to Clearfield county, where he spent his remaining years. For some time during his boyhood he was employed in carrying the mail from Bellefonte to Franklin, Penn. He was married in Clearfield county to Miss Jemima Sutherland, and then settled in the woods in Brady township to clear a homestead for himself. His energy and foresight were displayed in the acquirement of a large amount of land, two fine farms having been developed by him. His estimable wife passed to the unseen life in 1880, his death occurring four years later. They had six children, all of whom settled in Clearfield county: Elizabeth (now Mrs. Bole) resides in Pike township; Henry lives in Union township; Moses died in Pike township; J. H., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Melinda (Mrs. Courtney), who died in Du Bois, was one of the first settlers in that town, her home being located on the corner of Long avenue and Brady street, then called Courtney street; and S. M., is married and resides in Du Bois.

J. H. Bailey was born at the Brady township homestead in 1833, and was reared to farm life, receiving educational privileges common to country youths of that day, in a log school house with primitive furniture. In early manhood he followed farming and lumbering for some time, clearing and cultivating land in Brady and Union townships, and later he removed to Grampian, Penn., to engage in mercantile business. On disposing of this, he returned to his native township and bought an improved farm, and in 1894 located in Du Bois, where he is now one of the most successful real-estate dealers. He owns nine residences in Washington street and two in Jared street, in Du Bois, and still retains his interest in the old homestead.

In 1857 Mr. Bailey was married, in his native township, to Miss Esther Schofield, a daughter of Joseph Schofield, a respected pioneer of Union township, Clearfield county, where she was born and reared. She died in 1885, and in the following year Mr. Bailey married Miss Sarah Agnes Horn, also a native of Pennsylvania. There are two living children by the first marriage: Ida, now Mrs. John Hayes, and Chauncey, both of whom reside in Brady township. By the second union there is one daughter, Esther Ballou. As a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Bailey takes keen interest in all that concerns the welfare of the community. He is a leading member of the M. E. Church, and is prominent in local politics as a member of the Republican party, having served ably for two term as supervisor of his native township.

DANIEL J. KLINE is an exemplar of the truth that success is usually the outgrowth of energy, consecutive effort and perseverance, and not the result of genius, as some believe. He follows lumbering and farming in Woodward township, Clearfield county, and by reason of his honorable dealing and executive ability has profited in his undertakings.

Mr. Kline is of German descent. His grandfather, Daniel Kline, was born, reared and married in Germany, and after coming to America located in Reading, Penn., where occurred the birth of Daniel D. Kline (the father of our subject). He came to Centre county, and was married near Rock Forge to Catherine Stover, after which he removed to Centre Hall, where he was employed as clerk in a store for a number of years. During that time he read medicine, in course of time began practicing, at the same time compounded medicines, which he would sell

throughout the surrounding country. About 1830 he removed his family to Clearfield county, locating a mile from Bigler, where he purchased and cleared twenty-five acres of timber land. He erected there a house, barn, office and drug store, and carried on a successful business as a farmer, physician and druggist for ten years. He then sold, and purchased eighty acres on the Erie pike, about two miles west of Blue Ball, where he built a house and office, and continued in business for a number of years. Again he sold, and removing to Fishtown there purchased ten acres of land, erected thereon a residence and office, and engaged in the practice of medicine for a number of years. On disposing of that property he bought twenty-five acres at Blue Ball, built a house and office, and was an active practitioner there until removing to Osceola, where he practiced until the fire destroyed the town, whereby he lost all his property. With undaunted energy, however, he erected new buildings on his ground, and remained a practitioner of Osceola for a few years, after which he spent two years in Blue Ball. He then returned to Osceola, where he continued in active practice until within a short time of his death, which occurred in 1891.

(1) George W., the eldest child in the family, was born in Mill Hall Centre, came with his parents to Clearfield county, and was educated in Decatur township. He there married Susan Kephart, and located near the John Goss homestead, devoting his energies to carpentering until 1863, when he joined the Union army as a member of the 149th P. V. I. He was seriously wounded in the face at the battle of the Wilderness, and remained in hospital until after his recovery, when he returned home on furlough. Later he rejoined his regiment, but on account of disability he was discharged. Removing to Mercer county, Penn., he was employed as foreman by Gaston, Williams & Kline, extensive lumber dealers, with whom he remained until his death, in 1886. This resulted from the wounds which he sustained in the war. He left a widow and eight children, namely: J. B. H., who was married in Mercer county, and is now boss filer in a large mill in Virginia; W. D., who is married and resides on a farm in Mercer county; Sadie, who is married and lives in Oil City, Penn.; Laura, wife of Andy Smith, of Crawford county, Penn., by whom she has three children; Emma and Blanche, who are married and reside in Mercer county; Elda and Maud. The mother of this family died in 1891.

(2) D. F. Kline, the second son of Dr. Kline, was born in Mill Hall, and educated in Decatur township, Clearfield county, whither he removed with his parents. He married Amanda L. Goss, of Decatur township, and now resides in Osceola. He has eight children—Richard, married, lives in Oakdale, Penn., is one of the most expert machinists in the State, and is now employed in the manufacture of oil tools. Charles, married, has one son; is employed in the Pie foundry in Osceola. George also works in Osceola. Genevieve is the wife of Michael Schullen, of Osceola, and has one child. Benjamin is employed in the Pie foundry. Mary, Pearl and Justin Pie are at home.

(3) Dr. J. H. Kline was born at Mill Hall, attended the common schools, and after studying medicine for three years in his father's office completed a course in Jefferson Medical University, Philadelphia. He then married Sophie Radebach, of Blue Ball, where he engaged in practice for a number of years; then joined the medical fraternity of Osceola. Later he practiced for about two years in Mercer county, Penn., since which time he has been successfully prosecuting his profession in Penfield. He has five children—Georgie, married, resides in New York; Emma, married, lives in Penfield, where her husband is superintendent of a tannery; John, married, lives in Penfield; and one, at home, whose name is not given.

(4) Mary A., born in Mill Hall, was educated in the schools of Decatur township, Clearfield county, married Vincent Smeal, of Blue Ball, and is yard boss of a mill in Irvona, Clearfield county. They have children as follows—Cassie, wife of William Kephart, who is employed in a tannery in Irvona, by whom she has four children; Daniel, in Virginia; Ida, wife of Jerry Warwick, a farmer living near Glen Hope, by whom she has two children; Frank, of Irvona, who married Clara Russell, of Woodward township, and has two children; John, of Woodward township, who married Minnie Bowman, and has four children; George, in Ohio; Mrs. Rosie Everly, of Irvona, who has one child; Emma, of Irvona, who is married and has one child; Sophie, Earl and Owen, at home.

(5) Sophie Kline, who was born in Clearfield county, married Jesse Smeal, of Decatur township, and resided on his farm at Blue Ball until her death. She left three children—Edward, Leonard, and Bertie, wife of Levi Kyler, of Woodland; Mrs. Kyler has one child. (6) James M. Kline, born in Clearfield county, was a natural mechanic, an expert wood-worker; died in Osceola at the age of twenty-six. (7) Emma, a native of Clearfield, married John Melwood, of Osceola, where she resided until her death; she

left three children. (8) Frank, born in Clearfield, resides with his mother in Osceola, where he is employed as engineer in a tannery.

Daniel J. Kline, whose name introduces this article, was born in Mill Hall, Centre county, in 1837, and came with his parents to Clearfield county when about eight years of age. He was educated in the schools of Decatur township, and worked on the Goss farm for about eight years, also spent a similar period in the Goss sawmill, serving as foreman a greater part of the time. He was married, in 1858, to Sophie Goss, the only daughter of John and Rachel Goss, honored pioneers of Clearfield county. After his marriage, Mr. Kline purchased a half interest in the sawmill, and in 200 acres of pine timber. He then engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber, also cleared about forty acres of his land, erected a good two-story residence and a bank barn. After two years he sold to John L. Cuttle, and bought 140 acres of the John Goss homestead, where he erected a residence. Two years were there passed, when he sold to L. J. Kraus, of Clearfield. In 1864 he purchased 150 acres of land, forty of which were cleared, and in course of time he placed the entire amount under cultivation. He also bought one hundred acres adjoining, of which he cleared forty acres, planting it with wheat and rye; but his crops were destroyed by the memorable June frost of that year. Although he suffered a heavy loss in this way, he resolutely continued farming and lumbering, and erected on his land a good house, bank barn and substantial outbuildings. His barn was destroyed by fire with all its contents, including a large amount of wheat, rye and oats, eighteen tons of hay, two buggies, a wagon, and much farm machinery. In 1895-96 he rebuilt his house, put up an extensive barn, and made other substantial improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Kline have eight children: (1) J. W., born March 22, 1861, and educated in the common schools of Woodward township, was married January 30, 1890, to Harriet Holeman, of that township. He has since lived on a part of his father's land. He had three children—William M., born May 23, 1890, died January 26, 1892; Della May, born January 13, 1892; and Earl, born July 17, 1893. (2) Catharine Emma, born August 29, 1864, is the wife of George Newton, who is employed by Burton Merritt, of Winburne. He owns property in that town and also a farm in Boggs township, Clearfield county. Mr. and Mrs. Newton have six children—Annie, William, Mary, Jane, Robbie and Emma Pearl. (3) D. W. Kline, born October 3, 1866, was married in 1886, to Tishie Kline. He owns a good residence in Glen Richey, where he is employed by the Bloomington Coal Co. He has six children—Blake, Susie, Paul, Bessie, Lennie, and one whose name is not given. (4) Mary E., born July 26, 1869, is the wife of John Bush, of Boggs township, who now owns the Henry Goss farm. They have six children—Charles, Bertie, Lynn, Frank, Carrie, and one whose name is not given. (5) Francis B., born November 1, 1872, died August 4, 1873. (6) Benjamin Thomas, born June 1, 1874, is at home. (7) Albert M., born January 27, 1878, died on the 11th of August of that year. (8) Annie A., born December 22, 1879, is with her parents.

In politics, Mr. Kline has always been a Republican, and at different times has held the offices of supervisor, school director and tax collector. He is a member and trustee of the United Brethren Church, and is a liberal contributor to Church and educational interests, and to all the enterprises calculated to benefit the community. He owns one of the finest farms in the county, and his life has been well spent, justly entitling him to the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

SIDNEY SMITH, a well-known and highly-respected farmer and lumberman of Bloom township, Clearfield county, is a native of Clarion county, Penn. His father, James Smith, was a native of Centre county, whence he came to Brady township, Clearfield county, and later removed to Clarion county, where he married Miss Hannah Dale, and where two children were born to them. On leaving his farm in that county, he took up his residence in Jefferson county, this State, where he also carried on agricultural pursuits for a few years, and then returned to Brady township, Clearfield county. Later he came to Bloom township, locating on what is known as the Stull farm, where he continued to reside some nine years, and then came to the place now owned and occupied by our subject. Here his death occurred in 1887; his widow is still living on a part of the old homestead, with her son, Elmer.

In the family were seven children—five sons and two daughters—as follows: William C., who engaged in lumbering in Oregon for a few years, and there died; Sidney; G. L., a farmer of Bloom township, who married Nora Leech, and has eight children: Maggie A., who resides with her mother and brother; R. Milton, a farmer of Bloom township, who married Susan Leech, and has four children; Elmer, who married Maggie

Spencer, and has five children; and Emma, who died at the age of two years.

By his marriage, Sidney Smith, our subject, had a family of nine children, all at home, their names and ages at this writing being as follows: Furman, eighteen; Virginia May, sixteen; Millie, thirteen; Grover Cleveland, eleven; Alice W., nine; George Leslie, six; and Zora Marie, four years. Mr. Smith is a thorough and skillful farmer, a fact plainly indicated by the neat and thrifty appearance of his place, and the success that he has achieved in his chosen calling is certainly well-deserved, for he is industrious, enterprising and energetic. He is a man of genuine worth, and enjoys the respect and confidence of his neighbors. In him the Democratic party has one of its most earnest supporters.

WILLIAM C. RUSSELL, one of the enterprising young business men of Grampian, Clearfield county, is a valued citizen of that community, and is now serving in the official position of justice of the peace. Much of his life has been passed in Clearfield county, and by all who know him he is held in the highest esteem.

Joseph G. Russell, father of our subject, was born in Frederick county, Md., October 14, 1822, and on removing to Clearfield county in 1839 took up his residence in Penn township, where he purchased land and followed farming. He also built a tannery, and carried on that business for a number of years; but in course of time he abandoned that industry and gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He was married August 19, 1850, to Margaret Carlisle, who was born in Clearfield county, July 14, 1832. During the Civil war he enlisted, in 1863, in Company K, 149th P. V. I., and after his return followed farming in Penn township until the spring of 1869, when he removed with his family to North Carolina. In the autumn of 1872 he returned to Clearfield county, where he continued until 1879, in which year he made his residence in Stark county, Ohio. He died November 16, 1896, and is buried in Alliance, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Russell had a family of seven children: (1) Jesse U., born June 11, 1851, was married to Jennie M. Joseph, of Ohio, December 25, 1884, and removed to Newcastle, Penn., where he has since followed the trade of a machinist. (2) William C. is our subject. (3) Hiram C., born March 3, 1856, married Flora E. Joseph, of Ohio, September 24, 1882, and resides in Alliance, Ohio, where he follows the tombstone business; he has two children—Fannie M., born July 26, 1884; and John Joseph. (4) Joseph L., born October 29, 1857, was married January 13, 1881, to Mary A. Welty, of Ohio, by whom he has one child living—Ethel H., born July 3, 1886; he is extensively engaged in the grocery business in Alliance, Ohio. (5) Mary E., born July 23, 1859, was married June 9, 1879, to George N. Abbott, of Randolph, N. Y., who is now a grocer in Alliance, Ohio; they have two children—John R., born in Jamestown, N. Y., April 28, 1880; and Samuel G., born in Alliance, Ohio, May 30, 1885. (6) Myrtle A., born September 24, 1861, was married February 17, 1883, to James B. Keckley, of Ohio, who was a molder by trade; they had one son, Clyde U. Keckley, born July 1, 1886; Mr. Keckley died, and his widow afterward married J. M. Shaffer, of Alliance, Ohio, a conductor on the Lehigh Valley railroad. (7) John E., born February 12, 1864, married Miss Cora Leo, of Alliance, Ohio, where he engaged in general merchandising; they have two children.

William C. Russell was born in Brady township, Clearfield county, May 24, 1853, and obtained his education in the common schools there. At the age of sixteen he started with a team and wagon for Elizabeth City, N. C., leaving Grampian on the 12th of April, and drove to Baltimore, Md., where he loaded his horses and wagon on a steamboat, and thus journeyed to Norfolk, Va., whence he drove across the Dismal Swamp to his destination. For eighteen months he remained in Elizabeth City, employed in a sawmill, and then returned to Cameron county, Penn., where he spent a year, working in the lumber woods for Samuel Kirk. He then returned to Clearfield county, and has since been prominently identified with its lumber interests. On February 1, 1897, he commenced in the hotel business at Grampian as proprietor of "Hotel Aberdeen," in which he continued until July 1, 1896, when he purchased the grocery business of Dr. Currier, of Grampian, and is now also engaged in mercantile business.

On October 29, 1874, Squire William C. Russell married Miss Eliza M. Wall, of Penn township, Clearfield county, daughter of William and Sarah Wall, of Grampian Hills, and they have three children: Thomas W., born November 9, 1878; Charles G., born January 26, 1880; and Harry J., born February 26, 1881.

Our subject is one of the stanch advocates of Republican principles in Grampian, and has served as constable of Penn township for two terms. He has also held the offices of town councilman, burgess and school director, and is now serving his second term as justice of the peace of Grampian. His wife is a member of

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the Friends Church, and both are highly esteemed people, having many warm friends in the community.

GEORGE W. LINGLE. Many of the worthy citizens of Clearfield county served their country during the dark days of the Rebellion, making a record honorable and glorious. One of these "brave boys in blue" is now a leading farmer of Goshen township. He was born in Centre county, Penn., October 1, 1840, a son of Thomas and Eliza (Morrison) Lingle, also natives of this State and of German lineage.

When a young man Thomas Lingle was employed as a farm hand, but after his marriage, which was celebrated in Centre county, he engaged in ore mining, following that occupation for many years. Later in life he took up farming, operating land in Centre and Clearfield counties. His death occurred in the former about 1857; his wife died in Clearfield county, in 1881. In religious belief he was a Methodist, while she was a Presbyterian, while his political support was given the Whig party, and he took an active interest in public affairs. Six children constituted their family, namely: Thomas, also a veteran of the Civil war, and a prominent farmer of this county; James, who served in the same struggle, and died at the age of twenty-eight years, several years after returning home; Sampson B., who lost his right arm in the service in 1862; George W., of this review; Priscilla, who died unmarried at the age of thirty years; and Elijah, a resident of Clearfield county.

The education of our subject was such as the common schools afforded, and much of his early life was devoted to ore mining. After the death of his father he took charge of the affairs, providing for his widowed mother until his enlistment in May, 1861, for a term of three years. He enlisted in Clearfield county, in Company C, Fifth Pennsylvania Reserves, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, being with that command in all its important battles, of which he considers the battle of Gettysburg the most severe. On May 8, 1864, during the battle of the Wilderness, he received a gunshot wound through the right arm, which shattered the bone. He was first sent to the field hospital, and then transferred to several different hospitals. While thus disabled his time expired, and he returned to Harrisburg, Penn, where he was honorably discharged. On his return home he worked as a common laborer for a time, helping to build a raft on the river, and working at anything he could find. He was mostly employed, however, in the lumber woods until about 1871, when he purchased his present farm of ninety acres, then in Girard township, but now in Goshen township. At that time it was only slightly improved, but he now has forty acres under a good state of cultivation, set out two good orchards, and has erected a commodious two-story frame residence and substantial barns and outbuildings. The farm is pleasantly situated twelve miles northeast of Clearfield.

In 1868 Mr. Lingle was married to Miss Ellen Kiler, who was born in Clearfield county, and died here March 5, 1885. Her father, Abram Kiler, belonged to the well-known pioneer family of that name. In 1889, Mr. Lingle was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary E. (Harrier) Graham, widow of Aaron Graham, by whom she had three children. Her father, John Harrier, was of German descent, and was an early settler in this section of Pennsylvania. By the second marriage two children have come: John F. R., born April 1, 1890; and George H. T., born December 16, 1893.

Since casting his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Lingle has been an ardent Republican. For six years he served as auditor of Girard township, three years as overseer of the poor, and has filled other minor offices of honor and trust. In all the relations of life he has faithfully discharged every duty devolving upon him, and is a valued and worthy member of society.

S H. STILES. In time to come this volume will acquire added value as a repository of records whose historical significance will then be fully appreciated; but readers will doubtless peruse with special interest the stories of gallant service in that great struggle which settled once for all that this nation is, in truth, "one and indivisible." It has often been said that the letters sent home during the war by the soldiers of all grades would make, if published, a better history of the war than has yet been given, and the suggestive views of the conflict in the individual experiences contained in this book certainly give new color to many a historic scene.

The subject of this memoir was but a lad of sixteen when he offered his services to the government, enlisting August 17, 1862, in a P. V. I. regiment, under Capt. Hopen and Col. Krouder, but he bore a man's part in the years that followed before peace was restored. His company made a short stay at Harrisburg, in Camp Curtin, and then went by way of Washington, D. C., to Stone Switch, Va., where they joined the

main body of the regiment. Mr. Stiles had his "baptism of fire" at the battle of Fredericksburg, and his next important engagement was at Chancellorsville, where he served in the artillery as a volunteer at the request of Gen. Sickles. Then followed the battle of Gettysburg, where he was struck in the left side during the second day by a minie ball, which lodged in a Bible given him by his mother. At the same time he was wounded by a shot which entered above the right eye, cutting the nerve and destroying the sight. The shot still remains back of the eye. For some people this experience would have been enough, but Mr. Stiles, when taken to a Philadelphia hospital and assigned to the Invalid Corps as unfit for field duty, ran away, and in October, 1863, rejoined his regiment at City Point. He remained with the main army, serving as postguard, and on March 5, 1864, took part in the battle of the Wilderness. He was at Spottsylvania also, where he participated in the famous charge made by Gen. Hancock, and later he joined in the engagement at North Anna river and Cold Harbor, after which he crossed the James river to City Point. From that place, on June 18, 1864, the great charge on Petersburg was made. The engagement at Hatcher's Run followed, and soon afterward, on July 26, 1864, Mr. Stiles was taken ill with a fever and sent to Washington. On his recovery he returned to his regiment, in December, 1864, and again joined in the siege of Petersburg. He was present at the fearful early-morning charge, and was driven back by the Rebels before the break of day. Petersburg finally fell, however, and Mr. Stiles' regiment marched to Gaines' Run and engaged in a fight with Ewell's force, capturing a large part of his army and wagon train. From there he went to Clover Hill or Appomatox, where Lee's surrender ended the fearful struggle. Then came the triumphal march to Alexandria and the grand review at Washington, the final discharge at Harrisburg following on June 5, 1865. As will be seen below, the two elder brothers of our subject also enlisted in the service of the government, and one met a soldier's death.

Mr. Stiles is a native of Centre county, having been born in Half Moon Valley, September 9, 1845. His father, Thomas Stiles, was born in 1812, in Philadelphia, where he grew to manhood, receiving a fine classical education, and at the age of twenty-two he went to Becaria township, Clearfield county, where he engaged in teaching. He was successful in this work, and continued it for many years in Clearfield, Cambria, Blair and Centre counties. In 1834 he married Miss Annie Hollen, of Blair county, and they resided there and in Centre county until their removal to Janesville, Clearfield county, where he taught for some time. Later he located in Cambria county, where he died in 1878. Mrs. Stiles survives him.

The eldest of their seven children, Thomas T., was born in Blair county, in 1839, and received a common-school education in his youth. He married Miss Mary Hollen, of Blair county. In 1861 he enlisted from that county in a P. V. I. regiment, and July 3, 1863, was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. Later he was wounded in an engagement on the James river, but on recovering rejoined his regiment and took part in the siege of Petersburg, where he was shot by a sharp-shooter, his death occurring at City Point three days later. His wife survived him several years, and two daughters are still living: Ellen (Mrs. Fister), of Clearfield county; and Laura (Mrs. Cole), of Cambria county. (2) Anna M., born in Blair county, in 1841, accompanied her parents to Cambria county, and married (first) Perry Krist, then a farmer of the same county. He afterward moved to a farm in Gulich township, Clearfield county, where he died in 1879. His widow subsequently married Samuel Stuffer, and now resides in Ramey, Penn., where the three children of her first marriage—Joseph, Edward and Julia—also make their home. (3) William, born in 1843, in Blair county, remained with his parents during their various changes of residence, and the war breaking out in his early manhood he enlisted from Cambria county, in 1862, in Company H, 110th P. V. I. He participated in some severe battles—Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Culpeper, and the fierce struggle in the Wilderness, where he was wounded. On recovering he rejoined his regiment again, and was in the fight in the swamp in front of Richmond, the siege of Petersburg, the battle of Hatcher's Run, and returned to Petersburg in time to see the capitulation. His next engagement was at Gaines' Run, and he was at Clover Hill, or Appomattox, when Lee surrendered. The regiment then went to Alexandria, and after the grand review at Washington returned to Harrisburg, where it was mustered out on June 5, 1865. He came home, afterward married Miss Jane Dixon, of Wallaceton, Penn., and he now resides in Tyrone, Penn., where he is engaged in the lumber business. He has three sons—Arthur, Thomas and Grant, all at home. (4) S. H., our subject, will be mentioned more fully farther on. (5) Mary A., born in Blair county in 1848, was married, after the removal of the family to Cambria coun-

ty, to William L. David, formerly of Philadelphia, and now a resident of Ramey, where he holds the office of postmaster. They have two sons—Edward and Thomas—and four daughters—Katharine, Mary Jane, and two whose names are not given. (6) G. W., born in Cambria county, Penn., in 1850, now resides in Gulich township, Clearfield county, and is engaged in lumbering for the firm of Lee & McGaughey. He married Miss Mary Hampton, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and has five children—Emma, Rosy, Pearl, Horton, and Mary (now Mrs. Haley, of Janesville). (7) Edward, born in Cambria county in 185–, is a farmer in Gulich township, Clearfield county. He married Miss Lizzie Miller, of Burnside township, same county, and has one son, Dominic, now a student taking a commercial course. He has unusual gifts as a public speaker, and took part in the last campaign, being the youngest on the force of local campaigners.

The subject of our sketch was five years old when his parents settled in Cambria county, and his youth was spent there, the common schools near his home affording him an education. In 1872 he was married to Miss Nancy Smith, a daughter of J. W. Smith, of Cambria county. In the following year he located in Janesville, Clearfield county, where he at once became prominent in business and political affairs. In 1874 he was elected constable; later he served two terms as township auditor, and two as school director. For ten years he was justice of the peace, and out of 230 cases he sent but two to the Clearfield courts; all but one of the civil suits brought before him were settled in his office. He is a stanch Republican, an effective worker, and for twenty-three years has been a member of the vigilance committee of his party.

Mr. Stiles has a pleasant home near Smithmill, and since 1893 has been successfully engaged in mercantile business there. He is active in local affairs of a non-political nature, and while not a member of any religious society is inclined to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a valued member. They have six children: Eva, born in May, 1878, now attending school at Janesville; Minnie, born in 1882; Betsy, born in 18—; William H., born in 1884; Joseph, born in 1892; and Andrew, born in 1894, all of whom are at home.

ZENOS TURNER. Among the sturdy, energetic and successful farmers of Boggs township, Clearfield county, who thoroughly understand the vocation which they follow, and are consequently enabled to carry on their calling with profit to themselves, is the subject of this sketch. He was born September 8, 1841, in Clearfield county, on a farm near his present home, and was educated by his father, Capt. George Turner, who gained his title while serving in the State militia.

Our subject is one of the family of twelve children born to George and Sarah (Williams) Turner, namely: John H., of Boggs township; Jane, widow of L. M. Lumadue; Priscilla, who married L. Stone, but both are now deceased; William J., of Chester Hill, Penn.; Edward, a farmer of Boggs township; Silas, who died leaving two children; Zenos; George, an agriculturist; Lewis, operating the old homestead; Mary A., who wedded Thomas B. Woodside; and two who died when young. The parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent, the father born May 15, 1802, and the mother on September 23, 1809. They both died in 1888, in the faith of the United Brethren Church, he on May 5, and she on November 2.

In Clearfield county, Capt. Turner was reared, and on reaching manhood he engaged in milling and farming, owning a good sawmill and a large amount of land. He was a prominent and influential man, looked up to by all who knew him, and was continuously called upon to fill some public position of honor and trust in the township. He was numbered among the pioneers of the county, erecting the first frame residence within its borders, which house is still standing, though now unoccupied. Active in all Church work, for over twenty years he served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school connected with Salem Church, which he attended, and to which he was a liberal contributor. He also gave large sums to other Churches as well as the missionary cause.

Almost the entire life of our subject has been passed in Boggs township, and at the age of twenty-two he commenced developing and improving the farm of 200 acres given him by his father. Half of the place is now under a high state of cultivation, improved with a good two-story frame residence, two large barns, substantial outbuildings, and a fine orchard, making it one of the model farms of the community. In 1893 he embarked in merchandising at Clearfield, but at the end of two years he sold out, and now gives his attention exclusively to his farming interests.

In 1863, Mr. Turner married Miss Ruth C. Barger, who was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, September 7, 1840, and died August 3, 1887. She was a consistent member

of the United Brethren Church, in the work of which her father, George Barger, took a leading part. He was of Dutch descent, and at an early day located in Clearfield county, where he was numbered among its most prominent citizens. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Turner: Maud, wife of George Bears, a farmer, of Cambria county, Penn.; George, who is married and is living on the homestead farm; Ormes, also a resident of Cambria county; and Paul B., a merchant of Clearfield. On December 10, 1891, Mr. Turner wedded Miss Mary E. Walters, who was born in Northumberland county, Penn., April 14, 1845, a daughter of Thomas Walters, who died in that county.

Politically, Mr. Turner is identified with the Republican party, has served in several township offices, including that of tax collector, which he filled satisfactorily for nine years. He is numbered among the public-spirited men of the county, no one being more interested in its development and progress, and he holds a high place in the regard of his fellow-citizens.

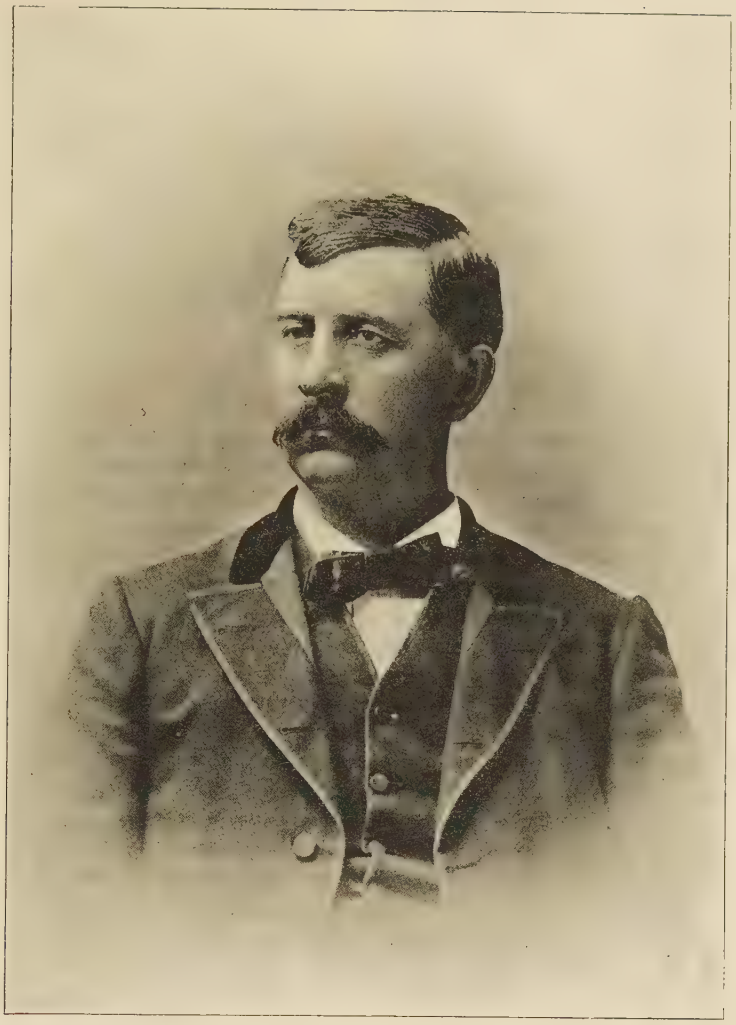
D. W. MICHAEL. Success in any walk of life is an indication of earnest endeavor and persevering effort. In analyzing the record of this gentleman we note that a resolute purpose, coupled with an unflagging industry, have been the essential points in his career and have brought to him a well-merited competence. The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual, and is the means of bringing to man success when he has no advantages of wealth or influence to aid him.

Our subject, who is one of the most esteemed citizens of Clearfield county, was born in Chest township, May 11, 1856. Grandfather Joseph Michael was a native of Lancaster county, Penn., born of German lineage, while his wife was of Irish descent. He removed with his family to Lycoming county, thence to Centre county, and later to Clearfield county, where he arrived in 1825. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits.

David Michael, father of our subject, accompanied the grandfather on his various removals, and he, too, became an agriculturist. He married Margaret Thurston, by whom he had four children: Cyrus, Henry, Orrin and Mrs. Mary Painter. After the death of his first wife he married Margaret Straw, daughter of Joseph Straw, an honored pioneer of Clearfield county. Four sons were born of the second marriage, namely: Joseph, Robert, John S. and D. W. The mother was a most estimable lady and a consistent Christian woman, holding membership in the Baptist Church. She died in February, 1857, and Mr. Michael afterward wedded Mary Yingling, by whom he had two sons: Crawford and George. The father died in February, 1891, and the community thereby lost one of its most respected citizens. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and of the Masonic fraternity. He transferred his political allegiance from the Democratic to the Republican party, and served throughout the war in a cavalry command. He served as a private, refusing all promotion, was neither wounded nor captured, and his three sons, Henry, Cyrus and Orrin, were also with the "boys in blue" throughout the struggle, and all lived to return home, like their father, escaping all injury.

D. W. Michael was but nineteen months old when his mother died. He was reared by Mr. and Mrs. James Curry, with whom he remained until twenty-two years of age, assisting Mr. Curry in all the work of the farm and the lumber woods. For two years after his marriage he continued with his foster parents, and in 1878 he purchased the farm on which he now resides. He owns 125 acres of rich land under a high state of cultivation, and has made many substantial improvements on the place, including the planting of a fine orchard and the erection of a two-story frame residence and a large barn. In addition to this property he owns four other improved farms, and has some vacant lands underlaid with coal. He has been extensively engaged in the lumber business, and for many years has owned and operated a sawmill. In 1887, in connection with a partner, he established a large general mercantile store in New Washington, and in 1888, having erected a fine business block in Westover, he removed the store to that place, where under the firm name of Michael & Straw he enjoyed an extensive trade until 1889, when he sold out to his partner. He still owns twenty-five lots in Westover. In 1894, at Waukesha, Clearfield county, adjoining the farm he now lives on, he established his present mercantile business, of which he is the sole owner.

In 1876 Mr. Michael was married to Catherine Wood, a cultured lady, whose parents, Wilson and Christiana (Spotts) Wood, were pioneers of Centre county. They were married in that county, and afterward removed to Ferguson township, Clearfield county, where Mr. Woods is still living. Farming has been his life occupation. His wife, a faithful member of the Baptist Church, died in 1888. Their children were: Margaret, now Mrs. Barrett; Catherine P.; Jacob; Henry; and Mrs. Hester Raney. Mr. and Mrs.



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Michael have three children: Edward H., James C. and Edith, all of whom have been students of the State Normal, and are now successful teachers.

Mr. Michael is deeply interested in political affairs, supporting the Democratic party, and has held several public positions of honor and trust, including all the township offices. In 1886 he was mercantile appraiser of Clearfield county, and since 1885 has served as justice of the peace, discharging the duties of that office with promptness, impartiality and fidelity. Since reaching his majority, Squire Michael has been the leader of the Democratic party in his locality. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, and in all life's relations has been true to the trust reposed in him.

G W. KEPHART, a prosperous and substantial farmer of Decatur township, Clearfield county, residing in the Newcastle settlement, was born in 1841, on the farm which is still his home. It is a valuable and productive tract of 144 acres under a high state of cultivation, and the comfortable residence is flanked by good barns and the various other outbuildings required by the progressive agriculturist. As a tiller of the soil he is thorough and skillful, and has been uniformly fortunate in his investments.

Andrew Kephart, father of our subject, was also a native of Decatur township, born in 1817, and was a son of Henry and Catharine Kephart, who were born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, becoming pioneer settlers of Decatur township, Clearfield county. The grandfather opened up a farm northwest of Osceola Mills, where he continued to make his home throughout the remainder of his life. Upon that place his wife died, and a few months later he was lost in the Alleghany Mountains. Andrew Kephart obtained his education in the schools of Decatur township, where he was reared to manhood, and there purchased of Josiah W. Smith, of Clearfield, a a timber tract of 200 acres, which he converted into a fine farm. Upon that place he died in 1882, his faithful wife passing away in November, of the same year. In Decatur township he had married Rachel Kephart, who was born in Danville, Penn., in 1809. He was well known throughout Clearfield county, took quite an active and prominent part in public affairs, and acceptably served as supervisor of his township.

To the parents of our subject were born four sons and eight daughters: Mary, who died when young; Sarah, now the wife of Levi David, of Decatur township; Mrs. Elizabeth Britton, of the same township; Martin V., a Union soldier, who enlisted in a Clearfield company in 1863, and was killed in front of Petersburg, March 25, 1864; Isabel, who married Thomas Holt, of Graham township, Clearfield county, and died in Wallaceton; G. W., of this sketch; Emma, who became the wife of R. H. Walk, and died in Allegheny county, Penn., in 1895; Addie, wife of S. F. Randolph; Isaiah, twin brother of Addie, and a resident of Decatur township; Mrs. Amanda Henderson, who makes her home in Clearfield county; Mrs. Jennie Albert, a resident of Pittsburg, Penn.; and Levi, who died in infancy.

Mr. Kephart, whose name introduces this sketch, never left the parental roof, and is now the owner of the old homestead. In the neighboring school he pursued his studies, and under his father's able instructions became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In Boggs township, in 1863, he married Miss Matilda Flegal, a native of Morris township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of David and Catharine (Funk) Flegal. The father was born in Maryland, whence when a young man he removed to Centre county, Penn., where he was married, at an early day taking up his residence upon a farm in Morris township, Clearfield county, where his death occurred. The mother was called to her final rest while living in Boggs township. Seven sons and six daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kephart, as follows: Mrs. Emma C. Turner, of Decatur township; Cora D., wife of George Mease, of Boggs township; Mrs. Cocia F. Kline, of Belsena Mills, Clearfield county; Harry W., married and living in Decatur township; Cyrus Baker, married and living in Decatur township; Rosa M., wife of Charles Bush, of Decatur township; Nora E., wife of William Phillips, of the same township; Foster A.; Kervy Omer; Antonia Gann; and Kenneth Kenelm.

Since the organization of the Republican party, Mr. Kephart has been one of its earnest advocates, and on that ticket was elected tax collector, which position he efficiently filled for three years. In 1888 he made application for a post office at Kephart, and on its establishment he was appointed the first postmaster, serving during President Harrison's administration. He takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, and has done much to advance the moral and material welfare of his community. With his wife and children he holds membership in the United Brethren Church, is a liberal contributor to all benevolent and charitable work, and justly ranks among the valued and representative citizens of Decatur township.

JOHN McDOWEL, who is probably one of the most prominent and leading agriculturists of Graham township, Clearfield county, is the owner of 325 acres of land, 120 of which he has cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation. The well-tilled fields and neat and substantial buildings testify to his thrift, enterprise and good management.

A native son of Clearfield county, Mr. McDowel was born in Bradford township, in 1842, his parents being David and Maria (Smeal) McDowel, whose births also occurred in that township. The maternal grandfather, George Smeal, was one of its very earliest pioneers, and took a prominent part in its development and progress. His last years were passed upon his farm in Bradford township. After their marriage, the parents of our subject located upon a farm in Bradford township, where the father followed farming and also engaged in lumbering until 1846, when he came to Graham township, where he bought and improved a farm of 106 acres, which at the time of his purchase was still in its primitive condition. He was an adherent of Democratic principles, and held a number of minor offices in his township to the satisfaction of all concerned. His death occurred in Graham township in 1870, add his wife passed away at the same place in 1895. In their family were six children: Mrs. Elizabeth Rinehart, a resident of Graham township; Mrs. Sarah Lytle, of the same township; Mrs. Eliza Blish, of Centre county, Penn.; Mrs. Kate Powell, of Graham township; Mrs. Della Williams, of Port Matilda, Centre county; and John.

In the family our subject is the second in order of birth, and was four years of age when he accompanied his parents to Graham township, where he was reared upon the home farm. His literary training was secured in the Fairview district school. After starting out in life for himself he was engaged in lumbering exclusively for ten years, and then turned his attention to the operation of the home farm, of which he is now the owner. It comprises one hundred acres, and forms a part of his present valuable possessions. He is a skillful and thorough farmer, meeting with a well-deserved success in his chosen calling.

In Bradford township, in 1871, Mr. McDowel wedded Miss Rebecca Wooldrige, a native of that township, and a daughter of William Wooldrige (now deceased), who was an early settler of Bradford township. Mr. McDowel was again married, this time in Williamsport, Penn., in 1889, to Miss Alice A. Shimel, who was born in Boggs township, Clearfield county, a daughter of George Shimel, who is still a resident of that township. One child has been born to them, Florence A. By his first marriage our subject also had one child, now deceased. In politics Mr. McDowel has always been a stalwart Democrat, and is one of the representative and influential citizens of Graham township, taking an active interest in its welfare and progress.

DANIEL W KEPHART, a well-known lumberman and farmer of Bradford township, Clearfield county, where he has made his home since 1861, is a native of the county, having been born in 1844, in Decatur township. His paternal grandfather, George Kephart, was a native of Huntingdon county, and there his death occurred.

Daniel Kephart, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in Port Matilda, Penn., but grew to manhood in Huntingdon county, and in early life took up his residence in Decatur township, Clearfield county, where he opened up a farm. There he wedded Sarah Kephart, who died in that township, in 1852. Nine children were born to them: George A., who died in Decatur township in 1896; Elias, who died in the same township, in 1890; David, a resident of Nebraska; Benjamin, of Blue Ball, Penn.; Samuel, of Decatur township; Joshua, of West Clearfield; Edward, of Bradford township: and Daniel W., of this sketch. The father was again married in Bradford township (whither he had moved in 1861), Miss Katie Harrier becoming his wife. Her father, Samuel Harrier, was one of the earliest settlers of that township, where he died, and where she was born. By the second marriage seven children were born, namely: Ferdinand and James, who are both married, and are residents of Bradford township; Theodore, who makes his home in the Keystone State; Cyrus, of Bradford township; William, who died in that township; Mrs. Mary English, of Bradford township; and Alfred, who lives on the home farm. The father departed this life in Bradford township, in 1880. He was one of the representative farmers and valued citizens of the community.

In the common schools of Decatur township, our subject secured his education, and was trained to habits of industry and economy upon the home farm. He was about eighteen years of age on coming to Bradford township, where in 1866 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Harrier, a native of that township, and a daughter of Samuel and ——(Phillips) Harrier, who were born in Pennsylvania and were honored pioneers of Clearfield county. Both parents died in Bradford township. Ten children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kephart: Nathaniel (who died

in February, 1896, at the age of twenty-eight years), Justus, Alice, Henry, Mary, Esther, Corda, George, John and Ferdinand.

After his marriage, Mr. Kephart located in the midst of the forest, in Bradford township, where he has developed a fine farm, and also engaged in lumbering with good results. The family to which he belongs has for many years been actively identified with the progress and advancement made by Centre county, and to our subject is due the credit of converting a wild, uncultivated tract into a rich and productive farm. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is one of the most public-spirited and enterprising citizens of the community. He and his wife are consistent members of the United Brethren Church, are charitable and benevolent, the poor and needy always finding in them a friend.

JAMES MAGUIRE. This highly respected gentleman is one of the successful lumbermen and farmers of Graham township, Clearfield county, and was also one of the brave "boys in blue" during the dark days of the Rebellion. His father, Mark Maguire, was a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., his birth occurring in Diamond Valley, and was a son of Michael Maguire. In 1855 the former came to Graham township, Clearfield county, where he purchased one hundred acres of land, known as the Kyler farm, and at once commenced to clear and improve the same. Subsequently he rented a farm in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre Co., Penn., for a time, and then emigrated to Ohio, where about six years were passed, after which he returned to Huntingdon county. Later he again took up his residence in Centre county, where his death occurred.

Mark Maguire wedded Miss Rebecca Mulhollan, who died while the family were living in Ohio. To them were born children as follows: Scott is married, and has four children; Ruth is the wife of Charles Gage, of Half Moon Valley, Centre county, and they have five children: Michael, a farmer of Munson, Cooper township, Clearfield county, married a Miss Rothrock, and has six children; Paul, who is engaged in teaming for the mining company at Morrisdale mines, Clearfield county, married Miss Myers, and has six children; John, twin brother of Paul, married Miss Taylor, and is a resident of Chester Hill, Clearfield county; Mark is single, and makes his home with his step-mother in Centre county; Sarah is the wife of George Hoover, a farmer of Centre county, and has several children; Rachel is also with her step-mother; and James completes the family.

In Clearfield, in the fall of 1861, Mr. Maguire, of this review, laid aside all personal interests and enlisted in Company K, 84th P. V. I., and was mustered in at Harrisburg, Penn., whence they were ordered to Hancock, where they received their arms. Crossing the Potomac river to Bath, an engagement was brought on with Gen. Jackson, and they were driven back to Hancock. After two or three skirmishes they proceeded to Martinsburg, and later again met Jackson at Winchester, where the Union forces were victorious. During the following spring they participated in the engagements at Fredricksburg and Port Republic, being defeated at the latter place by Jackson. After the defeat at Fredericksburg they retreated across the Shenandoah river. Mr. Maguire took part in all the battles in which his regiment participated, and on the expiration of his term of service was honorably discharged in the fall of 1864, and returned home.

Mr. Maguire married Miss Emily, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Wilhelm, of Graham township, and three children bless their union: John, a plasterer, of Oregon, married a lady of that State, who is now deceased, leaving one child; J. Irwin and Mary are still with their parents. The mother and daughter are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Maguire takes a prominent part in the work of the Republican party, which he always supports by his ballot, and for two terms has held the office of supervisor of his township. He is one of the representative and influential men of the community, whose genial, courteous manner and other pleasant social qualities, attract to him all with whom he comes in contact in the various relations of life.

JACOB BURGE, who was for several years actively engaged in general farming in Bradford and Lawrence townships, Clearfield county, is now retired from labor and occupies a comfortable home in West Clearfield. He was born November 29, 1844, in Clinton county, Penn., where he was educated in the common schools. His parents, William and Lida (Montgomery) Burge, were also natives of Pennsylvania, the former of English and the latter of Irish origin. Four of their nine children died in childhood, and the others are as follows: William; Samuel; Jacob; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Huling; and Samuel, a resident of Clearfield. The mother died in 1851, and six years later the

father came to Clearfield county, and made his home with a son in Graham township, until his death in 1859. By occupation he was a farmer and lumberman, and in politics was an Old-line Whig.

Mr. Burge, of this review, accompanied his father to Clearfield county, and remained with him until his death. He was then employed as a farm hand until 1861, when he enlisted in the First Pennsylvania Artillery for three years, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. At the end of his term he re-enlisted, and remained in the service until Lee surrendered at Appomattox, after which he returned north, to Harrisburg, where he was honorably discharged. Although he participated in many hotly-contested engagements, he was never wounded nor taken prisoner, but was always found at his post of duty, valiantly fighting for the preservation of the Union. On his return to Clearfield county, he engaged in lumbering until 1870, when he married and located upon a rented farm. In 1880 he was able to purchase a small tract, which he later sold, and then removed to his father-in-law's farm, but subsequently bought another place in Lawrence township, where he made his home until his removal to West Clearfield, in 1885. However, he still owns a good farm in Bradford township, which is operated by others on shares.

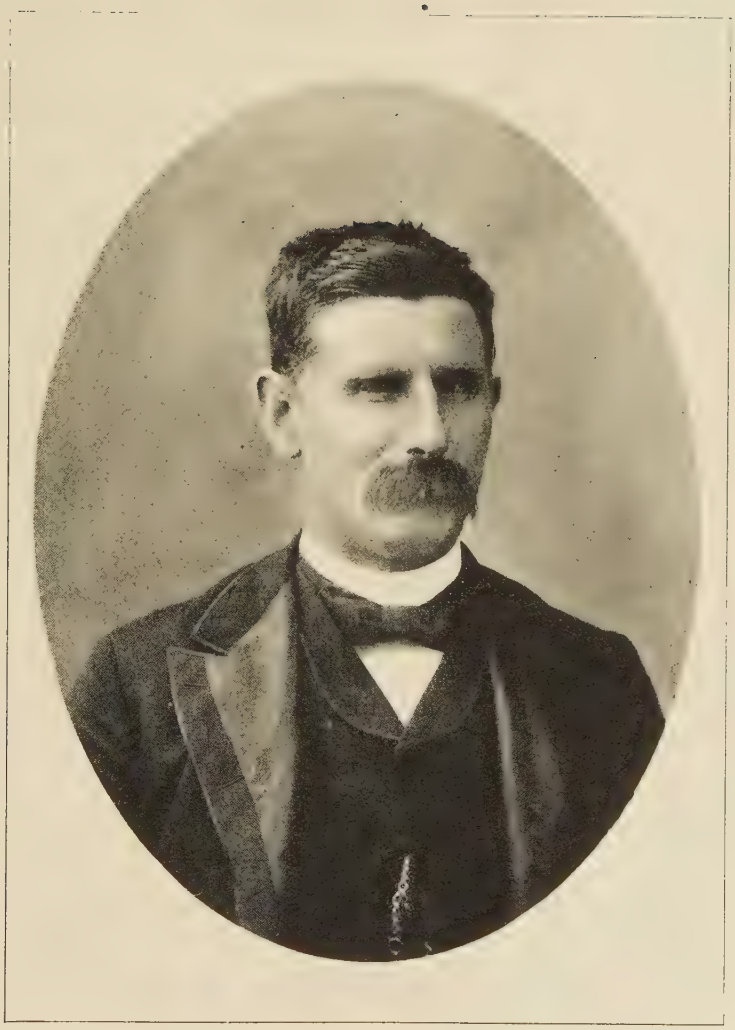
In 1870 Mr. Burge was married to Miss Mary E. Whinery, a lady of intelligence and culture, daughter of Joseph and Lavina (Graham) Whinery, who were both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Centre county, and the latter in Bradford township, Clearfield county. By trade the father was a blacksmith, and continued to follow that occupation during the greater part of his life. In 1840 he purchased a farm, which he cultivated until buying the John Graham farm, where he made his home until his death, in 1855. His wife passed away, March 8, 1891. He held to the Presbyterian faith, while she was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. Burge is the only one now living; the others were: Isaac, who was born in May, 1842, and died in September, 1855; Ferdinand; John F., who died the day after his brother, Isaac, in September, 1855; Nancy J., who died unmarried, in 1884; and Lucinda, who died in March, 1870.

Mr. and Mrs. Burge have two children: Wayne and Grace, both at home. The parents hold membership in the United Brethren Church, while the daughter is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Socially Mr. Burge affiliates with the I. O. O. F. and the G. A. R., and in politics is an uncompromising Republican, doing all in his power to promote the interests of his party. He is recognized as an honest man and good citizen, the encourager of religious and educational institutions.

HENRY M. JORDAN. The natural advantages of this section attracted at an early day a superior class of settlers, thrifty, industrious, progressive and law-abiding, whose influence gave prominent direction to the development of the locality. Among the worthy pioneers of Bigler township, Clearfield county, the Jordan family held a prominent place, and the results of the labor and self-denial of those past generations is manifest in the comfortable home and fertile, well-arranged farms which they left to their descendants.

The late John M. Jordan, the father of the gentleman whose name appears above, was a native of Clearfield county, born in 1821. He was a man of unusual business ability, and his foresight enabled him to make good use of the opportunities existing in his day for the establishment of the family fortunes upon a sound basis. In 1850 he married Miss Jane Hegarty, a member of a well-known family. The first ten or twelve years of his married life were spent upon a farm near Ansonville, but he afterward removed to Pott's Run and then to Wheatland, where he purchased from Henry Hegarty, Sr., a farm of 180 acres, known as the Cross farm. He then purchased of Henry Hegarty, Jr., a part (or 120 acres) of the old homestead of his wife (our subject's mother), making in all 300 acres, which he improved, building a fine two-story frame dwelling house and a well-planned barn, 58 x 60 feet. He was a successful agriculturist, and was also engaged extensively in lumbering.

Our subject was one of a family of five children: The eldest, Theresa, born March 22, 1852, received a common-school education, and became the wife of Martin H. Bloom, a farmer of Knox township, Clearfield county. She died some years ago, leaving two children—Annie, who married a Mr. Root, of Knox township, and has one son; and John, who is not married and resides with his father. (2) Alexander B., born November 10, 1854, was married in 1892 to Miss Jennie Bell, daughter of Greenwood Bell, of Bell township, Clearfield county. For some years he resided at the old homestead, and also had charge of a farm belonging to Mrs. Joseph McCullough, but in 1896 he bought the George Glasgow farm in Cambria county, where he now resides. He has two children—John M., named for his grandfather; and Julia, both of whom are



Henry M. Jordan

at home. (3) Maggie, who was born September 30, 1856, at the old home near Ansonville, died at the age of two years. (4) Anna M., born April 21, 1862, married Lafius Imler, of Bedford county, Penn., who afterward built a fine hotel at Ramey, Penn., and now resides there. They have had four children, two of whom, Aaron and Bessie, are living; Daisy died in infancy, and John M., when four years old.

Henry M. Jordan was born March 13, 1859, his parents being then at the old home near Pott's Run. His district-school training was followed by one term in the Patton graded schools, and in the Lancaster Normal School at Millersville. In 1889 he married Miss Mollie J. Stombaugh, daughter of Joseph Stombaugh, a prominent agriculturist of Bedford county, Penn., residing near Lovely. After his marriage Mr. Jordan bought, of Henry Croyle, a half-acre of land with a house thereon; in 1889 he purchased of James R. C. Fink four and one-half acres, making five acres in all. The house above mentioned he repaired, making it 28 feet square, and he also built a stable 30x40 feet. He has now as fine a residence as is to be found in Beulah City, Bigler township, where the property is located on the road leading from Ramey to Muddy Run, and about half a mile from his other farm, whereon A. W. Polliard, a practical farmer, of Clarion county, has lived ever since 1894. It is a fine estate, comprising some excellent farming lands and containing valuable coal deposits.

In November, 1896, Mr. Jordan's home was bereft of the loving wife, who passed to the better world, leaving one son, Roy, now (1898) seven years old. Mr. Jordan attends the Presbyterian Church at Beulah City, his mother, a devout and consistent believer, having taught him that faith from his youth. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, as was his father before him, and his influence in local affairs is recognized as an important factor.

SIDES C. SHOFF, an intelligent and progressive agriculturist and lumberman of Becaria township, Clearfield county, was born February 23, 1844, on the farm which is still his home. His grandfather removed to Clearfield county from Lancaster county, Penn., and located on Clearfield creek, near the present town of Madera. Later he removed to Hegarty's Cross Roads, purchased 110 acres of heavily timbered land, and built a log house and barn. On the farm which he there cleared he reared his family of eleven children as follows:

(1) Christopher was born in Clinton county, Penn., whence he accompanied his father to Lancaster county, and afterward to Clearfield county. He married a Miss Packer, of Clinton county, purchased land and developed a farm near Amesville, making his home there until his death. He left a family of nine children. (2) Betsy Shoff became the wife of Abraham Keagy, who operated his farm in Bigler township, Clearfield county, until his death; his wife survived him some years, and died in Glen Hope, leaving a family of fourteen children. (3) Martha Shoff was married to Benjamin Wright, of Becaria township, where they lived on a farm until his death; his widow afterward went to Glen Hope, and died at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth A. Wright; she had six children. (4) Abram Shoff died, after attaining his majority, at the home of his father. (5) Samuel Shoff, born in Clinton county, came with his father to Clearfield county, and married Jane Hegarty; he resided near Madera, on the Shoff farm, now occupied by his son Robert; he and his wife are both deceased; they had a family of ten children. (6) Susan Shoff, born in Clinton county, married John McCord, of Stoneville, Clearfield county, who purchased a large tract of land near Berwinsdale; there he developed an extensive farm and erected substantial buildings, making his home on that place until his death some years ago. (7) John Shoff, father of our subject, is the next in order of birth, and will be fully spoken of farther on. (8) Abram Shoff died when a young man. (9) Sallie Shoff married Joseph Hegarty, and resided on his farm near Berwinsdale; both died some years ago. (10) Fannie Shoff became the wife of Joseph Smith, a farmer residing near Hegarty's Cross Roads, in Becaria township; they died a number of years ago, leaving five children — Josiah, Monroe, Abram, Levi and John M. (11) Frederick Shoff, born in Clinton county, married Wilhelmina Ginter, of Janesville, Clearfield county, and resided near Hegarty's Cross Roads; he had a family of seven children—(a) Elizabeth, is the wife of Solomon Byers, of Huntingdon county, Penn., and has four children. (b) Mary Martha is the widow of Henry Witherow, who was the owner of a farm near Ansonville, in Jordan township, Clearfield county; he died leaving two children: Lynn, who is married and lives on the Witherow homestead; and a daughter, who died a few years ago; Mrs. Witherow has since married John Johnson, of Ansonville, and has one son by that union. (c) Henrietta married Thomas Mullen, of Utahville, who follows farming in Becaria township; they have five children. (d) Christopher, who follows farming in Jordan township, is married

and has nine children. (e) Delilah is the wife of Frank Dunlap, of Knox township, Clearfield county, and with their son Frederick they now reside on part of the old homestead near Hegarty's Cross Roads. (f) Hannah married Archer Witherow, of Ansonville, and with their four children they reside near Hegarty's Cross Roads. (g) Sadie is married, and lives in New York. (12) Andrew Shoff, the youngest member of the grandfather's family, was born in Clinton county, but was reared near Hegarty's Cross Roads. He married Sarah Ginter, of Gulich township, and in the home neighborhood purchased land and developed a farm. He and his wife died some years ago, leaving seven children — (a) Anna Amanda became the wife of David Smith, who enlisted in the Union army, and died during the Civil war, leaving two children: Warden, of Becaria township, who is married and has four children; and Lewis, a farmer residing near Utahville, who married a Miss Turner; Mrs. Smith afterward became the wife of John Davis, and now lives on a farm near Hegarty's Cross Roads. (b) David born on the homestead, died in the army during the Civil war. (c) Rebecca is the wife of Jacob Copenhoffer, and with their children they reside near Hegarty's Cross Roads. (d) Martin, who lives near Janesville, Clearfield county, married Rose Dunlap, and has four children. (e) Wilhelmina is the wife of A. Davis, a farmer of Becaria township, by whom she has one son, Samuel. (f) Susie, now Mrs. Echard, is living on a part of the old homestead in Becaria township. (g) Abram, who also lives on a part of the old homestead, married Susan Everly, of Blair City, Penn., and has one child living.

The maternal grandparents of Mr. Shoff, the subject proper of this review, were John and Margaret Glasgow, who were both natives of Blair county, born on the present site of Altoona. From the British Isles their respective parents came to America at an early day, locating near Bellwood, Blair county, whence they afterward removed to Glasgow (making the journey across the mountains on horseback), where the father purchased 200 acres of land at what is now the Glasgow settlement in Cambria county. In his family were seven children: (1) Eliza became the wife of Thomas Noble, and lived on a farm in the Glasgow settlement. (2) Jane became Mrs. Smiley, of Mt. Pleasant, Penn., and removed with her husband to Iowa, where they died leaving six children. (3) Hannah is the mother of our subject. (4) Mary Ann became the wife of Gideon Colderwood, and after several years' residence in Becaria township removed to Tyrone, Blair county, where she and her husband died some years ago; they had six children—Hannah became the wife of Stewart Cowan, of Tyrone, by whom she has four children; John died in Libby prison during the war of the Rebellion; Thomas was married, had five children, and lived in Tyrone; Porter, a resident of Fallen Timber, Penn., is married and has two children; Andy, of Altoona, is married and has two children; David has not been heard from since going west some years ago. (5) Betsy Glasgow is married, and lives in Tyrone. (6) John Glasgow married Susie Lamar, of Cambria county, and lived on the old homestead in Glasgow until his death; his children were Mary Jane, wife of James McGhehan, a farmer of Jordan township, Clearfield county, by whom she has four children; George, of Glasgow, who is married and has three children; Anna, who married Christ Shoff, of Jordan township, and has nine children; Katie, who married J. Gates, of Cambria county, and has three children; Laura, who married Jamas McCartney, of Cambria county, and has four children; Sadie, who married John Troxel, ex-treasurer of Clearfield county, who is extensively interested in lumbering in Tennessee, although his wife and two children remain in Clearfield county; Luther, who lives on the homestead in Glasgow, married a daughter of Daniel Fulkerson, of Gulich township, Clearfield county, and has three children; and Hutton, who is engaged in merchandising in Fallen Timber, Penn., married an Ohio lady, and has two children. (7) James Glasgow is married and lives in the town which bears his name; his children are William, of Glasgow, who married Sarah Irwin, and has two children; Eliza, wife of John Troxel, of Glasgow; Hannah, who is married, has six children and lives in Blair City, Penn.; Sadie, wife of John Troxel, of Coalport, Penn.; Jane, married; Line, wife of J. Irwin, of Glasgow, by whom she has two children; James, who married Miss Everly, of Utahville, and has two children; and John, who is teaching school in Cambria county.

John Shoff, the father of the gentleman whose name opens this article, was born in Clinton county, in 1808, and came with his parents to Clearfield county. After his marriage to Hannah Glasgow he purchased eighty-seven acres of timber land near Hegarty's Cross Roads, built a little log cabin and barn, and began the development of his land. In 1841 he replaced the first home by a large two-story frame residence, a few years after building an extensive barn and making other substantial improvements. In 1859 he purchased 120 acres adjoining the home place, and developed one of the finest farms of the community. His wife was born in Blair county, and

when seven years of age came across the mountains to Clearfield county, She largely shared in the hardships of frontier life, was to her husband a true helpmeet, and is now living, a well-preserved old lady of eighty-four years. A member of the Presbyterian Church from her girlhood, she has ever been active in Church work, and has led a consistent Christian life which has won her the love and respect of all.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shoff had ten children: (1) Elizabeth is the wife of William Wells, express agent at Osceola, and also interested in the electric light plant there; they have two children —Harvey, superintendent of the Berwin-White Co. electric light plant; and Harry, connected with an electric light company in Philadelphia. (2) John G. Shoff, born on the family homestead, married Rachel Goss, of Osceola, and died some years ago, leaving a widow and six children, namely—Bertha, wife of Frank Buchanan; Lloyd, married, conducts a livery stable in Osceola; Frank, a railroad employee in Pittsburg; Kittie, married; Harry and Charlie, at home. (3) Fannie Shoff married Lewis Stoneroad, of Lewistown, Penn., and they reside in Des Moines, Iowa; their children are Maggie, now Mrs. Morehouse, of Iowa; John, married, a merchant in Oregon; Charles, married, resides in Des Moines, Iowa; Arthur, a machinist of Iowa; and Ruth, at home. (4) Emily Shoff, born on the family homestead, became the wife of Matthew M. Cully, who died some years ago; she now resides in Jersey Shore, Penn., and has five children—Burton, married, follows merchandising in Pittsburg; Paul, a carpenter of Pittsburg, is married and has three children; Gertrude, now Mrs. McGraw, of Jersey Shore, is the mother of two children; Leslie, a barber of Philadelphia; and Sterrel, of Jersey Shore, who is married and has one child. (5) Edward Shoff, who was born and reared on the homestead, removed to Huntingdon county, where he married Sadie Gossage, by whom he had three children—John was married in Huntingdon county, has three children, and is now an electric motor man in Moshannon; Dollie is the wife of Will Simpson, of Huntingdon, and has two children; and Grace makes her home with her brother in West Moshannon. (6) Frank Shoff, who was born on the old homestead, runs an electric motor for the Berwin-White Co. in West Moshannon; he is married and has six children. (7) Mary, born on the old homestead, is the wife of Harry Parks, an architect of Ridgway, Penn.; they have a family of six children—Mattie, who is married and lives in Ridgway; Liddie, John, Pearl, one whose name is not given, and Calvin. (8) Mary C. Shoff, born in 1844, died in infancy. (9) George W. Shoff, born on the old homestead, married a lady in Texas.

Sides C. Shoff, our subject, who was born and reared on the homestead farm, had but limited educational privileges. He worked with his father until 1870, when he wedded Mary Flanders, a native of Maine. They began their domestic life on the old homestead, and Mr. Shoff devoted his energies to farming and lumbering. In 1881 he bought that property, and has since made it his home. In 1892, however, he divided a portion of this into town lots, and sold it to the Berwin-White Co., who are now operating in coal there on an extensive scale. The village, which is called Becaria, now contains about eighty homes, a large hotel, and a school building, about seventy-five pupils attending same.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoff have had a family of seven children: John Edward, who was born in Osceola, died in infancy. Nathan, who was born on the old Shoff homestead, also died in infancy. Hattie died at the age of five years. Jennie died in infancy. Charles L., born on the old homestead, attended the common schools of Becaria township, and is an intelligent, enterprising young man, living with his parents. Josephine is now attending school. Leslie completes the family. Mr. Shoff gives his political support to the Democracy, and is one of the active workers of the party, but has never aspired to office. His wife and two children belong to the Church, the latter being members of the Methodist Episcopal, while Mrs. Shoff is a Presbyterian. Mr. Shoff is a most energetic business man, his close application and industry having brought to him success. He comes of a family widely and favorably known in the community, whose history is closely interwoven with that of Clearfield county.

WILLIAM VARNER. The importance of the farming interests of a County, State or Nation cannot be overestimated, and the representatives of this vocation form a substantial element in the prosperity and steady growth of a locality. Mr. Varner is a worthy representative of this class, and has been a resident of Bradford township since 1866.

Our subject was born in Jefferson county, Penn., in June, 1845, a son of Abraham and Sarah (Anderson) Varner, natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., where they were reared and married. In an early day they removed to Jefferson county, where the father developed a farm, continuing its cultivation until his death, in 1851;

his wife died in the same county, in 1886. They had a family of eight children, seven of whom are yet living, namely: Abraham, a resident of Virginia; Jeremiah, of Pennsylvania, who served through the Civil war as a member of the Ninth Infantry, enlisting in Westmoreland county; John, who was also a soldier, and is now living in Jefferson county; Mrs. Martha Fanning, of Westmoreland county; Sarah, of Jefferson county; Mrs. Elizabeth Stager, who died in Clearfield county; and William.

William Varner, the subject of this sketch, was reared in the county of his birth, and in Clearfield county learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for many years. He was employed as a smith in Luthersburg, afterward in Wallaceton, and in 1866 came to Bradford township. For many years he followed blacksmithing in Woodland, working for Mr. Riley, and in 1873 he built a shop of his own, doing the blacksmith work for the Clearfield Fire Brick Company, until 1889, when he removed to his farm. He was an expert workman, and his accuracy and skill in this direction secured him a liberal patronage. He is now numbered among the progressive agriculturists of the community, and is the owner of one hundred acres of valuable land, which is highly cultivated, and improved with good buildings and all modern accessories.

Mr. Varner was married in Tyrone, Penn., in 1873, to Sophia Wisor, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Beers) Wisor (both now deceased), natives of Pennsylvania, who became pioneer settlers and farmers, of Boggs township, Clearfield county. Mr. and Mrs. Varner have two children: Harry B. and E. E. Our subject has led a busy and useful life, and his steady application, energy, and honesty of purpose have brought him a fair measure of success, so that he is now the possessor of a comfortable competence.

J. L. CONKLIN. The rapid development of this region from a waste, howling wilderness to its present degree of civilization can scarcely be more effectively shown than by the statement of the fact that the late Isaac Conklin, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the first male child of the Caucasian race born in Clearfield borough.

Richard Conklin (father of Isaac Conklin), who was a native of Wales and a mason by trade, settled in Clearfield borough in his early manhood and cleared a farm. He married Sarah Litz, a widow, and had seven children: Lewis, who died young; Isaac, our subject's father; Oliver, who resides in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Jackson, who died in that township in 1888; Eliza (Mrs. Shaffner), who died there; Amelia, the widow of Charles Duff; and Maria, the widow of John Butler, both of Lawrence township. Richard Conklin was murdered, and some years later his widow passed away in Lawrence township.

Isaac Conklin was born in 1816, and died in August, 1894, having seen within the compass of his seventy-eight years the entire growth of the thriving towns of his locality, and by his work as a stone mason he took an active part in bringing about the change. In 1862 he enlisted in the 84th P. V. I. for three years or during the war, and served until his discharge, in 1865, when he returned home and continued his trade. He was married in Clearfield borough, in 1840, to Miss Martha Dixon, a native of Centre county, Penn. Her father was born in Ireland, and died at Curtin Furnace, Centre county; her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Owen, was born in Clearfield county, and belonged to one of the pioneer families of the locality. Mrs. Conklin is still living in Clearfield. Of her eight children, the last two and Hartswick died in infancy; the others are: Richard, who served three years in the Civil war in Company K, 8th P. V. I., and is now a well-known stone mason; J. L., our subject; Oliver P., a painter by trade; George, a resident of Lawrence township; Emma (Mrs. Kline); and Sophia (Mrs. J. B. Ogden). All except our subject reside in Lawrence township.

J. L. Conklin was born at the old homestead in 1845, and was reared as a farmer boy. He attended the schools of Lawrence township, and in due time learned the stone mason's trade, in which he has been engaged for many years, working on contract. Since 1886 he has made his home in West Clearfield. He was married, in 1871, in Lawrence township, to Miss Clara Orr, a native of that locality, a daughter of James Orr, who was also born there, and granddaughter of William Orr, an Irishman by birth, and one of the pioneer settlers of the township. Her father died there in 1887, and her mother, whose maiden name was Miriam Ogden, followed him two years later. Mr. and Mrs. Conklin have eight children: James (a stone mason), Roscoe, Frank, Hugh, Rose (now Mrs. William Schucker, of Lawrence township), Maggie (who married B. McClellan, of Clearfield borough), Martha and Sophia.

In politics Mr. Conklin is a Democrat, and at present he holds the office of borough auditor. He is a member of the O. U. A. M., Clearfield Lodge, No. 281. As a public-spirited citizen he

takes a keen interest in the progress of the community to which he and his family have so notably contributed.

PHILIP K. PENTZ. The Pentz family has taken a prominent part in the development of Clearfield county, and while many of its members have been successful in general business lines, most of them have engaged in agriculture. Their influence has always been exerted on the side of progress, the building of schools and churches in their respective neighborhoods receiving substantial aid from them. Brady township was covered with almost unbroken forests when George Pentz, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, purchased 300 acres of land there for his sons. He was a prosperous agriculturist in York county, Penn., where his father, a native of Germany, had acquired a large tract of land at an early period. This pioneer was a son of an Englishman who married into an old German family and settled in the Fatherland.

It was not until 1837 that Jacob Pentz, our subject's father, and two brothers, John and Andrew, came to Clearfield county to clear and improve their land, at which time there were but two other families residing in Brady township. Jacob Pentz settled in the woods in primitive fashion, and soon had a fine farm, where he spent his remaining years. In 1842 he married Miss Sarah Rishel, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Rishel, wealthy farmers of Jefferson county. The Rishel family is also descended from the best German ancestry. After his marriage, Jacob Pentz built a small frame house, and later, in 1858, he replaced it by a handsome two-story frame building with modern improvements. A bank barn also superseded the old log barn of the early days. His wife, who bore her full share of the hardships incident to pioneer life, was an admirable woman, courageous, resourceful, and at the same time affectionately devoted to her husband and children. When a young girl one arm was amputated at the elbow because of an accident, and in view of this fact the following incident, which would have reflected credit upon a strong man, shows remarkable strength of character: One day while her husband was away "in the clearing," a bear attacked some young pigs near the house. Mrs. Pentz seized a pole-axe, and, striking the unwelcome visitor several blows on the head, killed him. She died in October, 1874, and her husband in 1875. They had seven children: I. Lucy, born in 1843, married Elijah Ashenfelter, the owner of a fine farm in Brady township, and they had three children—(1) Norman C., who resides on his father's farm, married Miss Rose Terp, of Brady township, and has two children, May and William; (2) Carrie married James Murphy, of Bradford, Penn., and has one daughter, Ida; (3) Annie is the wife of Doc. Clayton, a farmer in Brady township. II. Philip K., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. III. John L., born in July, 1846, married Miss Mary A. Hallopeter, of Union township, Clearfield county, and located on a farm in South Brady belonging to his father. Two years later he purchased what is known as the Samuel Troy farm near Luthersburg, and after living there four years he sold the place and moved to Indiana county, near Cherry Tree, where he remained six years. He has since resided in Kansas City, Mo., where he is engaged in milling. He has three sons living—Dean and Dallas (twins), born in 1869, were given good educational opportunities, attending school at Ottawa, Kans.; he and the younger son, Edward, are now residing with their parents. IV. Isaiah J., born in February, 1848, received a common-school education, and became a farmer near the old homestead. He died in 1876, leaving a widow, formerly Miss Malinda Smeal, of Pike township, Clearfield county. She has since married a second husband, and resides on a part of the homestead. Isaiah J. Pentz had three children—(1) Elzie married Miss Ruth Adams, of New York State, and has two children. John and an infant unnamed; (2) Sadie married Finley Clark, then of Armstrong county, and now a resident of Johnstown; they have four children; (3) Jacob is single and lives at the homestead. V. Sarah E., born in 1850, married David Dunlap, and now resides on the Alex Dunlap homestead; they have eight children--Clarence, who married Miss Ella Hammond, of Sandy township, and resides near DuBois; Cora, who married Sherman Starr, a farmer, of near Brockwayville, and has one child; and Jacob, Rosy, Pearl, Thomas, Charles and Plumb, who are at home. VI. J. Henry, born in 1853, married (first) Miss Ella Cortney, who resided near Rockton, Penn., and until her death, in 1876, he remained at the old homestead. In 1880 he married Miss Lizzie Knox, of Indiana county, and he is now a resident of Du Bois, where he follows the real-estate business. By his first marriage he has one daughter, Della, and by the second there are five children—Florence, Nellie, Maud, Major, and one whose name is not given. VII. William C., born in 1858, attended the common schools of Brady township until the age of fifteen, when he entered the normal school at Curwensville, and there spent two

terms. In 1878 he began a course in the State Normal School at Lock Haven, where he was graduated with honors. He then began the study of law with Frank Fielding, of Clearfield, and four years later was admitted to the Bar, and entered upon the practice of his profession at Du Bois. He married Miss Kessie Ross, daughter of Dr. Ross, of Lumber City, Penn., and they have four children—Helen, John, Mary and William, all at home.

Philip K. Pentz, our subject, was born in March, 1845, on the old homestead, where he spent his boyhood working on the farm in summer and attending the local schools in winter. In 1861 he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, of Brady township, and a year later went to Punxsutawney to work, remaining one year, and then completing his trade by another year with a Mr. Ernest, of the same town. The business being thoroughly mastered by this time, he opened a shop for himself in New Salem, and continued until 1878. In the meantime he purchased forty-two acres of woodland at Du Bois Junction, and of this he now has thirty-four acres in a fine state of cultivation. He has built a tasteful two-story frame dwelling, a bank barn, wagon shed, and other structures, making one of the pleasantest homesteads in the locality. In January, 1876, he married Miss Beckie Miller, daughter of Andrew and Hannah (Garber) Miller, prosperous agriculturists, living near Mifflinburg. The first year of wedded life was spent at Salem, but he has since resided on his farm. A brief record of their three children: (1) Etta A., born in January, 1877, received a common-school education, and in 1894 was married to Harvey L. Magee, of Clarion county. They lived for one year at Wilkinsburg, near Pittsburg, and then moved to Clarion county; but since December, 1896, they have made their home with Mr. Pentz; their daughter, May Irene, lives with them. (2) Clyde A., born in August, 1879, and (3) Myrtie A., born in September, 1884, are at home attending school.

Mr. Pentz and his wife belong to the German Baptist Church, better known as the Dunkards, and in local affairs he has always shown sympathy with the conservative element. While he is an ardent Democrat in politics, he has never aspired to political office.

S B. STINE has for some twenty-three years been an important factor in the business circles of Osceola Mills, and his popularity is well deserved for he is a man of the strictest integrity, unabating energy and tireless industry. In 1877 he established a foundry at that place, and his business energy and earnestness have won for him a wide and increasing patronage. The main building of his plant is 120 x 30 feet, and the blacksmith shop is 40 x 60 feet. Here are manufactured all kinds of mining machinery and specialties, and employment is furnished to from twenty-five to thirty men.

Mr. Stine was born in 1846, in Williamsport, Penn., where his parents, Jacob and Sarah (Gabel) Stine, spent their entire lives, the former dying in 1886, and the latter in 1888. They were of German lineage. Being a mason by trade, the father laid the foundation for most of the large mills in Williamsport. In the family were seven children: Mrs. Rose Stroup, Mrs. Elizabeth Beck, Mrs. Mary Malaby, Mrs. Emma Blaisdell and Mrs. Julia Kline—all residents of Williamsport; Gabel, a merchant of that city; and S. B., of this review.

In the city of his nativity, Mr. Stine, our subject, grew to manhood and received his literary education. He began his business career as a clerk in a store, where he remained for five years, and then learned the machinist's trade in the shops of the Northern Central railroad, at Williamsport. Later he worked for Potter & Wondrel, and Linfoot, Dawson & Co., at the same place, and on leaving the last named firm, in 1869, he moved to Clearfield, where for five years he was employed in the machine shop of Boynton, Young & Co. In July, 1875, he came to Osceola Mills, and formed a partnership with Justin J. Pie in the foundry business; but two years later the connection was dissolved, and our subject has since been alone in business. Being himself a thorough and skillful machinist, as well as a man of sound judgment and good executive ability, he has been remarkably successful in his undertakings, and now ranks among the substantial and well-to-do citizens of the community. As the products of the foundry are first-class, they find a ready sale in the market.

In 1866, in Columbia county, Penn., Mr. Stine married Miss Mary Josephine Butt, who was born in this State, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Hodge) Butt, natives of Luzerne county, Penn., and pioneers of Columbia county, where both died. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stine, namely: Joseph Clarence, Dolly and Blaine. The eldest, who is now associated with his father in business, is married, and makes his home in Osceola Mills. Mr. Stine gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party, and has been elected a member of the school board. Fraternally, he affiliates with Osceola Lodge No. 515, F. & A.

M., and Osceola Lodge No. 747, I. O. O. F. He is one of the representative and prominent men of the community.

DENNIS OWENS. The Owens homestead, in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, has been held continuously in the family ever since John Owens, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, purchased it in 1802. It was heavily timbered and surrounded by unbroken forests, and all the discomforts and privations of pioneer life were encountered before a log cabin was built and made comfortable, and the land brought into cultivation. John Owens was a native of Pennsylvania, and came to this section from Huntingdon county. He died at the homestead, his wife, Nancy, passing away a few years later. They reared a large family, none of whom are now living.

Robert Owens, our subject's father, was born at the old farm, in 1807, and, after attending the local schools during boyhood, settled there, engaging in farming and lumbering. He was twice married, first to a Miss Hoover, who died, leaving five children. His second wife, to whom he was married in Clearfield county, was Miss Rebecca Crowell, a native of this State, and a daughter of Dennis Crowell, an early settler of Decatur township, Clearfield county. Mrs. Rebecca Owens passed to the unseen life, in April, 1886, and her husband followed her to the grave, in January, 1889. The five children of the first union were: James, who died in Lawrence township; Jane, Mrs. Shunkweiler, who died in Clearfield; Nancy, Mrs. William Brown, of Clearfield; Elizabeth, Mrs. McLennan, who resides in this State; and Cornelius, who died in Clearfield, in 1892. He enlisted at Clearfield at the beginning of the war, in the 149th P. V. I., the renowned "Bucktail Regiment," and served three years. There were eleven children by the second marriage, namely: Angeline, Mrs. Coon, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Catherine, Mrs. Tate, of Lawrence township; Sophia, Mrs. Shunkweiler, of Patton, Cambria Co., Penn.; Henry, who served two years in the Civil war, in the 84th P. V. I., and whose death occurred in Lawrence township, in 1884; John, a resident of Clearfield; Dennis, our subject; Maria, Mrs. Kramer, of Lawrence township; William, a resident of Lawrence township; Milton, a farmer of the same locality; Robert, who died there in 1884; and Margaret, who died in childhood.

Mr. Owens, our subject, was born at the old homestead, September 30, 1846, and has passed his life there. The schools of the vicinity afforded him fair educational advantages, and on assuming manhood's cares he engaged in agriculture and in lumbering, rafting on the river for many years. He now owns the homestead, which contains 118 acres, nearly all cleared, and he also has a one-third interest in another tract of 112 acres. He was married in Lawrence township, in September, 1872, to Miss Sophia Woolheater, a native of Boggs township, Clearfield county. Her parents, Samuel and Margaret (Henderson) Woolheater, were born in Huntingdon county, Penn., and settled at an early day in Clearfield county. The father died in 1890, but Mrs. Woolheater is still living in Boggs township. Mr. and Mrs. Owens have had the following children: Isaac married Miss Lizzie Read; children—Fred, Walter and Margaret; Gladys; Catherine; Alfred died at the age of eighteen months; Newton died in childhood; Laura; Stella; Kyle; Ida and Samuel.

Mr. Owens gives his influence to the Republican party, but does not aspire to office. He takes a keen interest in the improvement of his locality and in public affairs generally. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is is a member of two fraternal orders—the American Mechanics and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

J G. L. MYERS, M. D., is an eminent physician and surgeon of Osceola Mills, Clearfield county, where he has made his home since 1880. His talent and culture have gained for him an honorable position in the medical profession, and he enjoys an extensive practice. He was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1846, a son of Michael and Catherine (Holtzapple) Myers. The father was born in 1808, in Mifflin county, this State, a son of Samuel Myers, and remained a resident of the county of his nativity until 1842, when he removed to Huntingdon county, where he purchased an improved farm, on which he made his home until called to his final rest in 1892. The mother died on the same place in 1882.

To this worthy couple were born thirteen children, as follows: Enoch, who resides on the old homestead in Huntingdon county; Ephraim, a resident of German Valley, in the same county; Reuben, who served for five months in a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Shirleysburg, Huntingdon county; Mrs. Mary Rhodes, of McVeighton, Mifflin Co., Penn.; Mrs. Sarah Allen, of Iowa; Jeremiah, who died in Kansas in 1869; Daniel, a

police officer at the Pennsylvania railroad station in Huntingdon; Rudolph, a physician of that city; Seth, a minister of the Dunkard Church at Altoona, Penn.; Mrs. Catherine Lukens, of Atkinsons Mills, Mifflin county; J. G. L., of this sketch; Michael, a farmer of Huntingdon county; and Mrs. Clara Belle Wright, who died in that county in 1877.

Upon the home farm the Doctor passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and greatly assisted in its cultivation and improvement. After completing a course of study in the Shirleysburg Seminary, he engaged in teaching in Huntingdon and Mifflin counties, and also in the State of Indiana for some years. Subsequently he attended medical lectures in the Philadelphia Medical College, also at Ann Arbor, Mich., and Keokuk, Iowa, but graduated from a medical college in Indianapolis, Ind. He began the practice of his chosen profession in Port Matilda, Centre Co., Penn., in 1869, and there remained until coming to Osceola Mills in 1880. Here he has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice among the best class of citizens. In 1868, in Huntingdon county, he wedded Miss Mary T. Wry, a native of that county, and they have had six children: Alva, wife of William Dressler, of Jeannette, Penn.; Nora; M. R., who is engaged in teaching in Decatur township, Clearfield county; and Gray, Jasper and Dorner, who are attending school.

Politically, Dr. Myers is a Republican, and has efficiently served his fellow citizens as a member of the school board three years, and as a member of the city council two years. Fraternally, he holds membership in Osceola Lodge, No. 747, I. O. O. F. His life is devoted to the demands of his profession, of which he is still a close student, and, therefore, occupies a prominent place in the ranks of the medical fraternity.

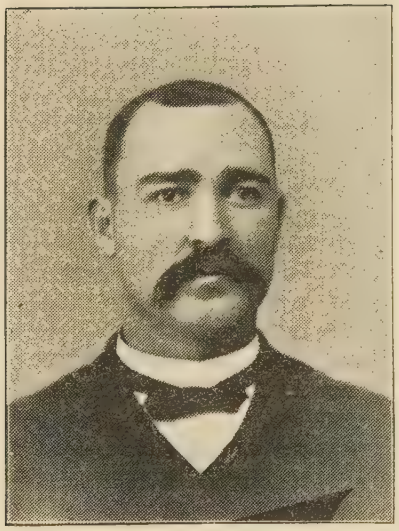
JOSEPH A. HECKENDORN is one of the most enterprising, energetic and prominent business men of Karthaus township, Clearfield county, where his birth occurred January 8, 1860.

Young Heckendorn commenced his education in the local schools, but later attended the State Normal at Millersville, Penn., and the schools of Clearfield, thus acquiring a good common-school education, which well qualifies him for a successful business career. After leaving school he engaged in teaching for a few terms. With his father, George Heckendorn, he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for five years, being for one year in the employ of a railroad contractor. We are told he was a very rapid and systematic mechanic, and had wonderful endurance.

In October, 1884, Mr. Heckendorn embarked in merchandising in Karthaus, which he continued until February, 1895, when he sold his stock of goods, but still owns the store buildings. In the meantime he had become interested in the coal business, having an interest in one colliery and owning one exclusively, which still claims his attention, and he is also secretary and treasurer of the Salt Lick Oil & Gas Company, which already has three wells, none of which proved a success, but prospects are very encouraging. Since disposing of his store, he has been interested in the development of the fire-clay industry in connection with his other lines of business. Through his entire business career he has been looked upon as a model of integrity and honor, and stands to-day an example of what determination and force can accomplish for a man of natural ability and strength of character.

On the 9th of May, 1889, Mr. Heckendorn led to the marriage altar Miss Clementine R. Beates, a daughter of J. H. and Sarah E. (Bowes) Beates. The father was reared in Lancaster, Penn., whence he removed to Centre county in 1850, and there erected a sawmill, which he operated a number of years. Later he purchased a farm, upon which he has made many substantial and valuable improvements, and continues to reside on that place. He is an ardent Republican in politics, but has never cared for official positions higher than the township offices which he has held. His father was a Lutheran minister, to which Church his wife belongs. She is of German-Irish descent. In their family are eleven children, namely: Mrs. Mary E. Pedrick, of Wilmington, Del.; Edward J.; C. Herbst; Hamlin F., of Wilmington, Del.; Anna, at home; Clementine, wife of our subject; Mrs. Margaret Wagner, of Bellefonte, Penn.; and Jennie, Caroline, Edith and Harry A., all at home.

Mr. Heckendorn takes deep interest in public affairs, always supporting the Democratic party by his ballot, and a strong advocate of the free coinage of gold and silver, and has acceptably filled many township offices, and is at present county auditor. Socially, he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has all the highest degrees of the order, and religiously is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, while his wife clings to the faith in which she was reared—that of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Heckendorn is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is a man of above average size,



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of splendid physique and pleasant address, progressive and public-spirited, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

JONATHAN OGDEN, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, is one of our most progressive and successful agriculturists, and is known as a ready supporter of all measures that promise to promote the welfare of the community. He was born in 1846, upon the farm where he now resides, and his family has been identified with that locality since the pioneer days. His grandfather, Matthew Ogden, a native of Pennsylvania, made his home in Clearfield, and built the first mill there. He died in Clearfield at the age of seventy-five, and his wife, Elizabeth (Bloom), died in Lawrence township.

Their son, Abraham, our subject's father, was born in 1806, upon a farm within the present limits of Clearfield borough, and grew to manhood there, receiving his education in the Clearfield schools. In 1829 he was married, in Lawrence township, to Miss Esther Kline, a native of that locality, and a daughter of well-known pioneer settlers, John and Betsy (Haney) Kline, who both died there many years ago. Judge Abraham Ogden followed agriculture from early manhood, and in 1836 he purchased the present homestead, then a partly-improved tract, with a log house as a residence. He made his home there, adding many improvements from time to time. His fellow citizens esteemed him greatly on account of his abilities and high character, and he held a commanding influence in local affairs and in the councils of the Democratic organization. In 1876 he was elected associate judge of Clearfield county, and held the office five years. His wife died in 1873, and he in 1889.

Our subject was the youngest of their seven children. Of the others Hiram is married, and is now in the employ of the John Deere Plow Co., at Moline, Ill.; Lavina died in Clearfield borough at the age of five years; Fannie married John McBride, of Lawrence township; Mary resides in West Clearfield; Martha, who also resides in that town, is the widow of the late G. B. Hancock; and Elizabeth married W. W. Watson, of Clearfield. The life of our subject has been spent in the quiet and useful calling of agriculture, and since he succeeded to the old homestead he has maintained it in a high state of cultivation. It contains 200 acres with about 100 acres cleared. In 1880 he was married, in Pike township, Clearfield county, to Miss Martha Jane Bailey, a native of that township. Her father, Joseph Bailey, was born in Centre county, Penn., and settled in early life in Pike township, where he still resides. Her mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Boal, died in 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden have a family of six children: Fred, Branford, Ruth, Bruce, Kay and Helen.

In all public questions Mr. Ogden takes great interest, and he is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party, although he has no longing for political office. He is a member of the Grange in his township.

LEWIS TURNER, a representative farmer of Boggs township, Clearfield county, was born April 12, 1847, on the place which is still his home, and comes of a family that has been long identified with the interests of that county. His grandfather, Samuel Turner, a native of Pennsylvania, settled on a farm in Centre county, on Clearfield creek, in 1813. Upon his place he killed a panther, the year of his arrival.

Capt. George Turner, the father of our subject, was among the earliest settlers of Clearfield county, where he helped to build the old Graham grist and saw mill, which he operated for a number of years, at the same time conducting a farm. Selling out he purchased the place where our subject now lives, improved the land and erected thereon good buildings. He erected the first frame house in the county, became a large land owner, and being an able financier was quite wealthy at his death, which occurred in May, 1888. For some time he was extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber, which he would raft down the river to market. He was a great hunter, and in the early day, game being quite plentiful, had ample opportunity to indulge in that sport. A man of prominence in the community, he took a leading part in public affairs and Church work, contributing to the support of several Churches in addition to the United Brethern denomination to which he belongs; he also gives liberally to foreign missions. In early life he was a Democrat, but later supported the Republican party. He was a captain in the militia, and one of the best at drill in the State.

Capt. Turner was united in marriage with Sarah Williams, a daughter of Edward Williams, formerly of Centre county, but later of Clearfield county, where he engaged in both farming and merchandising at what was known as Williams Grove, Biglers Station, on the railroad. Later he removed to Philipsburg, Penn., where he died, his remains being brought back and interred in Clearfield county. Twelve children were born to Capt. Turner and his wife, two of whom died when young, the others being as follows: John;

Jane, deceased wife of L. M. Lumadue; William, now of Philipsburg; Priscilla, who married Lindsay Storm, but both are now deceased; Edward, a prominent farmer of Clearfield county; Silas, who died leaving two children; Zenos, an agriculturist; George, a resident of Clearfield; Lewis; and Mary A., wife of Thomas Woodside, a farmer.

The education of Lewis Turner, our subject, was such as the common country schools afforded, and his entire life has been passed upon the homestead farm, comprising 119 acres, all under cultivation with the exception of five acres, and underlaid with a good grade of coal. Coal oil can be seen oozing from the hillsides, but no prospecting has ever been done in this region, though no doubt much oil can be found. After the death of the father, the mother of our subject lived with him until she too was called to the world beyond, in the fall of 1888. Upon the farm he has erected a commodious residence, and the whole place denotes the thrift and enterprise of the owner. In 1875 Mr. Turner was married to Miss Sarah J. Haines, who was born in Clearfield county, December 25, 1861, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Dixon) Haines. Her parents were reared in this section of the State, where the father worked as a common laborer. In 1861 he entered the Union army, faithfully defending his country until taken prisoner. He was incarcerated in Libby Prison, where he died, it is supposed from cruel treatment. There were three children in his family: Florence, who married Seth Manes, who died leaving six children, four yet living; Sarah J., wife of our subject; and Margaret, who died at the age of two years. The mother is yet living.

Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Turner: Edwin, a miner; Samuel, a dairyman and farmer; and Harvey E., Ernest W., Charley W. and Russell L., all at home; Ida, who died December 13, 1895, at the age of six years; and Maud, at home. The parents are faithful members of the United Brethren Church, of which Mr. Turner is steward, and he endeavors to carry forward the good work which his father inaugurated. His political support is always given the Republican party, but he cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office.

GEORGE V. CYPHERT is a leading contractor and builder at Du Bois, where many evidences of his artistic taste and his rare ability in workmanship are to be found among the handsome residences and churches that have sprung up since the great fire of 1888. Among these may be mentioned the building at the corner of Brady street and Long avenue, the first to rise from the ashes of the town; the Du Bois National Bank; the Deposit Bank; the Baptist Church; the Prothero block; the Schrecengost building and others, and he did part of the work on the present court house at Clarion. In partnership with Mr. Osborne, Mr. Cyphert constructed many notable buildings, including St. Catherine's Church (Catholic); the "Hotel Windsor;" the residences of Mrs. McDonald, Dr. Sullivan, Mr. Shannon, Mr. Munn, and a church and parsonage at Adrian, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Cyphert was born, in 1847, in Limestone township, Clarion Co., Penn., where his father, the late John Cyphert, a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., located in early manhood and established his home, clearing a farm from the primitive woods. In Clarion county John Cyphert met and married Miss Elizabeth Ruffner, who, since his death in 1895, still continues to occupy the homestead. Four sons and five daughters were born to them, and of this large family seven are yet living: A. R., a resident of Clarion, Penn.; G. V., our subject; Clarissa (Mrs. Montgomery), of Union township, Jefferson Co., Penn.; Elizabeth (Mrs. Brady), of Westmoreland county; Emma (Mrs. Aaron), of Clarion county; Peter, who resides in Westmoreland county; and John, who manages the old homestead.

Being reared as a farmer's son, Mr. Cyphert, our subject, enjoyed the usual common-school advantages and, making choice of a calling at an early age, he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner in his native county. For a time he worked as a journeyman in different cities, and in 1871 he began in business on his own account at Brookville, Penn. The destruction of Du Bois in 1888 brought his services into urgent demand there, and he has since remained, his business keeping from fifteen to twenty men constantly employed. He has seen many changes in that locality, and, in fact, once picked fruit from an orchard which covered a portion of the site of Du Bois.

In 1869 Mr. Cyphert was married in Brookville to Miss Eliza Jane Montgomery, daughter of John Montgomery, a well-known pioneer of Jefferson county. Her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Osborne, died some years ago, and her venerable father, who was born in June, 1811, now resides with Mr. and Mrs. Cyphert. Ten children have blessed their home: Mrs. Depp, of Du Bois; Clarence and Frances, who died in Brookville; George C. and John, who are at home; Thomas Clark, now attending school in Pittsburg; Valeta, Ethel, Irene and Arthur, who

are all at home. Mr. Cyphert has always been a warm advocate of local improvement of every sort. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is a leading member of St. Catherine's Church, and of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

SAMUEL SEMPLE is a leading representative of the business interests of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and an influential and valued citizen. His life has been one of industry and enterprise, and by indomitable perseverance he has overcome the obstacles in his path, and worked his way steadily upward to success.

Mr. Semple was born in Becaria township, January 12, 1849, and is a son of David and Eliza (Stewart) Semple, who were natives of County Derry, Ireland. Coming to this country, they resided for a number of years in New York, and thence removed to Clearfield county, locating near Hegarty's Cross Roads, where the father purchased one hundred acres of timber land. He erected a log house, 20 x 30 feet in size, built a log barn, and cleared about seventy-five acres. His wife was to him a faithful assistant, and together they shared the hardships of the frontier until advancing civilization and their own earnest efforts brought them all the comforts of modern life. The father died December 28, 1891, the mother two weeks later.

This worthy couple had a family of eight children: (1) James, who was born in Ireland, died during the voyage to America, and was buried at sea. (2) Henry, who was born on the ocean, died in infancy, and was buried in New York. (3) Susan, born in County Derry, Ireland, came with her parents to New York and to Clearfield county. She was reared on the home farm, received good educational privileges, and for two terms was a teacher in Blain City, Penn. She married George Hegarty, of Ramey, and removed to a farm adjoining the Henry Hegarty homestead, where they resided for a number of years. They then went to Madera, where Mr. Hegarty carried on merchandising for some years, after which he went to Houtzdale and purchased property. He erected two large brick business blocks and other buildings, and devoted his energies to the promotion of various enterprises, being one of the active and prominent business men of the place. He died very suddenly, July 4, 1895, leaving a widow and six children to mourn his loss—(a) George, born on the Hegarty farm near Ramey, married Maggie Murphy, of Houtzdale, and resided in that place until his death, in 1892; his wife died two years later; they had one child, Annie. (b) Howard married Hattie Clark, and resides in Houtzdale; they have one child living and have lost two. (c) Elmer E. married Vella Smith, of Hanover, Md., and is engaged in the bakery business in Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., where he owns property; their children are Gertrude, Leroy, Malan and an infant unnamed. (d) C. H., an intelligent, enterprising young man, is district passenger agent on the Pennsylvania line, with headquarters at No. 48 Market street, Louisville, Ky. (e) Jennie, born in Madera, is the wife of Joseph Amond, telegraph operator in the union depot at Pittsburg; they have two children, George and Gordon. (f) Ida Alice Hegarty, born in Madera, died in Houtzdale at the age of three years. (4) Mary J., the fourth member of the Semple family, was born on the homestead in Becaria township, educated in the common schools, and married John S. Kough, of Clearfield county. They removed to the Hegarty farm near Ramey, later to Hegarty's Cross Roads, and subsequently to Stephenson county, Ill., but after a few years returned to Clearfield county, and for five years lived on the Lisle McCully farm. Mrs. Kough then purchased a lot and built a house in Ramey. In 1893 they removed to Colorado, and purchased land, but after a year returned to their home in Ramey. In the spring of 1896 they removed to the Patchin farm, near Glen Hope. Their children are: (a) Clara Jane is the wife of George Smeal, a farmer of Decatur township, Clearfield county, by whom she has three children. (b) Ida Alice is the wife of Dan Waltz, of Shirley, and they have three children. (c) W. J. is married, and is engaged in the stock business at Denver, Colo. (d) David, (e) Lydia, (f) Katie and (g) Maggie are at home. (5) David Semple was born on the home farm, in October, 1847, and is now residing there. He married Amanda Root, daughter of Lemuel Root, of Becaria township, and they have nine children—David, who married Miss Eckard, has two children, and resides on his father's farm near Hegarty's Cross Roads; Mary, Annie, William, Edward, George, Paul, Martha and an infant unnamed. (6) William Semple, born on the homestead, in August, 1852, and educated in the common schools, assisted his father on the farm until his marriage, in July, 1872, to Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of John and Martha Hersh, of Becaria township. He then operated the farm for his father, and engaged in lumbering through the winter. In 1881 he purchased a part of the farm of Joshua L. Comstock, in Glen Hope, which he operated in connection with lumbering. They have four children—John F., Harry D. and Oscar, born on

the Semple homestead; and Kittie, born in Glen Hope.

Samuel Semple, whose name intreduces this sketch, was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads of the neighborhood. He assisted in clearing the old homestead, and in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. He was married April 4, 1871, to Rebecca Frances McCoy, of Becaria township, and for a year remained on his father's farm. In 1872 he bought seventy-five acres of partially-improved land adjoining the old homestead, and on the place has made extensive and substantial improvements. He has removed the stumps, built a large bank barn and wagon shed, and has now one of the best improved country homes in Clearfield county. It is most neat and thrifty in appearance, and evidences the progressive spirit of the owner. He has resided there since 1872, and in connection with agricultural pursuits he follows lumbering.

Mr. and Mrs. Semple have two children: John David, born May 10, 1872, was educated in the common schools, and remained at home until his marriage, September 11, 1892, to Ida A. Esch, of Cambria county, Penn., daughter of Adam Esch, a well-to-do farmer. She was educated in the Ebensburg Normal School, and is a highly accomplished lady. They now reside on a farm adjoining his father's place. Frank Lindsey, the second son, was born April 23, 1874, and died December 9, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Semple and their son are members of the United Brethren Church. Since attaining his majority he has been a stanch Republican, and has taken an active part in promoting educational interests, serving for many years as school director.

WILLIAM J. BEATTY, a popular liveryman of La Jose, Clearfield county, is a native of the Keystone State, born in Indiana county, March 3, 1869. On the paternal side he is of Irish origin, his ancestors having come from Ireland during Colonial days, and taking up their residence in Pennsylvania, where most of their descendants still live. The grandfather of our subject having died when quite young, but little of the family history is known.

Robert M. Beatty, the father, was born and reared in Indiana county, where he was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Hazlette, also a native of that county. Most of the Beatty family were tillers of the soil, and he also followed the occupation of farming in connection with work at the carpenter's trade. He died July 26, 1889, leaving his widow with six children, namely: William J., of this review; Sarah E., wife of M. Carson; Malinda J.; Mary B.; Christopher B.; and Frank, who is still with his mother. The parents both held membership in the Presbyterian Church.

Since the death of her first husband the mother has become the wife of S. Dennison, and is now living at Blairsville, Indiana county. She is a daughter of David and Virginia (George) Hazlette. Her father, a native of Butler county, Penn., removed at an early day to Indiana county, where he developed a farm, on which he made his home throughout the remainder of his life. In connection with agricultural pursuits, he also engaged in carpentering. While attending to a contract he suddenly died of heart failure, but his wife yet survives at the advanced age of ninety years, and resides with some of her children in Taylorsville, Indiana county.

The educational privileges of our subject were such as the common schools of his native county afforded. At the early age of twelve years he left home and began the struggle of life for himself, being employed as a farm hand for ten years, during a part of which time he was able to attend school during the winter term. For the following three years he drove a stage from Cherry Tree to Mahaffey, Penn., and while thus employed saved $1,000. On coming to La Jose in 1892, he bought the livery business of G. W. Jose, and has since successfully carried on that enterprise, having one of the best feed, livery and sale stables in this section of the county, a favorite with all commercial men and other travelers. He keeps on hand a fine line of vehicles and a good grade of horses. In this connection he also handles car-load lots of feed—oats, corn and mill feed—which he sells at retail.

On July 10, 1895, Mr. Beatty wedded Miss Millie McMurray, a refined young lady, daughter of Milton and Mary (Weaver) McMurray, of Clearfield county, both now deceased. They were residents of Burnside, and belonged to prominent families of this section. In their family were but two children—Millie, and James, who is now living with his sister. One child graces the union of our subject and his wife: Mary Caroline, born June 4, 1896.

Fraternally, Mr. Beatty affiliates with Clearfield Lodge No. 314, F. & A. M., and also Cherry Tree Lodge No. 417, I. O. O. F., while politically he is identified with the Republican party, and takes a deep interest in all public affairs. He has acceptably filled some local offices, being a member of the city council, and in 1895 was appointed constable of Newburg borough to fill a vacancy, to which office he was elected in 1896. He is one of the most wide-

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awake and enterprising young business men of La Jose, and the success that he has achieved has been due entirely to his own unaided efforts, as he has been the architect of his own fortunes.

JOHN A. VANSICE, a successful agriculturist and lumberman of Union township, Clearfield county, where he has made his home for the past twelve years, has one of the most desirable farms in the community. He has worked untiringly, and his labors have been well rewarded. Prior to coming to Union township he was a resident of Du Bois, same county.

The father of our subject was born in 1825, in Bradford county, this State, where he was also reared and educated and engaged in farming until his removal to Steuben county, N. Y., where he also followed agricultural pursuits for a number of years. During the dark days of the Rebellion he enlisted in Tioga county, Penn., in Company L, Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and served until hostilities had ceased. He also had eight brothers who were in the service, one of whom died of starvation in Andersonville prison, and another of army fever, but the others survived that terrible struggle. In 1872 the father of our subject located at Sabula, Clearfield county, and engaged in work on the tunnel of the Low Grade Alleghany Valley railroad, but two years later went to Du Bois, where he followed lumbering until 1881. In that year he purchased the farm of Mr. Fletcher, in Union township, on which he made his home until his death, in 1892. In Bradford county, Penn., he had married Lucy Layton, who was born there in 1830. She passed away in 1893.

This worthy couple had the following children: (1) Kate, born in Bradford county in 1846, died in New York in 1868. (2) James, born in Bradford county in 1848, came with the family to Clearfield county in 1870. Enlisting in the regular army at Buffalo, N. Y., he entered the cavalry school at Fortress Monroe for one year, and there died of typhoid fever. (3) John A. is next in order of birth. (4) William G., also a native of Bradford county, grew to manhood upon the farm in Union township, Clearfield county, and married Miss Annie Brooks, of Big Run, Jefferson Co., Penn. Later he removed to Du Bois, where he engaged in lumbering until 1888, was subsequently a brakeman in the railroad service, and at the present time is serving as conductor. He has five children. (5) Philip also accompanied his parents on their removal to Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood, and was employed in the lumber woods for some time, but is now engaged in the oil business in Virginia. (6) Thomas, the youngest, resides upon the old homestead farm, and, in connection with its cultivation, engages in lumbering.

John A. Vansice was a young man on taking up his residence in Union township, where he has since been engaged in lumbering and farming. In 1887 he was married to Miss Maggie Stever, of Indiana county, Penn. They are faithful members of the Methodist Church, and hold a high position in the social circles of the community. Politically Mr. Vansice affiliates with the Democratic party, of whose principles he is a strong and earnest advocate, and does all within his power for the success of the party. Of enterprises tending to benefit the people of his community, morally, socially and financially, he has been an earnest and cheerful supporter, and he enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him.

W. H. GRAY, who since 1878 has resided in Du Bois, and is now the efficient and popular city treasurer, was born in Sullivan county, N. Y., in 1849, a son of W. E. and Ellen (Falkner) Gray. His father was born in Sullivan county, in 1806, and the mother was a native of Orange county, N. Y. In 1873 they removed to Du Bois, where W. E. Gray engaged in the real-estate business until his death in 1894; in the Empire State he had followed lumbering. His wife passed away in 1891. They had two children: W. H., and Isabella, wife of David Baroman, of Du Bois.

The subject of this review was reared in the county of his nativity, and is indebted to its public-school system for his education. He engaged in farming in Sullivan county until 1878, when he came to Du Bois and secured a situation in the lumber yard of John Du Bois. He was afterward employed as clerk in a store owned by that gentleman, for seven years, and then embarked in the butchering business, conducting a meat market at No. 102 South Brady street, as a member of the firm of Gray & Lord. He successfully carried on that enterprise until 1896, when he sold out. He is now interested in agricultural pursuits, owning some valuable farm land, and since 1896 has also acceptably and promptly discharged the duties of city treasurer of Du Bois.

Mr. Gray was married, in 1873, to Amelia Johnson, a native of Sullivan county, N. Y., and a daughter of Rev. Hiram and Martha (Gregory) Johnson, who were pioneers of that county. Mrs. Gray died in 1876, leaving two children: Leslie

and Minnie. In Du Bois, Mr. Gray was again married, his second union being with Charlotte Buzzard, a native of Clarion county, Penn., where her father, Thomas Buzzard, located in pioneer days; the wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Platt. This union has been blessed with five children—one son and four daughters—namely: Florence, Maud, Nellie, Grace and John. Mr. Gray is unwavering in his support of Republicanism, and in 1887 was elected on that ticket a member of the city council, where he served three years, and in 1896 was elected city treasurer. He is a faithful officer, and the trusts committed to his care are ever promptly executed. Socially, he is a charter member of Garfield Lodge No. 559, F. & A. M., and served as worshipful master in 1895. He also belongs to the O. U. A. M. His political, business and private life are all above reproach, and those who know him entertain for him the highest regard.

R. CANFIELD, a well-known furniture manufacturer of West Clearfield, Clearfield county, is one of the shrewd business men, who were identified with the growth of that borough when its future was less promising to the general view than it is to-day. Thoroughly imbued with the public spirit which marks the typical American, Mr. Canfield displays an active interest in all that pertains to the prosperity of his locality, and is regarded as one of our most progressive citizens.

The ancestors of our subject were early settlers in Dutchess county, N. Y., where his grandfather, Jacob Canfield, and father, D. W. Canfield, were both born, the latter on May 1, 1820. They followed agricultural pursuits exclusively, and D. W. Canfield removed in early manhood to a tract of wild land in Orange county, N. Y., which he cleared and transformed into a fine farm, where he still resides. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Blondine Lawrence, reared three sons, of whom our subject is the eldest, Albert is in the stone business in New York, and C. H. resides in Ulster county, New York.

Mr. Canfield was born at the farm in Orange county, N. Y., in October, 1851, and enjoyed the usual advantages of a country boy, attending the neighboring school and acquiring habits of industry at home. In 1868 he started out to make his way in the world, and coming to Clearfield he worked for a time at the carpenter's trade, also doing some work on contract. He then bought a building on Railroad street, now occupied by a grocery, and engaged in the furniture business, and in 1889 he built his present factory in West Clearfield where he has conducted his business since 1891, employing from four to eight men. He has also been engaged in the real-estate business, and in the loaning of money. In 1872 he married in Clearfield, Mary A. Burchfield, a native of the town and a daughter of the late Joseph Burchfield, a prominent contractor and builder, who settled in Clearfield at an early period; his widow, Mrs. Nancy (Wright) Burchfield, still resides there. Mrs. Canfield died in 1877, leaving one daughter, Alice. In 1888 our subject formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Barbara A. Armstead, a native of Lancaster, Penn. Mr. Canfield takes great interest in public affairs, and is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

PHILIP DUSH, who is engaged in lumbering and farming in Brady township, is a native of Clearfield county, having been born on his present homestead in 1851. His parents, John and Barbara (Tarce) Dush, were both born in Germany, and on coming to this country became residents of Brady township, Clearfield county, locating along the Luthersburg pike between Curwensville and Luthersburg, where they lived for one year. The father then bought eighty-five acres of woodland from Mr. England, of Philadelphia, erected a log house and barn, and at once began the development of his land. He had only cleared a small portion of the tract when he passed from earth, leaving a widow and six children.

The family consisted of the following named: (1) Mary, born in Germany, came with her parents to the New World, and on reaching womanhood married Martin Harder, of Clearfield, who died some years ago, leaving one son, John, who is now married and living in Du Bois, where his mother also resides. (2) Katie is the wife of William F. Clark, a carpenter and lumberman of Du Bois, by whom she has one child, Esther. (3) Hattie, born on the old homestead in Brady township, is the wife of John Sheiser, a farmer of Union township, Clearfield county, and they have five children. (4) George, an agriculturist of Penn township, Clearfield county, married Sadie Smith, and they have five children. (5) Daniel, also a farmer of Penn township, married Maggie Smith, and has one son and three daughters.

Mr. Dush, of this review, through his boyhood and youth assisted in the cultivation of the

home farm, and at the age of sixteen, on the death of his father, took charge of the place, which continues to be his home. He has cleared most of it, and has added to it all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the nineteenth century. In 1862 a good two-story frame residence was erected, and a substantial barn and other outbuildings have also been built. The educational advantages provided our subject were very meager, he being able to attend school for only about four months during his entire life. He married a Miss Hollopeter, of Union township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Samuel and Susan Hollopeter, the former a substantial farmer of that township. Two children bless this union: Hattie May and Annie.

In all his business dealings, Mr. Dush is straightforward and honorable, never taking undue advantages of any one, and has gained thereby not only a comfortable competence, but has also secured the high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact. With the Lutheran Church both he and his wife hold membership, and in his political views is a stalwart Democrat.

R H. JORDAN. This gentleman is familiarly known as one of the most energetic, progressive farmers of Union township, Clearfield county, where his entire life has been passed, he having been born there. He has been eminently successful as a tiller of the soil, and being a man of good judgment is usually wise in his investments.

David and Barbara (Laborde) Jordan, parents of our subject, made their home in Curwensville, where the father worked at the miller's trade until his death. In 1851 his widow married George Doney, who came from Juniata county, Penn., to Clearfield county, in 1844, and took up his residence upon the farm in Union township, where our subject now resides. Two children were born of the second union, namely: John, who died in infancy; and Josiah, who died at the age of ten years. The mother has also passed away, but Mr. Doney is still living at the ripe old age of seventy-seven years, honored and respected by all who know him.

Upon the Doney farm in Union township, Mr. Jordan was reared to manhood, and obtained his education in the schools of the neighborhood. In the same township, in 1877, he married Miss Elizabeth Welty, a native of Brady township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of David Welty, an early pioneer of Union township, where he still resides. Three children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, all still at home, who, in order of birth, are as follows: David Edmund; Mary Irene; and Albert F. Both parents are earnest and consistent members of the Lutheran Church, with which the mother has been connected for about twenty-five years. Politically, Mr. Jordan is a strong supporter of the Democratic party, and has always taken an active and prominent part in public affairs.

BENJAMIN H. JURY is a well-known machine agent residing in Du Bois, where he is also successfully engaged in the baggage-transfer business. Thoroughness and persistency have characterized his entire business career, and although he has met with reverses, he has, by careful attention to details and by honorable, straightforward effort, overcome all obstacles in his path to success, and has gained a most excellent and enviable reputation as a business man.

Adam Jury, our subject's father, was born in 1807, in Dauphin county, Penn., whence, in early boyhood, he was brought to Girard township, Clearfield county, by the grandfather, Abraham Jury, who located near Gallows Harbor, where he purchased what is known to-day as the Peter Bosugmire property, and there continued to reside until after the death of his wife. He then made his home with the father of our subject until he, too, was called to his final rest. In his family were four sons and four daughters, namely: Adam; Benjamin; Unis; John; Elizabeth, who became the wife of William Wooldridge, of Bradford township, Clearfield county; Rebecca, wife of John Newcome, a farmer of Girard township, Clearfield county; Mary, wife of George Wise, now a resident of Kansas; and Susan, who married Barnard McGovern, of Girard township, and resided on a farm near Gallows Harbor during the remainder of their lives.

Adam Jury married Miss Elizabeth Wetzel, of Dauphin county, and they lived in Girard township, Clearfield county, where she died in 1851, leaving eight children: Evaline, now Mrs. John Curley, of Philadelphia; Mary, who married Noah Benford, of Snyder county, Penn., and they now live in Stephenson county, Ill.; Barbara E., who wedded George Davidson, of Clearfield county, and they also reside in Stephenson county, Ill.; Albert, who was drowned in early manhood while crossing the river at Deer Creek, Clearfield county; Elmyra, who died in early life; Lorenzo, who died of spotted fever in 1863, while rafting at Lock Haven, Penn.; Sarah J., who married Abram

Hoover, of Clearfield county, and resided at Bald Hill, where she died, leaving two children—Irbam, who is now married and lives in West Clearfield, and Grave, who is married and lives in the West; and Katie, now Mrs. R. E. Shaw, of Clearfield.

After the death of his first wife, Adam Jury married Mrs. Sarah A. Carr, *née* Hoops, a sister of Dr. G. F. Hoops, of Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn. He continued to reside on the old homestead in Girard township until 1864, when he enlisted in the Union army. In the service he was taken prisoner, being confined for a time in Libby prison and later in Salisbury prison, where he died from starvation. He was well known and highly respected, and his death was mourned by many friends as well as his immediate family.

Our subject is the eldest of the three children born of the second union. (2) Pascaline began her education in the common schools of Girard township, but later attended the Soldiers' Orphan School at Cassville, Penn. She married Thomas McGee, of Morristown, Penn., and they made their home in Philadelphia, where he died leaving three children—John, Grace and Thomas. Later she became the wife of Davis Middleton, of Clearfield county, and with their family they now reside in Oshanter, Penn. (3) Newton M. was also a student for a time in the Soldiers' Orphan School, at Cassville. He wedded Miss May, daughter of Henry Kyler, of Graham township, Clearfield county, and has four children, all at home, namely: Willard, Alton, Ruby and one whose name is not given. After his marriage he located in Wallaceton, Clearfield county, where he engaged in merchandising for a number of years, but in 1896 sold out and entered the Law School of Baltimore, Md., where he graduated in June, 1897, and still resides.

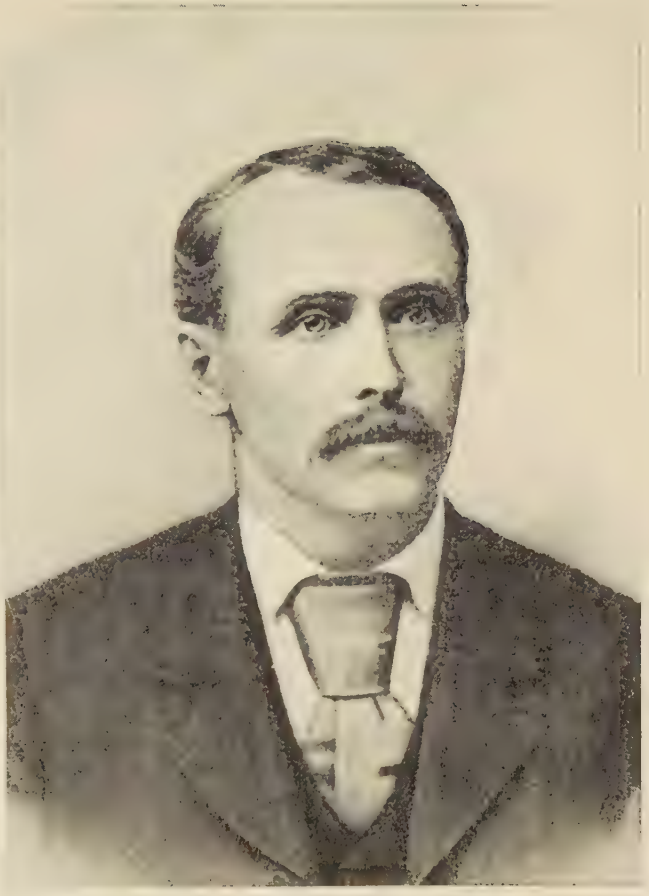
Mr. Jury, whose name introduces this sketch, was born on the old homestead in Girard township, September 25, 1853, and was educated in the public schools of that locality. After his father's death he remained with his mother until she, too, passed away, in October, 1868, when he went to live with an uncle, William Wooldridge, in Bradford township, Clearfield county, making his home with him until twenty years of age. He then, for a few years, engaged in hunting, and in rafting timber on the Susquehanna river for Miller & Mitchell, and later followed farming for his uncle until 1874, when he went to Macon county, Ill., and from there to Stephenson county, where he remained two years. He next traveled in different parts of the West until 1877, when he returned to Clearfield county, and soon afterward married Miss Frances A. Hoover, of Morris township, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret Hoover. He then located at Allport, on the old Hoover farm, where his wife died in June, 1882. To them were born two daughters: Irene, who is now living with her maternal grandmother in Philipsburg, Penn.; and Libbie, who died at the age of six months.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Jury removed to Clearfield, where he engaged in the livery business with George Gearhart until 1883, and then carried the mail from that city to Karthaus for two years, after which he embarked in the livery business in Du Bois, buying out John S. Harlow. In October, 1886, for his second wife he married Miss Mary C., daughter of David and Mary Lansbery, highly respected residents of Lawrence township, Clearfield county. They have two children: Mary Ruby, born in Du Bois, in August, 1887; and Bessie L., born in January, 1889. After his marriage Mr. Jury purchased a home on Cottage Hill, Du Bois, where he continued to reside until his property was destroyed by fire in the great conflagration of 1888. In the same year, however, he rebuilt, and continued in the livery business in that place until 1893, when he sold out and started a transfer and machinery business, which has since proved quite profitable.

In the Presbyterian Church of Du Bois Mr. and Mrs. Jury hold membership, and politically he is identified with the Republican party. For six years he acceptably served as assessor in the Second ward, and whether in public or private life has faithfully performed every duty that has devolved upon him. Through his own resources and by his own energy and ability, he has succeeded in his business undertakings, for on starting out in life for himself he was in limited circumstances.

BRYANT D. SCHOONOVER. Few men are more prominent or more widely known in Graham and surrounding townships, in Clearfield county, than this gentleman. He has been an important factor in business circles, and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabated energy and industry that never flags. He is public-spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community.

P. B. Schoonover, the father of our subject, was a native of Tioga county, N. Y., where his parents, Benjamin (a practicing physician) and Catherine (Clendening) Schoonover, had removed at an early day from New Jersey, and there died. In their family were four children. On coming



B. D. Schoonover

Lavinia Schoonover

to Clearfield county in 1852, P. B. Schoonover located on Alder run in Morris township, where he followed lumbering for a time, and subsequently conducted a sawmill at the mouth of the Moshannon until his return to Tioga county, N. Y. He operated his father's farm for a number of years, but after the latter's death returned to Clearfield county, and made his home with our subject until he, too, passed away. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lorain Luce, was also a native of Tioga county, N. Y., and ever proved a most devoted wife and helpmeet. She also died at the home of our subject, the mother of children as follows: Bryant D., of whom this sketch more particularly relates; Frances, wife of M. B. French, by whom she has three children (in 1865 they removed from their home in Graham township, Clearfield county, to Virginia, where they still reside); Orin L., one of the wealthiest and largest lumber dealers of Cooper township, Clearfield county; Delia L., who married Harry Everest, and died in Wisconsin, leaving two children; Emma, who made her home with our subject, and died in Cooper township, Clearfield county; J. N., married to Helen Merrell, of Kylertown, and with their family they now make their home in Philipsburg, Penn., where he is engaged in the real-estate business.

Bryant D. Schoonover, the subject of this review, was born December 22, 1832, and in 1852 accompanied his parents to Morris township, Clearfield county, where he purchased a 100-acre timber tract, and began lumbering. He also bought the mill property of John Cook, and has since successfully engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber. From Jones Brothers he purchased 400 acres of timberland adjoining the mill, which land he is now clearing, converting the timber into lumber.

On September 30, 1890, Mr. Schoonover wedded Mrs. Lavinia Hartline, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Kyler, of Morris township, Clearfield county. Kylertown was named in honor of Mrs. Schoonover's father, Thomas Kyler, who built the first house in the town. He had two children, Benjamin F., and Lavinia (Mrs. Schoonover). He died September 17, 1896, aged seventy-six years. Politically, Mr. Schoonover is an ardent Democrat, and has served as justice of the peace one term, school director twenty years, and overseer of the poor for about eighteen years. Both himself and wife are faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and take an active interest in all benevolent and charitable work. He is a man of broad capabilities, as his extensive business interests indicate, and is a gentleman in the truest sense of the word.

MILTON OWENS, a substantial, progressive citizen of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, resides near Clearfield upon the farm where he was born in 1856, a fact which is worthy of note in these nomadic days. His father, the late Robert Owens, was born there in 1807, and passed his life as a successful agriculturist, his death occurring about the year 1885. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Crowell, breathed her last in 1882.

Mr. Owens, our subject, received his education in the schools of Lawrence township, and since undertaking the management of his estate he has won a high reputation as a farmer, his 118 acres being under excellent cultivation. He makes no specialties in his work. In 1884 he was united in matrimony with Miss Laura Warren, a native of Boggs township, Clearfield county, where her parents settled many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Owens have had children as follows: Pearl, who died in childhood; Cora; Alfred; Elmere; Harry, who died at the age of three years; and Ella.

Thoroughly public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Owens sympathizes with every movement for the public benefit. He is not a politician, however, and has never sought or accepted official honors, but takes great interest in political questions, and votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of two fraternal orders, the American Mechanics and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

R P. ROOT. Of the business interests of Becaria township, Clearfield county, this gentleman is a worthy representative. His industry and enterprise cause him to be ranked among the progressive citizens, and his sterling worth has won for him the esteem of those with whom he has been brought in contact. He was born July 15, 1855, on his father's farm in Becaria township, and his entire life has been passed in that locality.

Mr. Root's parents were Lemuel and Martha A. (Shoff) Root. The father was born September 29, 1823, in Blair county, Penn., and in 1845 came to Clearfield county, locating in Glen Hope. He was employed by Israel Cooper for a number of years, and afterward worked for John Byers for some time. In 1850 he was married in Woodward township to Martha A. Shoff, who was born September 19, 1824, and they began their domestic life in a little cabin at the Byers sawmill, wherein Mr. Root found employment for several years. He then purchased land, ultimately becoming owner of 216 acres, covered

with pine, oak and hemlock timber. Clearing this place, he transformed it into a good farm, erecting a two-story residence, a large barn, 60 x 72 feet, and substantial outbuildings. The land was underlaid with coal and other minerals, and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, whose line crosses his property, has leased a portion of the land and operates a coal mine.

Lemuel Root was the eldest in his father's family. John resides on a farm in Blair county, and has four living children; Edward, the eldest, is now employed in a railway office, is married and has a family; Lemuel, of Bellwood, is married, and occupies a clerical position in a railroad office; Luther has engaged in teaching in the public schools of both Clearfield and Blair counties; Mary is married. The mother of this family died, and John Root afterward married Mrs. Lydia West, and removed to his farm in Blair county; by this union he has one son, Preston. Edward Root was married, and for some years followed railroading in Ohio; he afterward removed to Colorado, where he died in 1894, leaving a widow. Mrs. Mary A. Fimbaugh made her home in Ohio until her death. Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey resides in Ohio, and has a family. Martha was twice married, and removed to Illinois. Amanda, a half-sister of Mr. Root, married a Mr. Bailey, of Ohio. Lucinda became the wife of G. Smith, and lives in Ohio. Ezra completes the family.

The parents of our subject had a family of seven children. (1) Amanda, born February 28, 1852, is the wife of David Semple, a farmer residing in Becaria township, near Utahville. They have a family of nine children, as follows: Lemuel, who married Alice Echard, and lives on a farm in Becaria township; Mary, Willie, Annie, Edward, George, Martha, Paul and an infant unnamed, all at home. (2) Lydia E., born April 15, 1854, is the wife of Stephen Frederick, of Jordan township, and they have four children: Mattie, Annie, Ernest and Alice, all at home. (3) R. P. is the third in the order of birth. (4) John C., born December 22, 1856, married Rhoda Jane Frederick, of Becaria township, and is now proprietor of a temperance house at Eureka Mines, No. 13. He has four children: Harvey L., Russell, Lloyd and Nellie. (5) Annie M., born June 1, 1858, is the wife of Joseph L. Troxell, of Becaria township, and they now reside in Jordan township, with their four children: Walter, John, Ellen and an infant unnamed. (6) Emma C., born May 16, 1860, died July 25, 1864. (7) Alice, born March 17, 1862, married A. L. Warrick, of Becaria township, and resides on the old Root homestead. They have two children: Amanda and Jay. (8) Elizabeth H., born March 8, 1865, was married to G. W. Warrick, of Becaria township, where they are now living on a farm; they have a son, Raymond.

Born on the family homestead in Becaria township, R. P. Root was educated in the schools of the neighborhood, and in summer months aided in the work of the farm. When twenty-three years of age he wedded Mary M. Troxell, daughter of Joseph and Hannah M. Troxell, of Utahville, Clearfield county, and they have had five children: Mattie E., Joseph L. and Lemuel W., at home; Edgar Roy, who died at the age of one year; and Virgie M. Mr. and Mrs. Root began their domestic life on a farm at Hegarty's Cross Roads, which he rented of Frederick Shoff, and a year later he removed his family to Utahville, where he followed railroading and also worked in the lumber woods for a year. Removing then to the old homestead, he operated his father's land until 1893, since which time he has been engaged in the butchering business. His political support is given the Democracy, and he is deeply interested in its success, but has never sought office. He and his wife, together with one son and one daughter, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the community where they live they have many friends.

WALTER R. HOOVER. Among the pioneer farmers of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, Jacob Hoover, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, held a prominent place. His ancestors came to Pennsylvania at a very early period, and he was a native of the State, the inherited liking for frontier life leading him to settle in early manhood in what was then a primitive forest in Clearfield county. He spent his remaining years there; his wife, Molly Reynolds Hoover, died in 1873. Of their six children our subject's father, Wilson R. Hoover, was the eldest; George resides in Illinois; G. Bishop lives in Curwensville, Penn.; William lives at the old home in Lawrence township; John was killed there; and Jane resides in Curwensville.

The late Wilson R. Hoover was born at the homestead in 1817, and became a leading farmer in his native township, taking up a tract of wild land and making from it a well-improved farm. His later years were spent in Boggs township, Clearfield county, where his death occurred in 1894, his life having spanned the entire period of the development which has resulted in the social

progress and commercial and industrial activities of the county. He was married in Lawrence township, in 1844, to Elnora Lawhead, who still resides in Lawrence township. She was born in Centre county, Penn., a daughter of one of the early settlers of Boggs township. They had children as follows: Caroline (Mrs. Haney), of Boggs township; Nathan L., a dealer in lumber and hardware at Du Bois, Penn.; Susan (Mrs. McCurdy), of Clearfield borough; William A., of Detroit, Oregon; Lettie (Mrs. Charles Brown), of Clearfield; Edward J., a lumber dealer at Clearfield, and Walter R.

Walter R. Hoover was born in 1860 in Lawrence township, whence the family removed to Boggs township during his early years, and he was educated in the schools of that section. He followed farming for a time, but in 1884 engaged in the hardware business, and four years later gave up that occupation for railroading, to which he gave his time for two years and a half. Since then he has been interested in gardening, and his nine-acre tract near West Clearfield shows great improvement under his management. In 1886 Mr. Hoover was married in West Clearfield to Miss Mary Arnott, a native of Sullivan county, Penn. He is deeply interested in the progress and prosperity of his locality, and takes an active part in town affairs, having served as a member of the West Clearfield council. In politics he is a Democrat.

E. B. WAYLAND. Prominent among the representative business men and agriculturists of Brady township, Clearfield county, stands the subject of this sketch, who was born December 3, 1861, on the old family homestead in Winslow township, Jefferson Co., Penn., two miles from Reynoldsville, and is a son of J. V. and Sarah (Baum) Wayland. His father, a native of the same county, was born in Summerville, and throughout life successfully followed the occupations of farming and lumbering, owning at the time of his death 300 acres of valuable land in Winslow township. There he died in 1878; his wife passed away in 1893. He was one of the most enterprising and energetic business men of Jefferson county, and was widely and favorably known.

Our subject is the fifth in the order of birth in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: (1) Pearl, born in Jefferson county, in 1851, was eight years old when his father bought the home farm in Winslow township, upon which he worked until reaching manhood. In 1874 he married Susan Walburn, of Clearfield county, and for a short time resided at the old homestead, but has removed to Port Barnet, near Brookville, where he is engaged in the sawmill business. He has one son, George. (2) George W., born in Pine Creek township, Jefferson county, in 1852, was married in 1875 to Mary A. Deemer, of that county, and has since purchased a part of the home farm, where he built a house and barn, and still resides. He has ten children. (3) Frances, born in Falls Creek township, Clearfield county, in 1854, married William K. Smith, of Reynoldsville, and lived upon a part of her father's farm until her death in 1880. She left a husband and one child, Frank, who died in infancy. (4) Jessie, born in 1857, at Falls Creek, is the widow of William Deemer, late of Jefferson county, who lived upon a part of her father's farm until his death in 1895. She has since married a Mr. Smith, of Jefferson county, and they have one son. By her first marriage she had two children, Nettie and Edna. (6) William C., born in Winslow township, Jefferson county, in 1864, follows lumbering, and resides near Reynoldsville, in the same county. In 1891 he married Nora Hetrick, of Jefferson county, and has two children. (7) Johanna, born in 1866, became the wife of Samuel Pantell, of Clearfield county, and they live at Cleary Run Camp, near Du Bois, where he is managing the camp stables. Their two children are Theof and one whose name is not given. (8) Sarah Estella, born in 1870, is the wife of Herbert Pentz, formerly of Union township, Clearfield county, and they make their home near Du Bois. (9) Charles A. H., born in 1873, is engaged in surveying, and resides in Du Bois.

As soon as he had reached a sufficient age, E. B. Wayland, our subject, entered the public schools of his native township, which he attended during the winter months, until thirteen years of age, when he laid aside his text books, and began his business career. Until he attained his majority he assisted in the cultivation of the home farm, and then bought timber of his mother, and engaged in logging on Big Sandy creek for two years. Subsequently, in partnership with his brother, George, he purchased a tract of timber land in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, where he continued logging for three years. At the end of that time he bought one hundred acres in Winslow township, near the old homestead, and there engaged in the manufacture of lumber and railroad ties until 1893, when he sold out to Robert Douthit and Mrs. Hartman.

In 1887 Mr. Wayland was united in marriage

with Miss P. A. Faltz, of Winslow township, Jefferson county, and they began their domestic life upon his first purchase, remaining there until 1893, the year of his mother's death, when he returned to the old homestead. In March, 1895, he bought his present farm, in Brady township, Clearfield county, comprising sixty-five acres of improved land, known as the Katherine Dunlap farm, which is pleasantly located one and one-half miles east of Troutville. Here he is successfully engaged in farming and operating in coal, a six-foot vein of the finest coal underlying his land.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland have six interesting children, all born in Jefferson county, with the exception of the youngest, and their names and dates of birth are as follows: Alfred, October, 1887; Curtin Cyrus, May, 1889; Laura May, October, 1890; Scott, May, 1892; Irvin, May, 1894; and one whose name is not given. The parents are both consistent and active members of the United Brethren Church, and being a strong temperance man, Mr. Wayland is a leader in the local Prohibition organization, always supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. His record is that of a man, who has, by his own unaided efforts, worked his way upward to a position of affluence. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable methods which he has followed have won him the support and confidence of many.

W H. ALBERT, the genial and popular proprietor of the "Windsor Hotel," Du-Bois, Clearfield county, deserves special mention as one of the most enterprising and successful of the younger business men of the city. Born March 8, 1864, in Boggs township, Clearfield county, he has always been identified with this section. After completing his education in the schools of his native township he engaged for a time in lumbering in the same locality; but in 1891 he became interested in the hotel business at Woodland, Clearfield county.

Finding the occupation congenial, Mr. Albert resolved to secure a wider field of action, and in 1893 went to Du Bois and rented the "Windsor Hotel," which had been newly furnished in April of that year. It contains twenty-five rooms, and under Mr. Albert's capable and energetic management enjoys increasing prosperity. Its location, at the corner of Long avenue and Franklin street, is excellent, and everything points to the continued success of the enterprise. In 1882 Mr. Albert was married in Decatur township, Clearfield county, to Miss Gertrude Kephart, a native of that township and a daughter of Adam Kephart, an early settler, who died there.

Mr. Albert's grandparents were pioneers of Centre county, Penn., and his father, the late Edward Albert, was born there in 1822. The latter grew to manhood in Clearfield county, and engaged in lumbering and agriculture, making his home in Boggs township, where he cleared a fine farm. He was a man of excellent standing, and was well known throughout the community. His wife, Anna Jane (Cross), died in 1895, he surviving her only twelve weeks. They had eleven children, namely: George, a resident of Boggs township, Clearfield county; Ella, who died at the homestead; Allen, a resident of Boggs township; Edward Breckenridge, of Bradford township, Clearfield county; Ernest, a merchant of Woodland; W. H., our subject; Helen, who died at the homestead in 1896; Russell, a resident of Bradford township; and Maggie, Walter and Anna, all residing in Boggs township. In his political preferences Mr. Albert is a Republican.

T J. WAYNE, senior member of the well-known hardware firm of Wayne, Weber & Co. (Limited), of Du Bois, Clearfield county, although a young man, ranks among the leading capitalists of that town. He starts in business life with every advantage, his ancestors bequeathing him a goodly maternal heritage, together with a brain quite equal to the task of increasing it.

As early as 1842 William and Ann (Bass) Wayne, the grandparents of our subject, came from Leicestershire, England, their native land, and settled in the woods in Sandy township, Clearfield Co., Penn., where they made their permanent home, clearing a farm. They had two children, Thomas, our subject's father, and Emily, who married Elihu Dixon, of the same township.

The late Thomas Wayne was born March 12, 1821, in Leicestershire, England, and consequently was about twenty-one years of age when he came to the new home in Sandy township, Clearfield county. He was married there, not many years afterward, to Miss Margaret E. Mix, a native of Clarion county, Penn., and a daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Reed) Mix, who settled in Jefferson county, Penn., at an early day to pass their remaining years. The young couple settled in Sandy township upon a farm, and became known and respected throughout that reigion for their excellent qualities of character. The father died July 7, 1892, and the mother on

December 7, 1893, their remains being interred upon the homestead in a family burial lot which was opened fifty years ago. A handsome monument has been erected to their memory by our subject. Of their children, four are living: Lavina E. (Mrs. E. F. Hand, of Du Bois); Rysome, a resident of Big Run, Jefferson county; Araminta D., who resides at the homestead; and T. J., our subject.

Mr. Wayne, whose birth occurred at the old farm May 13, 1866, was reared after the custom of country boys, attending the local schools and gaining a practical insight into farm work under his father's direction. He still resides at the homestead, but since 1896 he has been engaged in the hardware business in Du Bois. In that year he and his partner purchased the hardware business of Grier Brothers, and they now carry a complete stock of goods in that line, and do an extensive and profitable trade, both wholesale and retail. Mr. Wayne is the owner of a large amount of realty. With his sister he owns a fine farm of 320 acres in a good state of cultivation, and among his holdings in Du Bois we may mention the two-story brick business block on Brady street, which he built in 1889, the "Wayne Hotel," a good three-story building containing about forty rooms, a brick store building, which he rents, and a valuable lot on Brady street.

Mr. Wayne is a Democrat in politics. Socially he is popular, and he is prominently identified with Du Bois Lodge, No. 951, I. O. O. F.

H G. PURNELL, M. D., a prominent and leading physician and surgeon of Ansonville, Clearfield county, is meeting with excellent success in his chosen calling. Most of the more exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of the physician. A most scrupulous preliminary training is demanded, and a nicety of judgment but little understood by the laity. Then again the profession brings its devotees into almost constant association with the sadder side of life—that of pain and suffering—so that a mind capable of great self-control and a heart responsive and sympathetic are essential attributes of him who would essay the practice of the healing art. Thus when professional success is attained in any instance it may be taken as certain that such measure of success has been thoroughly merited.

Dr. Purnell was born July 1, 1869, in Georgetown, Sussex Co., Del., a son of Charles and Maggie (Wingate) Purnell, who belonged to honored families of that State, and are widely and favorably known. The grandfather, Kendall Wingate, for many years followed the blacksmith's trade in Georgetown, accumulating quite a large estate, and now in his declining years he is living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He is serving as trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a leading member. The parents of the Doctor are still residents of Georgetown, Del., where the father is interested in the lumber trade and other business enterprises. He is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democratic party in his locality, takes an active and prominent part in political affairs, and has creditably filled a number of important offices of honor and trust, including that of sheriff of Sussex county. With the Methodist Episcopal Church he and his wife hold membership, and he is now serving as trustee in the same. In their family are four children: H. G., of this sketch; Mattie, wife of Dr. Messick; Mary, wife of J. B. Townsend; and Annie, a teacher of recognized ability.

The primary education of Dr. Purnell was obtained in the common schools, and he later attended the State University at Newark, Del., where he graduated. As a boy he worked in a printing office in Georgetown, and for five years clerked in a drug store. After completing his university course he went to Philadelphia, where he secured a position in a drug store, and with Dr. Joseph Hearne, as preceptor, he began reading medicine. A year later he entered Jefferson Medical College, where he graduated in 1889, and the year following served as resident physician of Jefferson Hospital, thus gaining a good practial, as well as theoretical, knowledge of the science of medicine and surgery. In 1891 he opened an office in Ansonville, Clearfield county, where his skill ahd ability soon won recognition, and he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice.

THOMAS HENDERSON (deceased) was one of the most prominent business men of Woodward township, Clearfield county, being connected with its industrial, agricultural and mercantile interests. He was progressive and enterprising, and his well-directed efforts brought to him success, while his honorable dealing secured him the confidence of the entire community.

His parents were Hugh and Margaret (Gemmel) Henderson. The former was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and on crossing the Atlantic to America, first located at Philadelphia, whence he removed to Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn. Afterward he resided for two years in Amesville, and then purchased one hundred acres

of timber land in Woodward township. In the midst of the forest he erected a log house and made a home for his family, consisting of his wife and six children: (1) Thomas was the eldest. (2) Robert, who purchased 105 acres of land adjoining the old homestead, married Martha Mathers, and reared a family of four children. (3) William, who lived on his father's farm, married Isabella Mathers, and had nine children. (4) Samuel H. married Sarah Goss, by whom he had nine children, and resided near the homestead in Woodward township. (5) James, who resides on a farm near Bellefonte, Penn., married Margaret Mathers, of Woodward township, and has ten children. (6) Margaret resides on the old homestead with her brother William.

Thomas Henderson was born in 1820, in Tyrone, Ireland, and came to America with his parents in 1827. The family located in Philipsburg, and he was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade under John Hegarty. When he had mastered the business he built a shop on his father's farm, and there carried on operations. In September, 1846, he married Miss Eliza, daughter of Daniel and Ellen Kephart, of Decatur township, Clearfield county. The ancestors of her family came from Germany. Her father was a native of Reading, Penn., and after his marriage located in Decatur township, near Osceola, where he reared a family of sixteen children, of whom the following are living: Mrs. Britton, of Sinnamahoning, Penn.; Mrs. Doll, of the same place; Mrs. Lydia A. Potter, of Nebraska; Andy, who married Lucinda Kennedy, and with his family of seven children resides near Osceola; Daniel, of Sterling, Penn., who married Susan Walker, and has seven children; and John, who is living on the old Kephart homestead.

For three years after his marriage, Mr. Henderson followed blacksmithing on his father's farm, and then purchased one hundred acres of timber land adjoining that place. Having erected a log house, he began the development of a farm, and in 1849 built a log barn and blacksmith shop. He followed his trade, and purchasing an extensive tract of land adjoining his first purchase, also engaged in lumbering for a number of years, making square timber, which he would raft down the river and ship to the Eastern markets. While thus engaged he also embarked in merchandising, and that pursuit he followed throughout the remainder of his life. He discontinued blacksmithing some twenty years before his death. He was a man of great energy, and his well-directed efforts brought to him a handsome competence.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were parents of eleven children: (1) Samuel, born June 18, 1847, was reared on the home farm, and after attending the common schools was a student in the Curwensville Normal School, also in the Leonard High School at Clearfield, where he was graduated. Subsequently he engaged in teaching in Clearfield. In 1870 he married Jennie Whiteside, of Ramey, and died three months later. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Katie, who is living with her mother. (2) John, born July 30, 1849, married Amanda Kephart, of Decatur township, and purchased the James Henderson farm, whereon he now resides. He has three children—Mrs. Hilda Hollman; Mrs. Roby Hollman; and Lena, who is living with her sister. (3) Jane, born September 22, 1851, is the widow of Michael Stone, of Woodward township, who was killed while logging near his home. He left four children—John, Thomas, Bessie and Grover Cleveland. His widow has since married James Stone, of Entriken, Huntingdon Co., Penn. (4) Thomas J., born January 30, 1854, traveled extensively in the West when a young man, and married Emma Bell, of Council Bluffs, Iowa. He then removed to San Francisco, Cal., and two years later located in Elena, Shasta Co., Cal., where he follows farming. He has five children: Janet, Horace, Ethel, Berenice, and an infant unnamed. (5) Hugh, born May 5, 1856, moved to Wisconsin when a young man, and for five years worked in the lumber woods, after which he went to Portland, Ore., and later to San Francisco. He there married Emma Scott, of Wheatland, Cal., but resides in San Francisco. He has four children—Elmer, Edgar, Maud and Columbus. He is superintendent of the Water and Fire Proof Paint Co., and proprietor of a wood and coal yard; he is a member of the board of education of the city. (6) Martha, born January 5, 1862, is the widow of Alfred Anderson, of Jefferson county, Penn., who died in October, 1896, in Barnesboro, Cambria Co., Penn., where he followed the hotel and livery business. The four children—Lida, Byron, Boice and Esther—are still with their mother. (7) Daniel died in infancy. (8) Elmer, born January 4, 1864, is living on the old homestead, which he has managed since his father's death, also taking care of his mother. (9) Alpheus, born March 17, 1866, assumed the management of the mercantile interests on his father's death, and continued the same until about two years ago. At this writing he is discharging the duties of a township officer. He married Katie Richards, of Woodward township, and they have two children living—Maud and

Ira. (10) Annie, born May 10, 1869, was married in 1886 to Wilbur Dunlap, of Woodward township, who is now weighmaster for the Moshannon Coal Co. They have four children—Elvin, Florence, Ernest and Roy. (11) Mary I., born June 16, 1873, is living with her mother. In 1892 they went to California, stopping at Chicago, *en route*, to view the World's Fair buildings, then being erected. They proceeded on their way by the Denver and Rio Grande railroad to Ogden, Utah, and from there went to San Francisco. They visited Oakland, Sacramento, Alameda and other points of interest in the State, and while there the daughter entered a school of dress-making, where she learned the art of cutting and fitting. After seven months on the Pacific slope they returned home.

In politics Mr. Henderson was always a Democrat, and for eleven years served as postmaster at Jeffries. He was also township auditor and supervisor for a number of years, and held other local offices. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, to which his widow and one daughter also belong. He was a friend of education, served on the school board, and took an active interest in all measures pertaining to the general welfare. His death occurred July 27, 1892, when he had reached the seventy-third milestone on life's journey, and throughout the community he was deeply mourned, for he was a progressive citizen, a faithful friend and a kind husband and father.

THOMAS W. GRANT, whose record as a Union soldier is one of which he may be justly proud, is now a valued and honored citizen of Karthaus township, Clearfield county. He was born March 19, 1827, in Blairsville, Indiana Co., Penn., and is a son of George and Sarah (Collins) Grant, the latter the daughter of John Collins, who on coming to this country from Ireland located in Perry county, Penn., where his death occurred. The father of our subject was a native of Scotland, and emigrated to the United States prior to the war of 1812, in which he participated, and he was wounded at the battle of Lundy's Lane. On the close of the war he located in Perry county, where he contracted for building acqueducts on the canal, and also worked at the mason's trade until 1838. He then removed to Indiana county, where he bought a home and followed his trade until 1847, when he came to Clearfield county, but two years later he returned to Indiana county and there died. After his death his wife lived with their daughter, Mrs. Sunderland, until she too passed away.

Our subject is one of a family of children, the others being as follows: Mary wedded Daniel Blake, a merchant tailor of Burnside township, Clearfield county, by whom she had several children, and both she and her husband are now deceased; Louisa is the wife of John Sunderland, of Gage county, Neb., and they have a large family; Azariah, who enlisted in the Union service in 1861, lost his arm at Hilton Head, and was killed in a collision at the mouth of Acquia creek; Annie died at the age of twenty-four years; and John, born July 26, 1844, makes his home in Covington township, Clearfield county.

Thomas W. Grant accompanied his father on his removal from Indiana county to Clearfield county in 1847, and also returned with him to Indiana county in 1849. There he continued to reside until 1855, when he went to Centre county and engaged in the lumber trade until July 28, 1861, when he volunteered as a member of Company E, First Pennsylvania Cavalry. He went into camp at Pierpont, Va., and the first engagement in which he took part was the battle of Gainesville, in the spring of 1862. Later he was in the battle of Falmouth—in fact participated in all in which his regiment was engaged. From Williamsburg he was sent to Cliffburn Barracks, later to Lincoln Hospital, in Washington, D. C., from there to City Point, Petersburg and Deep Bottom. On July 13, 1864, he was taken prisoner and incarcerated in Libby prison for two months, when he escaped by digging his way out, but was re-captured by Mosby's guerillas on the Rappahannock river, and was taken to Belle Isle, Richmond, Va. Eight of the eleven captured died, and the other three, including our subject, were taken to the hospital. He was paroled February 15, 1864, in Richmond, and sent to Annapolis, where he received a furlough and returned home. At City Point he again reported for duty, and remained with his regiment until honorably discharged in Philadelphia, September 15, 1865. He was a brave and fearless soldier, always found at his post of duty, and deserves an honored place among the "boys in blue" as well as among the representative citizens of Clearfield county.

Since his return home, Mr. Grant has engaged in all kinds of general labor. In 1856 he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret J. DeLong, and they now reside in Karthaus township, Clearfield county. Children as follows blessed their union, namely: Sarah Jane, born November 13, 1856, died May 19, 1872; George W., born July 28, 1858, married Laura Burns, and lives in Sandy township, Clearfield county John Thomas and Daniel D. (twins) were born

April 27, 1860; Nancy I., born January 26, 1861, was married in 1883 to Neil McKinzie, and removed to Victoria, British Columbia; Jacob B., born October 23, 1864; and Joseph W., born August 4, 1871, is teaching in the grammar school of Karthaus.

Politically, Mr. Grant is a stalwart Republican, and is now serving as supervisor of his township. Both he and his estimable wife enjoy the friendship and acquaintance of a large number of the best people of Karthaus township and vicinity, and are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

JOEL CONWAY, of Huston township, is one of the leading agriculturists of Clearfield county, and his fine estate near Penfield is one of the largest tracts in the township, owned and cultivated by one man. He was born in Cameron county, Penn., in 1847, and was four years old when he was taken to Clearfield county. The locality at time was very different from what it is at present, and his awakening intelligence took note of many scenes and incidents which the children of to-day can scarcely imagine.

Samuel Conway, our subject's father, was a native of Cameron county, born in 1802, and his parents died during his boyhood. He had a brother, Charles, and a sister, Nancy, both now deceased. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and for some years traveled about, working as he found opportunity. In 1840 he was married in Cameron county to Miss Susannah Shafer, a native of the county, and a lady who was well fitted to become the helpmeet of a pioneer. After a residence of about eleven years in their native county, at Driftwood, they moved to Huston township, Clearfield county, and April 15, 1851, Mr. Conway purchased from Reynolds Bros. 234 acres of partially cleared and improved land. At that time there were only two other settlers in the township. Mr. Conway settled upon his new estate, giving to its cultivation much of his time, although he still continued to follow his trade. He took a keen interest in public questions of his time, and in political belief was a Democrat. He died at the old home farm in 1885; Mrs. Conway is still living, her usefulness culminating in an honored old age.

She belongs to old Pennsylvania stock, and her parents, John and Elizabeth (Bartholomew) Shafer, were born in Clinton county, the mother at the county seat, Lock Haven. They were among the early settlers at Sterling, Penn., clearing a farm there for their permanent home. Both passed from earth in 1872, the father on the 8th of September, and the mother in October. They had ten children, as follows: Margaret (Mrs. Bearfield), who died in Cameron county; Catherine (Mrs. Bartholomew), who moved to Wisconsin; Mary (Mrs. Richey), of Cameron county; Eliza (Mrs. Bearfield), who went to Wisconsin; Susannah (Mrs. Conway); Savilla (Mrs. Rudolph); Rachel (Mrs. Spangler), of Cameron county; Mrs. Smith, of Sterling Run; Frederic, who lives at the old homestead; and Bartholomew, who went to the West. Samuel Conway and wife also had ten children, namely: Mary Ann (Mrs. Alexander Burky), of Penfield, Clearfield county; Delilah (Mrs. Joseph Burky), of Elk county, Penn.; Joel, our subject; Absalom, a resident of Elk county; Elizabeth (Mrs. Kilmer), of Sandy township, Clearfield county; Nancy (Mrs. Dodd), formerly of Huston township, who died September 29, 1876; Edward, who died in 1862; Amos, deceased; Oliver, who died in 1858; and Ebenezer, deceased.

Joel Conway was reared upon the old farm in Huston township, and attended the schools near his home. Ever since assuming manhood's responsibilities and cares he has been engaged in agriculture, and he now owns 237 acres of land, 175 of which are cleared and improved. The farm shows able management, and the buildings are good, the residence, which was built in 1868, being among the most substantial in the locality. In 1892 Mr. Conway married Miss Etta Kirk, a native of Brady township, Clearfield county. Her father, John Kirk, was born in Centre county, Penn., and her mother, whose maiden name was Amelia Way, was a native of Curwensville. They located in Huston township in 1831, where the mother died in March, 1884; the father is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Conway have one son, Samuel, born February 22, 1897. Politically Mr. Conway is a Democrat.

REV. R. G. ROSENBAUM, the former pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Du Bois, Clearfield county, was born in Smith county, Va., in 1854.

John and Matilda (Mahood) Rosenbaum, his parents, were natives of Tazewell county, Va. The father for a time followed farming in Smyth county, Va., also was a farmer for a number of years in the State of Missouri, but now is a resident of Marion, Va. The mother died in Tazewell county.

Rev. Rosenbaum passed the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity, and in private schools received his primary education,

which was supplemented by a three-years' course at the Rural Retreat Academy in Wythe county, Va. Subsequently he taught a number of terms of public school, then in a seminary for one year, and in 1879 entered Roanoke College, at Salem, Va., where he graduated with the class of 1882. On leaving that institution he became a student in the Southern Theological Seminary, at the same place, and was there graduated in 1885. In the same year he entered upon his pastoral work in Preston county, W. Va., but throughout the greater part of his ministry he has been located in Pennsylvania, his second charge being at Donegal, Westmoreland county, where he remained three years. He was next at Cochran's Mills, Armstrong county, for four years, and since 1892 until recently he was the pastor of St. Paul's Church at DuBois.

This is an English Evangelical Lutheran Church, and was established in February, 1881, the first minister being Rev. R. H. Kline. For about a year services were held in Scanlen's Hall, and then a commodious brick church was erected at an approximate cost of $8,000. It was dedicated in 1882. Rev. Kline was succeeded by Rev. I. K. Wismer, who remained in charge until Rev. Rosenbaum became pastor in 1892. The parsonage was built in 1891 at a cost of $2,000, and is a good substantial frame structure. On its organization, the Church had a membership of only about twenty-five, but under the pastorate of Rev. Rosenbaum it constantly gained until it now numbers two hundred and six members.

In 1884, at Salem, Va., our subject was married to Miss Alice Crawford, and to them have been born five children: Leonia, John, Mary, Paul and Laura. Rev. Rosenbaum has most faithfully performed his work in the ministry for a period of thirteen years, during which time his conscientious labors for the Master have met with their reward in the satisfaction which he feels in contemplating the fact that he has done what he could to fulfill the Master's will.

H. VROMAN, yard master at Osceola Mills for the Pennsylvania railroad, was born in Bradford county, Penn., in 1843, a son of Barney and Dorinda (Palmer) Vroman. The father was born in Pennsylvania of German ancestry, and when a young man became a resident of Bradford county, where he married, his wife being a native of that county. By occupation he was a farmer. In 1876 the parents removed to Missouri, where the father died ten years later; the mother is still a resident of that State.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of ten children, the others being as follows: Horace, who enlisted in the Union army at Bradford, and died in front of Richmond, Va.; Peter, who also served during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Sullivan county, Penn.; James, who makes his home in Bradford, Penn.; Stephen, who also enlisted in Bradford county, and is a resident of Sullivan county; Nathaniel, who became a member of a Pennsylvania regiment, and was numbered among the missing; Edgar, Ezra and Henry, who are all living in Missouri; and Polly, also of that State. The family was one of the most patriotic and loyal to be found in Bradford county, and, besides the five sons who gallantly went to the aid of their country during her hour of need, the father also served in a Pennsylvania regiment until discharged on account of disability.

H. H. Vroman passed his early life in the usual manner of farmer boys, and in the public schools of Bradford county he acquired his education. There he enlisted in 1861, in Company K, Fiftieth P. V., I. for three years or until the close of the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg. With the Army of the Potomac, he took part in the engagements at Hilton Head and Buford Island, S. C., and was then under Pope at the battles of Bull Run, Chantilly, Antietam and South Mountain under McClellan, and Fredericksburg under Burnside. His regiment then went to Kentucky, and subsequently participated in the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss., after which they returned to Kentucky and took part in the siege of Knoxville. Returning to Virginia, our subject was with Grant's army during the three-days' battle of the Wilderness, and in all the other engagements up to the battle of Petersburg, at which place he was honorably discharged in September, 1864, as his term of service had expired. He continued to make his home in Bradford county, until coming to Osceola Mills in 1870, since which time he has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, serving for some time as brakeman and conductor, but since 1880 he has held his present position as yard master. He is one of the trusted and faithful employees of the road, and has the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

At Osceola Mills, in 1876, Mr. Vroman was married to Miss Sarah Wheat, a native of Chemung county, N. Y. Her parents, George W. and Martha (Streyer) Wheat, were also born in New York State, and on first coming to Pennsylvania located in Philipsburg, whence they removed to Bradford county, where both died, the

former in 1889, the latter in 1893. To Mr. and Mrs. Vroman have been born five children namely: Frederick B.; George W., who died in 1884; Gertrude, now the wife of John W. McMullin, of Osceola Mills; Delphene; and Charles A. Mr. Vroman now makes his home in Rush township, Centre county, and has acceptably served as a member of the school board in that township. He gives his unswerving support to the men and measures of the Republican party, and takes quite an active interest in political affairs. With the Grand Army of the Republic he holds membership, and for two years served as commander of his Post. His strict integrity and sterling worth have gained for him the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact, and he has a host of warm friends in and around Osceola Mills.

MICHAEL BRANIFF, an active and enterprising farmer and lumberman of Becaria township, Clearfield county, was born November 17, 1837, in Blair county, Penn., and in 1850 was brought to Becaria township by his parents, Philip and Catharine (Jordan) Braniff.

Michael Braniff, grandfather of our subject, was of Irish parentage. At an early day he located on a farm in Cambria county, near Wilmore, where he died when the father of our subject was quite small. The latter was born in that county in May, 1811, and there he grew to manhood. For some years he was employed at the Bald Eagle Furnace, during which time he purchased a tract of land on Clearfield creek at Becaria Mills, where he located on coming to Clearfield county. For a number of years he followed rafting, but later in life gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits, having transformed his wild land into productive fields, and improved the place with good buildings. There he died in 1872, his wife in 1869.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: (1) Mary A., born in Blair county in 1836, came with her parents to Clearfield county, and later married John Shay, of Becaria township. They located in Utahville, where he followed lumbering. As a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, he participated in all the battles of his regiment, and was promoted from private to first lieutenant. They have a large family. (2) John, born in 1840, in Blair county, grew to manhood on the home farm in Clearfield county, and in early life worked in the woods. After his marriage to Mary Bair, of Glen Hope, he removed to the oil fields of Venango county, Penn., where he remained until 1884, since which time he has lived on a farm near Atchison, Kans. He has five children—Nancy, Martin, Alice, Maggie and Edgar. (3) Ellen is now Mrs. John Dillon, of Becaria township. (4) Martha, born in 1846, in Blair county, grew to womanhood in Clearfield county, where she was educated in the common schools. She is now keeping house for her brothers in Venango county. (5) Catharine, born in Blair county in 1848, attended the common schools of Clearfield county during the winter; she married A. K. Lewis, of Venango county, where he is engaged in the oil business, as superintendent for the Bradford Oil Co. (6) William, born in Becaria township, Clearfield county, remained on the home farm until 1865, when he and his brother John went to the oil fields of Venango county, where he is still located. (7) Ambrose, born in Becaria township, accompanied his brothers to Venango county, where he is still engaged as a driller. In 1896 he was sent by the company to Kansas to prospect in the oil fields there. (8) Henry, born in Becaria township, went to Venango county, where he married, and later removed to New York, where he is now engaged in drilling for oil. He has one child.

During his boyhood and youth, Michael Braniff, our subject, assisted in the labors of the farm, and was allowed to attend school about three months during the winter season when the farm work was not heavy. On January 1, 1862, he married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of George and Sarah Bratton, of Becaria township, after which event, and same year, he purchased fifty acres of land of Groom Lightner & Co., one mile north of Irvona. He at once began to clear the heavily-timbered tract, and erected a hewed-log house and round-log barn. He rafted lumber down the creek and river to Marietta and Columbia, and is still interested in that business. He has converted his land into a most desirable farm, in 1887 erected thereon a fine two-story residence, and, the year following, a good barn and other outbuildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Braniff have been born twelve children, as follows: (1) James, born in 1863, learned the barber's trade, and was conducting a shop in Irvona at the time of his death, in August, 1889. (2) John, born in 1865, assisted in the work of the farm until August, 1879, when he was killed on Clearfield creek by a log rolling on him. (3) Sarah C., born in 1867, married J. G. Hopkins, of Becaria township, and they lived on a farm near Utahville, where he died in 1895, leaving a widow and two children—Dale, born in 1892, died in January, 1896; and

Horace M., born in June, 1894, now living with our subject, as does also Mrs. Hopkins. (4) Philip G., born in 1869, went to Virginia in 1891, and engaged in lumbering. In 1894 he married Hattie Munson, of West Virginia, and with their little daughter, Beatrice, they live in Davis, W. Va. (5) William H., born in 1872, was reared on the home farm, and attended the district schools of the neighborhood through the winter season. In 1892 he went to Virginia, where he engaged in lumbering, but is at present employed in the oil fields of Sisterville, W. Va. (6) Frank M., born March 12, 1874, was educated in the home schools, and is still at home, but has worked to some extent in the lumber woods of West Virginia. (7) Mary J., born in 1876, is now the wife of L. G. Hollingshead, of Altoona, Penn. (8) Martha L., born in 1879, died October 18, 1896. (9) Harvey A., born April 19, 1881, assists in the operations of the home farm. (10) Amanda, born in 1883. (11) Hattie R., born in 1886, and (12) Stella A., born in 1889, are all at home.

Mr. Braniff uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party. In religious faith he is a member of the Catholic Church, while his wife is a Protestant. They have many warm friends throughout the community, and have the confidence and respect of all who know them.

ALEXANDER C. McDONALD, who has spent his entire life in Clearfield county, was born April 9, 1841, in Penn township, a son of William and Maria (London) McDonald. His paternal grandfather emigrated from Scotland, and took up his residence in Luzerne county, Penn. During the war of 1812 he enlisted at Kingston, in the American army, and marched with the troops to Erie. He died while returning to Kingston at the close of the war.

William McDonald removed to Northumberland, Penn., in 1839, to Clearfield county, locating in Penn township, where he followed lumbering and farming. He was married in Luzerne county to Maria London, and upon their first farm in Clearfield county they resided for a number of years, then removed to the Wall farm. Subsequently they returned to their first home in Penn township, where the father died, in 1849, while the mother survived until 1875. In their family were twelve children: (1) Melissa A. became the wife of Rufus Slawson, and, after some years' residence in Grampian, removed to Jefferson county, Penn, where she died, in 1867. She was the mother of a large family. (2) Jane married Patrick Rafferty, who died in 1889, but she is still living on the Rafferty farm, in Penn township. Her family numbered twelve children. (3) William died in 1861, after returning from the gold fields of California. (4) Hulda is the wife of John Hepburn, a resident of Belleville, Clearfield county, and they have twelve children. (5) Allen, who resides in Grampian, married Sarah Murphy, and has one child. (6) Sarah became the wife of Philo Barrett, and their two children are living, but the parents are deceased. (7) Catherine is the widow of Martin Muter, who owned and operated a farm in Penn township. Mrs. Muter now makes her home in Clearfield, and has four living children. (8) Isaiah, who enlisted in the Union army, in May, 1861, and was for three years in the service, is now residing at the Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio. (9) Olive became the wife of Valentine Dale, of Grampian, and died in 1889, leaving two sons and two daughters. (10) George, who served in the old "Bucktail Regiment," of Pennsylvania, during the greater part of the war, married Miss Rachel E. Moore, of Grampian, by whom he had one daughter. He made his home in Grampian until his death.

Alexander C. McDonald spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native county, no event of special importance occurring during that period. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, of the old "Bucktail Regiment," leaving Curwensville for Harrisburg on the 3d of October. From the latter place the regiment proceeded to Washington, and crossing the Potomac remained in Camp Pierpont during the winter. In the spring of 1862, Mr. McDonald participated with his command in the battle of Drainesville, then went to Fredericksburg and on to the Peninsula, where he was engaged in the seven-days' battle of the Wilderness. There the company was captured, its members being sent to Libby prison, where they remained for three weeks, when they were transferred to Belle Isle. A month later they were exchanged, taken down to Turkey Bend, on the James river, and from there by boat to Aquia creek, whence they marched to Fredericksburg and on to Warrington. In the battle at that place they drove the enemy back and continued on their march to Bull Run, where they participated in a four-days' engagement. Driven back to Washington, they went from there to Antietam and South Mountain, and after participating in the hotly-contested battles at those points, Mr. McDonald was taken ill and lay in Church Hospital some four weeks. He then rejoined his regiment at Sharpsburg, and later participated in the battle of Fredericksburg on the 13th of De-

cember, when he was again captured. After spending four weeks in Libby prison he was paroled and sent to Annapolis, Md., where he was exchanged, rejoining his regiment at Culpeper in 1863. Crossing the Rapidan, the Union forces engaged the Rebels all day long in a severe battle; thence went to Spottsylvania. Mr. McDonald was there slightly wounded in the foot, and was sent to Churchill Hospital, Philadelphia, where he remained until once more fit for service. Returning to his command at Petersburg, he participated in all the engagements of the Fifth Army Corps through that winter, fought in the battle of Gravelly Run in the spring of 1865, and participated in the capture of one entire Rebel division. The Union forces then followed Gen. Lee's army until his surrender at Appomattox. Mr. McDonald then returned to Washington, and from there proceeded to Harrisburg, where he was honorably discharged June 5, 1865. He was ever faithful to his duty, and valiantly followed the starry banner as a loyal defender of the cause it represented until the Union arms were victorious and the preservation of the nation was an assured fact.

In 1868 Mr. McDonald married Mary J. Murphy, and located in Grampian, where he has since been an esteemed citizen. They reared a family of thirteen children, namely: John A. (of Mahaffey, Clearfield county), Lewis, Allen, George W., Jessie, Isaiah, William, Edward, James, Gerald, Adam, Martha Ellen and Mary Jane, all at home except the eldest.

Mr. McDonald is a supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has served on the election board a number of times. His wife and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Grampian. Well known, he has a wide circle of friends in this locality, and his sterling worth has won for him high regard.

J F. SHIREY, of Bradford township, Clearfield county, was born there in 1844, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of that locality. His parents were John and Hannah (Mapes) Shirey.

The father of our subject was born in Clearfield county in January, 1800, was married in Lawrence township, and began his domestic life upon a farm in Bradford township where he continued to make his home until his death in March, 1863. His wife died in 1844. They had a family of nine children: Israel, who died in early life; Mrs. Sophia Kyler, of Boggs; Isaac, who died in 1894; W. D., of West Clearfield; Matilda, of Lawrence; W. H., of Bradford township; Mary Ellen, who died in childhood; Mrs. Susan Forcey, of Bradford township; and J. F. After the death of his first wife, the father was married in Bradford township, in 1846, to Nancy Norris, a native of Lawrence township, and a daughter of Moses Norris, one of the pioneers of the county, now deceased. Her death occurred in Bradford township, in 1887. Mr. Shirey served as justice of the peace for many years, in politics was a stalwart Republican, was a recognized leader in public affairs, and a highly-respected citizen. He had two children by his second marriage: R. B., now of Philipsburg, Penn.; and J. H., who was married, and died in Bradford, in 1890.

J. F. Shirey was reared on his father's farm, and received his education in the schools of the neighborhood. As soon as old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields, and has always followed farming. In 1872 he purchased the Matthew Forcey homestead, comprising 210 acres of improved land, on which he has erected substantial buildings. He now owns 285 acres, all under a high state of cultivation, and the well-tilled fields yield to him a good return for his labor, while the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision. He has also engaged in lumbering. In 1879 he was married, in Bradford, to Rebecca Woolridge, who was born there, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Jury) Woolridge, natives of England, who in early life came to America, locating in Philadelphia, whence they came to Bradford. The father died in 1893, and the mother is now living in Graham township. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Shirey is blessed with five children: Mary Ivy, Maud, Bessie (Elizabeth), Wayne Winters and Sarah Alva.

Mr. Shirey takes an interest in politics, but votes independently, giving his support to the man whom he thinks best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliations. He belongs to the Society of American Mechanics, at Kylertown, and he and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church. He has always lived in Clearfield county, and for more than half a century has witnessed its development and progress, while as a loyal citizen he has ever borne his part in its advancement. True to the duties of both public and private life, he has so lived as to merit the high esteem in which he is held.

W H. FREEMAN, who is recognized as one of the most progressive citizens of Penn township, Clearfield county, was born in

1844, in Centre county, Penn., of which county his father, Richard Freeman, was also a native, his birth occurring in Nittany Valley December 9, 1818.

There he resided until 1843 when he married Miss Mary Ann McDivitt, of Half Moon Valley, and for two years made his home at Hannah Furnace, Centre county, where he worked at the molder's trade. Going to Clarion county, Penn., he there followed molding for two years, and later engaged in the charcoal business some four years, at the end of which time he came to what is now Lumber City, Penn township, Clearfield county, living on the William Irwin farm for three years. The following two years he spent on the John Irwin farm, whence he removed to the John D. Thompson farm in Pike township, Clearfield county, and in 1859 purchased the Bennet farm of seventy-six acres in that township, on which he resided until called to his final rest December 5, 1893. He was a son of Adam and Matilda (McQuillen) Freeman. The maternal grandparents were natives of Scotland, and the grandfather aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence, during the Revolutionary war.

To the parents of our subject were born nine children, the others being as follows: (1) Mary is the wife of Joseph L. Bloom, a resident of Patton, Cambria Co., Penn., and they have two children living. (2) N. J., a farmer of Pike township, Clearfield county, married Annie Smith, of Greenwood township, and has seven children. (3) Sarah A. married Albert Smith, of Greenwood township, and both died in 1883, leaving four children who are still living. (4) Jennie L., unmarried, died in February, 1896. (5) Frances P., is the wife of Scott McFadden, who works in the tannery at Curwensville, and they have two children. (6) John A., a farmer of Pike township, wedded Mary Durnel, of Penn township, and has five children. (7) James, who resides on the Porter farm in Pike township, married Edith Hoover, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and has one daughter. (8) Emma married Jacob Doughman, of Grampian, who died in September, 1888; with her seven children she still resides on the homestead left her in Penn township.

During his childhood W. H. Freeman accompanied his parents on their various removals, remaining with them until his marriage. On May 15, 1866, he wedded Miss Arabella Bloom, of Pike township, a daughter of David and Sarah (Hoover) Bloom, and for three years they made their home in that township, after which they removed to his father's farm in Penn township, where they resided some thirteen years. In the same township he then purchased the property where he still resides. Seven children came to brighten the home: Fay died at the age of four years; Ethel died in infancy; Clyde passed away at the age of two; Alice is now the wife of John A. Johnson, of Penn township, by whom she has one child, Hazel, at this writing aged three years; Ralph is a resident of Santa Cruz, Cal., where he is engaged in lumbering; Irene, born October 26, 1870, and Ruth, born June 3, 1880, are with their parents.

On November 7, 1864, Mr. Freeman enlisted in the Union army as a substitute for Julius Ferp, and was mustered in at Waterford, whence he was sent to Carlisle Barracks. He was assigned to Company I, 58th P. V. I., and joined the army at Chapman's farm, Virginia. The first engagement in which he took part was at Fort Harrison, under Col. Clay, and he was then on guard duty all winter. On March 4, 1865, the regiment went to Fredericksburg, where it captured a train-load of tobacco, and then proceeded to White House Landing, where it encamped for a few days. Returning to Fort Harrison, it marched on to Richmond, where it remained two weeks, after which it crossed the river to Manchester, and was there until the 11th of June. Going to Staunton, Va., Mr. Freeman did guard duty until November 1, 1865, when he went to Lynchburg, where he was honorably discharged on the 7th of the same month. While erecting quarters during the winter of 1864–5, in putting up a log stable, a log fell back, breaking his arm and shoulder, from which injuries he has never recovered.

The Democratic party has always found in Mr. Freeman an earnest advocate, and by his fellow citizens he has been elected to a number of official positions, being constable one term, supervisor three terms, and school director fifteen years. He is at present serving as justice of the peace of Penn township, and president of the school board. He is one of the most popular and influential citizens of the community, and his course in public life is above reproach, winning the commendation of all concerned. His estimable wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Grampian.

WILLIAM K. IRVIN. The natural advantages of this section attracted at an early day a superior class of settlers, thrifty, industrious, progressive and law-abiding, whose influence gave permanent direction to the development of the locality. Among the worthy pioneers

of Clearfield county the Irvin family hold a prominent place, and the results of the labor and self-denial of those past generations is manifest in the comfortable homes and fertile, well-arranged farms which they left to their descendants.

At an early day, David Irvin, the father of our subject, came to Clearfield county accompanied by six brothers, who took a prominent part in the upbuilding and development of this region, and were numbered among its valued citizens. They were as follows: (1) John, who located in Curwensville, married Eliza Lee, who died some years ago, leaving a large family of children. He engaged in lumbering and merchandising throughout life. (2) Mathew became a very extensive lumber dealer of Burnside, and was very wealthy at the time of his death. (3) James finally removed to Akron, Ohio, where he was numbered among the successful business men. His wife is still living at the advanced age of eighty-five years. (4) Jared was for some time engaged in the hotel business in Philadelphia, where he died some years ago, leaving two children, the elder of whom is Mrs. Sarah Hancock, of that city, who has two daughters. (5) Alexander married Elizabeth Bloom, of Pike township, Clearfield county, and resided in the city of Clearfield until his death. He left a widow and one daughter, who married a Dr. Beam, and removed to California, where her mother died. Later the Doctor and his wife returned to Pennsylvania, where his death occurred. Mrs. Beam and one child still survive. (6) William married Jane Patton, of Curwensville, where they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. He was one of the largest land owners in the county, and accumulated a vast fortune. His wife survived him a few years, and their large family of children still reside in Curwensville. Among the number is Col. Edward Irvin, of the famous "Bucktail Regiment."

David Irvin, the father of our subject, was a native of Centre county, Penn., and on coming to Clearfield county, he purchased 185 acres of wild land in Brady township adjoining the town of Luthersburg, where he extensively engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber and shingles. He did not confine his attention to one line of business, but was interested in a number of different enterprises, being a man of rare business ability and sound judgment. In connection with farming and lumbering he conducted a general mercantile establishment in Luthersburg for a number of years, and once each year would make a trip to Philadelphia to buy goods, traveling either on foot or by stage. His stock would then be shipped by canal to Lewistown and brought from there to Luthersburg in wagon until the Pennsylvania railroad was completed to Tyrone. In the '50s he purchased a large tract of land on Little Anderson creek, where he erected a sawmill and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, which he would haul to Curwensville or raft down the river to the Eastern markets. Upright and honorable in all dealings, he gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact.

On July 10, 1836, David Irvin was married to Miss Mary A., daughter of John and Lydia Kirk, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and they began housekeeping in Luthersburg, Mr. Irvin building a residence and store building near where the Methodist Episcopal Church now stands. In 1858 he erected a more commodious residence on his farm at the east end of the village, and there he continued to make his home until called from this life, August 25, 1859. The mother of our subject had passed away in February, 1845, leaving three sons. James, the eldest, was born in Luthersburg, May 27, 1838, and was reared at the homestead. After attending the common schools for some time, he pursued his studies in Tuscarora Valley for two terms. For a few years, he looked after his father's interests, but for some time previous to his death, which occurred March 27, 1894, he lived retired from active business. He never married, but made his home with his brother William. Austin, the second son, was born October 22, 1841, and remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he enlisted in the noted "Bucktail Regiment," of Curwensville. He participated in all the battles with his regiment up to his death, which occurred at Fairfax Court House, in March, 1862.

After the death of his first wife, David Irvin was again married, September 27, 1849, his second union being with Miss Cecelia Moore, a daughter of R. W. and Esther Moore, of Rockton, Clearfield county, the former a native of Half Moon Valley, Centre county, and the latter of Chester county, Penn. There was one daughter born of this union, Jerusha, now the wife of F. W. Porter, of Luthersburg. They reside with Mrs. Irvin at her father's old home in that place, which she now owns, and which was built by F. K. Arnold and later sold to Mr. Moore.

William K. Irvin, of this review, was born in February, 1845, and, as he was an infant at the time of his mother's death, he was taken to the home of a maternal uncle, William Kirk, with whom he remained until reaching manhood. He then returned to Luthersburg, and has since had

charge of the old homestead farm. A thorough and skillful agriculturist, he has met with excellent success in its operation, and to-day is numbered among the most prosperous citizens of Brady township. Genial and social in disposition, he has made hosts of warm friends throughout the community, and is held in high regard by all who know him. On June 30, 1874, he married Miss Nellie Shaw, a daughter of Archie and Rebecca Shaw, honored pioneers and highly respected farming people of Shawsville, Clearfield county. Two daughters grace this union: (1) Rebecca, born February 22, 1877, obtained her literary education in the common schools, and in 1895 entered the State Normal of Indiana, where she pursued a thorough musical course. She is now engaged in teaching music, and is considered an excellent instructor in that art. (2) Mary A., the youngest daughter, was born June 18, 1881, and is still attending the graded schools of Luthersburg.

JOHN MAGINNIS, an honored and highly respected citizen of Du Bois, now retired from active business cares, was for many years connected with the lumber interests of Clearfield county; but having accumulated an ample competence, he is now enabled to rest from active labor, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He belongs to that class of self-made men, who have made their own way in life from humble circumstances to a competence, having started out to make his way in the world with no capital save health of body and mind and a strong will.

Mr. Maginnis was born in Philadelphia, in 1846, a son of Henry and Jane (Maxwell) Maginnis, both natives of Tyrone, Ireland. The father, who came to the New World in 1820, located in Philadelphia, where he engaged in linen weaving until 1850, when he removed to Beech Woods, Jefferson Co., Penn., purchasing a track of wild land of Mr. White where the town of Coal Glen is now located. Shortly afterward, however, he sold that place and bought the Tibbits farm on the Brookville road. There he continued to make his home until the death of his wife in 1891, when he sold the place to our subject and went to live with a daughter, at whose home he passed away in 1895.

Our subject is the eldest in the family of four children. (2) Mary, born in Philadelphia, in 1844, married Dexter T. Wilson, of Warsaw, Jefferson county, and they now reside in the oil district, five miles from Pittsburg. They have two children, Fred and Jennie, both at home. (3) Catherine, born in Philadelphia, in 1846, married Joseph McClelland, of Beech Woods, and they reside on his farm in Jefferson county. They have one son, William. (4) Eliza, born in Philadelphia, in 1849, is the wife of Nathan Clark, of Warsaw, Jefferson county, where he owns a farm. They have three children, Hosea, Harry and Eugene.

In the schools of Philadelphia, John Maginnis, our subject, began his literary education, which was completed after the removal of his family to Beech Woods. At the age of nineteen he offered his services to his country to assist in putting down the rebellion, enlisting from Elk county in the famous "Bucktail Regiment;" but as he was not mustered in after spending two weeks at Camp Curtin, he and six of his companions returned home. In December, 1861, however, he enlisted in Company I, 62nd P. V. I., from Pittsburg, and from there went to Washington, D. C., where the regiment was assigned to the Fifth Army Corps. They then proceeded to Fairfax Court House, and from there went to Fortress Monroe and Yorktown, taking part in the entire siege at the last named place. By steamer they then went to White House, and in the engagement at Hanover Court House drove the enemy back. On June 27, 1862, they met the Rebels at Gainesville, but were repulsed, meeting with a heavy loss. The next engagement was at White Oak Swamp, where the Union forces were victorious, and at the battle of Malvern Hill the Confederates also lost heavily. The 62nd P. V. I. then marched to Harrison's Landing, where Mr. Maginnis was injured while assisting in the construction of a "corduroy" road, and was also taken ill with typhoid fever. After being confined in the Philadelphia Hospital for about six months, he was transferred to the Invalid Corps, and remained on duty at Gen. Alger's headquarters in Washington until July, 1864, when he joined the force sent to check Early's advance on the capital. They held that general at bay until relieved by the Sixth Army Corps, but lost six men out of the company of forty. They followed Early to Cedar Creek, advancing to the left of the Eighth Army Corps; but as the company was not fit for active service it was sent back to Washington, carrying a Rebel flag, which had been captured. Mr. Maginnis remained in the capital until honorably discharged December 1, 1864, and he now receives a small pension, a slight compensation for a great deal of hard service.

On his return home, our subject followed lumbering for a number of years on the Alleghany

and Ohio rivers and Toby creek. In 1872 he married Miss Esther Brocious, of Troy, Jefferson Co., Penn., and has since made his home in Du Bois, where he purchased a lot on the east side, and built a fine two-story frame house, supplied with all modern improvements. For seventeen years he served as lumber boss and inspector for John and John E. DuBois, and then contracted to carry the mail for two years in Du Bois; he is now living retired. By his own efforts he has risen to a position of affluence, is a stockholder in the Du Bois National Bank, and the competence he has acquired now enables him to lay aside all business cares.

This worthy couple have four children, namely: (1) Harry, born in DuBois in 1873, learned the machinist's trade, and for a number of years worked in the Du Bois Machine Shops, but is now an employee of the Adams Express Co. He married Miss Zuleike Shields, of Baxter, Jefferson county, and resides in Du Bois. (2) John E., born in 1875, is a fireman residing in Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn. (3) George, born in 1877, is a printer by trade, and is now employed in the *Du Bois Courier* office. (4) Louisa J., born in 1879, married Samuel Hepfer, of Penn township, Clearfield county, who is a tanner by trade. They also live in Du Bois, and have one son, John. Our subject is a member of Lodge No. 257, F. & A. M., of Elk county; of the G. A. R. Lodge No. 229, of Du Bois, and of the Veteran Legion, of Brookville, No. 42; the American Mechanics, and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Politically, he has always been identified with the Republican party, while, in religious faith, both he and his amiable wife are identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. A. FORCEY, owner and proprietor of a restaurant in Munson, is a native of Clearfield county, having been born in Bradford township September 12, 1848.

Matthew Forcey, father of our subject, was born near the city of Clearfield, and was a son of Thomas Forcey, a native of Wilmington, Del., who at an early day took up his residence in Bradford township, where in the midst of the forest he developed a good farm. The father, who was also an agriculturist of that township, married Margaret Murray. His death occurred in 1868, and she died some years before. Of the seventeen children born to the parents of our subject, the following lived to years of maturity: T. H., a banker of Clearfield; Mrs. Mary Askey, who died in Graham township, Clearfield county; Jane, wife of H. H. Morrow, of Woodland, Penn.; David, a resident of Philipsburg, Centre county; John, of Bradford township; William, who resides on the old homestead in Bradford township; Henrietta, wife of J. L. Wood, of Grahamton, Clearfield county; J. A., of this sketch; and Gideon, of Bradford township. The other children all died in that township.

Upon the home farm J. A. Forcey was reared to habits of industry and economy, which have proved invaluable lessons to him in later years. He assisted in the labors of the farm and also worked in the lumber woods during the winter season until leaving home and going to Unionville, Centre county, where he studied dentistry for a time. Subsequently he returned to Bradford township, where he again engaged in lumbering, and later conducted a restaurant. He also followed hotel keeping in Mahaffey, Clearfield county, for a time, but in 1887 came to Munson. In that year he erected his present comfortable residence, and in 1890 his store building, where he is conducting a first-class restaurant. He is an enterprising, wide-awake business man, whose success has been achieved through his own untiring labor.

In 1885, in Du Bois, Clearfield county, Mr. Forcey was married to Miss Esther Dunlap, a native of Brady township, same county, and a daughter of Wilson and Adaline (Luther) Dunlap, who were also born in Clearfield county, and now reside in Rockton. Mr. Forcey has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. He is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of the county, has done much to promote its growth and upbuilding, and has ever borne his share in all enterprises which would in any way prove of benefit to the community, and is therefore accounted one of its most valued citizens.

REV. R. E. CRUM, pastor of the Reformed Church of Du Bois, was born in Armstrong county, Penn., in May, 1854, a son of Jonathan and Hannah (Allihouse) Crum. The former was also a native of Armstrong county, born March 24, 1812, while the birth of the paternal grandfather occurred in Northampton county, Penn. Throughout his active business life the father carried on farming and blacksmithing in the county of his nativity, where his death occurred in 1894, but his estimable wife, who was born June 11, 1814, is still a resident of Armstrong county. They reared a family of ten children—seven sons and three daughters—namely: Mary Jane, wife of Bixler Beighley, of Armstrong

county; Salem, a farmer of the same county; Amos, a merchant of Butler county, Penn.; Emanuel, a resident of Westmoreland county, Penn.; Lavina, at home; Sue, wife of Rev. Summer, of North Washington, Westmoreland county; Henry, of Jeannette, Penn.; Jacob, of Wilkes Barre; R. E., of this sketch; and William L., who resides on the old home farm in Armstrong county.

Under the parental roof our subject was reared, his early education being acquired in the district schools of the neighborhood, and he later engaged in teaching through the winter, while the summer months were spent at farm work. In 1883 he entered the seminary of the Reformed Church at Lancaster, Penn., where he was graduated and ordained three years later. He at once located in Du Bois, and under his able pastorate the Church at this place has rapidly advanced.

The Reformed Church of the United States (formerly known as the German Reformed Church) first organized a congregation in Du Bois in 1880, consisting of but ten or twelve members, and including the following: Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Weber, James Pentz, L. E. Weber, P. S. Weber and Lewis Zeigler. For two years there was no resident pastor, and the pulpit was supplied by Rev. H. King, A. K. Kline, John Wolbach and others, while services were held in the central school building or in the Presbyterian church edifice. In 1882, Rev. D. H. Leader became resident pastor, and in June of the following year a lot was purchased on High street and building commenced. In July the corner stone was laid, and on the 2nd of December, 1883, a good frame church was dedicated with appropriate ceremony. On the ground which they had purchased was a residence, which served as a parsonage until 1892, when it was replaced by a more pretentious dwelling. The church is now free from debt, and is in a flourishing condition both spiritually and financially. In July, 1884, Rev. D. H. Leader resigned, and in February of the following year was succeeded by Rev. William Andrews, who resigned a year later, and in the following June Rev. Crum took charge. The congregation at that time numbered only twenty-five members, but now has a membership of 110, with a good Sunday-school of 100 members and a Christian Endeavor Society of thirty members, all doing excellent work under our subject's leadership. In the fire of 1888 the church records were destroyed, and also the fence around the building, but the edifice itself was fortunately saved. Besides the congregation at Du Bois, Rev. Crum also has charge of two others, one at Luthersburg and the other at Boone Mountain, Penn., where he is also doing excellent work in the cause of the Master.

In South Bend, Armstrong county, in 1880, Rev. Crum was married to Miss Luella George, a native of that county, and to them have been born two children: Clare and Olive. For eleven years Mr. Crum has faithfully served in the Master's vineyard, doing all in his power for the betterment of mankind, and has gained the confidence and respect not only of his own people, but of the commumity at large.

JOHN S. BRIEL is a leading representative of the industrial interests of Karthaus, Clearfield county, where he is now engaged in the milling business, as a member of the firm of Mignot & Briel.

Mr. Briel was born in Covington township, Clearfield county, in 1854, a son of John and Margaret (McGonigle) Briel. The father was born in Germany, in 1827, and his parents, John and Margaret Briel, were also natives of that country. The grandmother died there, and the grandfather, after marrying again, sailed from Germany to Baltimore in 1838. He worked at the molder's trade there for a short time, and in 1842 came to Karthaus, where he entered the employ of Peter Karthaus, an iron founder. After some years spent in that service, he returned to Baltimore, where both he and his wife died. They had six children, namely: John; Mary, wife of John Hoyt, of Baltimore; Mrs. Nancy Ritz, of Baltimore; George, who was drowned at Karthaus in his fifteenth year; Margaret, who died in Baltimore; Agnes, who was born during the voyage to America, and is now living in Baltimore.

John Briel, father of our subject, was a lad of eleven years when the family came to the United States, and was fifteen years of age on locating in Clearfield county. He learned the trade of blacksmithing, which he followed for some years in Karthaus; then went to Salt Lick, and later to Mulsonburg, where he carried on blacksmithing and lumbering. He was married in Clinton county, Penn., to Margaret, daughter of Hugh and Grace McGonigle, natives of Ireland, who at an early day located in Bellefonte, Penn., but died in Keating township, Clinton county. John Briel died in Covington township, June 23, 1871. His widow, who was born in Bellefonte, Penn., is now living in Frenchville, Clearfield county. They had nine children, as follows: Nancy J., wife of Ernest Mignot, of Karthaus; John S.;

Grace E., wife of Sylvester McGovern, of Karthaus; Mrs. F. A. Mignot, of Covington; Agnes and Cecelia, who both died in childhood; Sarah, wife of John D. Gill, of Cambria county, Penn.; George D., who died in Covington; and Joseph J., who also died in Covington township, Clearfield county.

John S. Briel, whose name commences this record, was reared and educated in Covington township, learned the blacksmith's trade there, and followed it in his native community until 1888. In that year he came to Karthaus and established a smithy, which he conducted until 1892, when he formed a partnership with W. S. Gilliland in the hardware business, conducting that enterprise until 1894, when he withdrew from the firm. During the same time he was engaged in the milling business, and the well-known and popular firm of Mignot & Briel operates a substantial mill, which was erected in 1890. It is a three-story building, supplied with the roller process, and the excellent quality of the product thereof insures a liberal patronage. In 1895 Mr. Briel purchased the general store of J. A. Heckendorn, but sold the same year. He is now proprietor of the only undertaking establishment in Karthaus.

In Covington township, in 1878, Mr. Briel married Lucy A. Hugar, a native of that township, and a daughter of James and Rennet (Bigleman) Hugar, natives of France. Her father served as a soldier under Napoleon, and took part in the siege of Moscow. Grandfather Hugar emigrated to America, and purchased a tract of timber land in Covington township, Clearfield county, developed there a farm, on which he made his home until his death, about 1876. His wife passed away in 1875. James Hugar and his wife are numbered among the pioneer settlers of Covington township, and are still living there. Mr. and Mrs. Briel have had nine children, as follows: Clara, Cecelia, John, James, Iola, Maud, Frances, Jenette and Ferdinand; Clara and James being deceased.

By his ballot, Mr. Briel supports the Democracy, and has served as a member of the school board in both Covington and Karthaus townships. He is now serving his third year as township auditor, and discharges his duties with a promptness and fidelity that have won for him high commendation. He and his wife are members of St. Francis Catholic Church. He is a very prominent business man, and his connection with the commercial and industrial interests of Karthaus has not only been of material benefit to himself, but has largely promoted the prosperity of the community.

LEROY H. WIDEMIRE, a farmer of Penn township, is descended from one of the old families of Clearfield county. Fortunate is he who has behind him an honorable ancestry, and our subject is especially favored in this respect.

His grandfather, a native of Lancaster, Penn., removed to Penn township at an early day, and purchased the old Widemire farm, upon which he passed the rest of his days. On that farm, John Widemire, the father, was born and reared. He purchased 160 acres of partially-improved land and, later, in connection with his brother, bought 212 acres of timber land, on which they built the Widemire mill, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber for about twenty years. After a time they divided the tract, which was used for farming purposes, but continued their partnership in the timber tract. John Widemire erected all the buildings upon the homestead where our subject now resides, cleared the land and made many excellent improvements. He married Jane Wall, daughter of William Wall, of Penn township, who resided in the Irish settlement. By this union were five children: Orlando, born in 1855, died in 1866; Albert, born in 1857, like his brother, died of diphtheria in 1866; Thomas J., a resident of Penn township, who wedded Mary Daugherty, of Bloom township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Thomas Daugherty, of Clearfield county, Penn., by whom he has four children—Minnie, Zora, Willie and Francis; Ida, widow of Isaiah Bartow, of Huntingdon county, Penn., who died in Penn township, in March, 1886, leaving three children, after which Mrs. Bartow married Millard Wall, of Penn township, their home being on the Widemire mill property.

Leroy H. Widemire was born on the old family homestead, March 12, 1854, obtained his education in the adjacent schools, and was reared under the parental roof. In 1880 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hoover, of Lawrence township, Clearfield Co., Penn. Her paternal grandfather was one of the pioneer settlers of that township, and purchased the land and made all of the improvements upon what is known as the old Hoover farm there. He was the father of eight children. William Hoover and his wife are still living on the old place at an advanced age.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Widemire has been blessed with two children: Alice, born July 8, 1884; and Mamie, born April 20, 1889. The father is a member of the Friends Church, while the mother holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His political support is given the Republican party, and he takes a

deep interest in its success, but has never sought office for himself. The greater part of his time and attention is given to his business, and his well managed interests return to him a comfortable competence as the reward of his labor.

JOHN F. EARLEY, the efficient and popular postmaster at Osceola Mills, was born October 5, 1855, in Boston, Mass., a son of Patrick and Alice (Tague) Earley, who were natives of Ireland and Providence, R. I., respectively. The father was about sixteen years of age when he crossed the Atlantic and located in Providence, where he married. From that city he removed to Boston, and subsequently took up his residence in Wilkes Barre, Luzerne Co., Penn., where he worked as a farm laborer until going to Colorado, in 1880. He now owns a stock farm in that State, and is also interested in silver mines, all of which property has been acquired through his own industrious and well-directed efforts. The mother of our subject died in Wilkes Barre in 1871, leaving two children: John F., our subject, and Peter, still a resident of Luzerne county. The father was again married, this time in Wilkes Barre, in 1873, to Mrs. Mary Kelly, widow of James Kelly.

Most of the early life of our subject was passed in Luzerne county, Penn., where he obtained his education in the common schools, and later engaged in mining. On coming to Osceola Mills, in 1877, he secured employment in the coal mines of the Berwin-White Co., with whom he remained for about a year, and then secured a position in the Mapleton mines. He continued to actively engage in mining until 1891, when he established a confectionery store and news stand, which he successfully conducted until appointed postmaster at Osceola Mills, when he sold out his business to a Mr. Baird. On April 5, 1894, he received his appointment, succeeding David Hamilton, and has since discharged the duties of the office to the satisfaction of its many patrons. It is a Presidential office, and is allowed a salary for a clerk. Being a distributing point, here the mail is handled for seventeen different offices outside of Osceola Mills, and all registered matter for these offices is attended to. The present mail route was established through the efforts of our subject, and he has succeeded in having the salary increased to $100 per month to correspond with the increasing business of the office which has been secured through his efforts. He has proved a most capable official, prompt and faithful in the discharge of all his duties.

In 1881, Mr. Earley was married to Miss Clara Burns, a native of Osceola Mills, and a daughter of John B. and Mary (Troxell) Burns, pioneers. Five children blessed this union: William, Mary, John and Ann, all living; and Leo, who died at the age of seven months. Mr. Earley uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, is a Catholic in religious belief, and since the age of twelve years has been a prominent member of a Labor organization, of which he has served as secretary, treasurer and check weighman for four years. He has also been secretary of a Temperance society, and gives an active and earnest support to all enterprises which he believes will in any way benefit the community or advance the interests of his fellowmen.

J. I. BROCKBANK, an eminent physician and surgeon of Du Bois, Clearfield county, was born in Elk county, Penn., in 1858, and is a son of William and Susan (Kemerer) Brockbank. The birth of the father occurred in 1824, in the county of Westmoreland, England, where his parents, Senes and Ann (Breed) Brockbank, were also born. In 1850 they crossed the Atlantic and took up their business in Philadelphia, whence they removed to Elk county, Penn., but in 1864 they came to Luthersburg, Clearfield county, where they spent their remaining days.

Upon the home farm in England, William Brockbank was reared, and in early life he became a railroad engineer, having charge of the engine which carried the first "Queen's speech" (Victoria's) from Glasgow to Edinburgh. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, and in 1864 also became a resident of Luthersburg. In Elk county he was married, in 1857, to Miss Susan Kemerer, a native of Germany and a daughter of Peter Kemerer, also born in that country, who located in St. Mary's, Elk county, when it contained but one house. His entire life in America was passed in that county, his death occurring in Centreville. By occupation the father of the Doctor was an agriculturist, and opened up a farm in Elk county. On coming to Clearfield county, he purchased an improved farm in Brady township, known as the Peter Seyler farm, on which he made his home until called to his final rest in 1882, and there his widow still resides. Of their fourteen children our subject is the eldest; T. W. is a physician of West Philadelphia; R. J. is a farmer of Brady township; Rev. S. R. is pastor of St. Dominico's Church, Washington, D. C.; C. C. resides on the old home farm; Mary, a successful teacher of Clearfield county, died in a

hospital at Philadelphia when twenty-four years of age; the others died when quite young.

Dr. Brockbank was seven years of age when he came with his parents to Brady township, Clearfield county, and in the schools of that locality he acquired a good literary education, after which he engaged in teaching in Brady township, and also in the high school of Luthersburg in the winter of 1884–85. In 1882 he had commenced the study of medicine in Troutville under the direction of Dr. J. M. Lydick, now deceased. In the fall of 1883 he entered the College of Physicians & Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md., and was graduated from the University of Baltimore with the class of 1886. Coming to Du Bois in May of that year, he at once opened an office, and now has a large and lucrative practice. His thorough knowledge of medicine and skill in surgery have won for him the confidence of the people, and he has met with remarkable success in his chosen calling.

In Du Bois, in 1887, Dr. Brockbank was united in marriage with Miss Etta M. Faust, who was born in Stoneville, Boggs township, Clearfield county, a daughter of R. C. and Mary (Mowry) Faust, also natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Boggs township. They are now honored residents of Du Bois. Three children grace the union of the Doctor and his excellent wife, namely: Leo R., Mary Pauline and Thomas W. The Doctor is a valued member of the County Medical Society; socially, he affiliates with the Knights of the Maccabees. Since June, 1894, he has been the efficient health officer of Du Bois, and from 1890 until 1896 he served as county coroner, and was a member of the school board when the Fourth ward school building was erected. In politics he is a stanch Democrat. As a physician he enjoys the honor of being a peer of any in Clearfield county. His life has been characterized by energy, perseverance and untiring labor, and to these principles his success is due.

H. M. CARLISLE, who is engaged in the livery business in Du Bois, Clearfield county, is one of the progressive business men of the city, taking an active part in all measures calculated to advance the welfare of the town. He was born in Brady township, Clearfield county, October 23, 1868. His grandparents, John and Mary Carlisle, were also natives of this State, and were pioneers of Luthersburg, where the former embarked in merchandising. Later he engaged in the same pursuit in Troutville until his death. His wife departed this life in Curwensville.

Capt. L. B. Carlisle, father of our subject, was born in Luthersburg, and reared in Brady township, where on arriving at years of maturity he married Lucretia Moore. For many years he engaged in merchandising in Luthersburg, and for twenty years was the efficient and popular postmaster at that place. He also built a sawmill, and was the owner of 800 acres of land on which tract the Stanley and Helvetia mines have since been opened. He was a man of excellent business and executive ability, and successfully carried on his various enterprises until 1861, when he offered his services to the government, enlisting for three years in the 145th P. V. I. He joined the army as a private, but meritorious conduct on the field of battle secured him promotion to the rank of captain. He participated in all the engagements of his regiment, which did duty with the Army of the Potomac, and after being captured was incarcerated in Libby prison. He succeeded in making his escape, but blood hounds were put upon his track and he was recaptured, being then sent to Andersonville prison. At the close of the war, in 1865, he was honorably discharged and returned to Luthersburg, where he purchased the mercantile store of Samuel Arnold. In connection with his operations along that line he also engaged in lumbering. He died in February, 1895, from disease contracted in the army; his widow is still living in Luthersburg. Their daughter Edith is now the wife of R. L. Potter, of Clearfield.

Their only son, H. M. Carlisle, the subject proper of this review, was educated in Brady township, and pursued a collegiate course in Randolph, N. Y. He then returned to Clearfield county, and in 1887 embarked in the grocery business in Luthersburg, where he continued his operations until 1892, when he removed to Du Bois. During the following year he embarked in the livery business on Scribner avenue, where he remained until the completion of his large livery barn on Jared street. Here he has one of the best equipped stables in this section of the county. He has eighteen horses, a full line of carriages, and an attractive feature of his establishment is a large white sled, which is drawn by four white horses and furnished with white robes, which specialty he procured for sleighing parties.

On May 20, 1890, Mr. Carlisle was united in marriage with Miss Anna Draucker, of Luthersburg, daughter of P. M. and Mary Draucker, pioneers of that place. They have one son, George L. In politics, Mr. Carlisle is a stanch Republican, and is well informed on all political problems. His business career has brought to him a merited success, for he is honorable in his dealings, and ever desirous of pleasing his patrons.

GEORGE W. GRANT, a well-known citizen of Sandy township, Clearfield county, who follows the dual occupation of lumbering and farming, was born in 1859, in Centre county, Penn., a son of Thomas W. and Martha J. (De Long) Grant. The birth of the former occurred in 1833, in Indiana county, Penn., near Cherry Tree, but the paternal grandparents were both natives of Scotland, coming thence to America and taking up their residence in Indiana county, where the grandfather purchased a farm. At that homestead both he and his wife spent their last days, she surviving her husband a few years.

In the family of this worthy couple were children as follows: (1) Uriah entered the Union army during the Civil war as one of the Pennsylvania volunteers, and after two years and a half of faithful service was drowned while his company was crossing the Potomac. He was unmarried. (2) Anna, a native of Indiana county, married Daniel Blake, and they resided in that county for some time, but are now residents of Potter county, Penn. They have three children. (3) Mary, who was also born in Indiana county, became the first wife of Daniel Blake, and at her death left three children—George, Susan and Katie. (4) John C., an invalid, was born in Indiana county, and now resides with the father of our subject in Karthaus, Penn. (5) Louisa is the wife of John Sunderland, a prominent lumberman of Burnside township, Clearfield county, and they have two children—John and Alice. (6) Thomas W. was our subject's father.

Thomas W. Grant was provided with very limited school privileges during his youth, but later acquired a good education through his own unaided efforts. Learning the shoemaker's trade, he followed it for some years. About 1855 he married Miss Margaret J. De Long, of Centre county, where they located, and there he continued to reside until the outbreak of the Civil war in 1861, when, feeling that his country needed his service, he left his wife and two small children and went to the front. He remained in the army during the entire struggle, and participated in all the engagements with his regiment until taken prisoner. He was confined in Libby for some time, but being severely wounded in the thigh he was taken to the hospital, where he remained several weeks. When hostilities ceased he returned to Centre county, and soon afterward took up his residence in Pine Glen, that county, where he followed jobbing in the woods for Capt. White, for two years. He next engaged in logging on Mosquito creek for Phelps, Dodge & Co., for about the same length of time, but since then he has given his attention principally to farming in Karthaus, where he owns a valuable property.

Thomas W. Grant and his wife had a family of children, as follows: (1) Sarah J., born in Centre county, died at the age of fifteen years. (2) George W. is the second in order of birth, and was a mere infant when his father enlisted. (3) John, a very promising young man, was drowned at the age of twenty-two, while driving logs for Cochran Brothers, on Bennet branch. (4) David, twin brother of John, was born in Centre county, and is now acting as foreman for N. L. Hoover, of Elk county, Penn. (5) Nancy is the wife of Neal McKinzie, of Nova Scotia, where they now reside. They have six children—Sadie, Charles, Nettie, Nellie, and two whose names are not given. (6) Jacob B. is now working in the lumber woods of Virginia. (7) Mollie A. died in childhood. (8) Ezariah died in infancy. (9) Frederick died at the age of four years. (10) James H. died at the age of two years. (11) Joseph W., twin brother of James H., was born in Karthaus, where he attended the common schools until sixteen years of age, and then pursued his studies for three terms in the State Normal School, at Lock Haven. He is a very fine scholar, and has successfully engaged in teaching for about five years, at present having charge of the grammar grade at his old home in Karthaus. (12) Eva and (13) Samuel both died at the age of four years.

Descended from sturdy Scotch ancestry, George W. Grant, our subject, has inherited many of the sterling traits of that race, and is recognized as one of the most progressive and reliable agriculturists of Sandy township. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Karthaus, where he grew to manhood, attending the winter schools, and working among the farmers of the locality during the summer months until fifteen years of age, when he entered the employ of Orin Schoonover, with whom he remained for one year. During the subsequent eleven years he continued to work in the lumber woods for Cochran Brothers, on Mosquito creek and Bennet branch. In 1884 he married Miss Laura E. Burns, of Sabula, a daughter of Elijah and Sarah Burns, well-to-do agriculturists of Sandy township, and they began their domestic life two miles west of Sabula, on what was known as the Burns farm, formerly the J. Gilnut farm, in Sandy township. There they still reside, the place having been given to Mrs. Grant by her father. Two children have come to brighten their home: Louella G., born September 22, 1887, is now at-

tending school; and Norman D., born August 23, 1891, is at home.

Mr. Grant has ever given his unwavering support to the Republican party, and is now faithfully serving his fellow citizens in the capacity of supervisor of Sandy township. Religiously, he is a Protestant, but his wife is a communicant of the Catholic Church. Ever true to his duties of citizenship, he is a worthy son of one of the brave soldiers who so freely sacrificed his own interests for the good of the country.

DAVID C. HENSAL, the genial proprietor of the "American House," at Madera, Bigler township, Clearfield Co., Penn., is one of the pioneers of that region. He has lived to see the vast forest which once stood on the present site of Madera transformed into a pleasant little town containing about 1,000 inhabitants. He has been one of the most progressive men of the place, and his name has always been prominently identified with any movement tending to advance the common good and welfare of the community.

Mr. Hensal is a descendant of an old Pennsylvania family. His ancestry can be traced back to days of Colonial fame, and upward, during the perilous times of the Revolution, to the present day. His mother was of sturdy Holland stock, and a distant relative of the celebrated Commodore Vanderbilt. His grandfather, Jacob Hensal, was a Pennsylvania German. His early years were spent on a farm seven miles northeast of Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Penn., where he was married. In 1811 he immigrated to the Big Miami Valley, in the State of Ohio. He remained there about five years, but owing to the prevalency of the ague he was forced to return to Pennsylvania, and settled in Westmoreland county on a farm. Growing discontented here, he returned to the place of his birth, Franklin county, where he died in about 1836. His wife, Catherine Hensal, who was of Irish extraction, abandoned the farm after the death of her husband, and took up her abode with her eldest son, John, at Cashtown, Adams Co., Penn. She departed this life in 1838.

Their union was a happy one, and was blessed with ten children—six sons and four daughters, as follows: John, the eldest, and father of D. C. Hensal; Jacob, Joseph, Israel, George, Catherine, Isabelle, Christina, the names of the other two being now forgotten. Jacob, the second eldest son, removed to Bucks county, Penn., on a farm. Hon. W. U. Hensal, Secretary of the Commonwealth under Gov. Robt. E. Pattison, of Pennsylvania, was one of his sons. Joseph migrated to New York State in 1835. George enlisted as a volunteer in the war with Mexico in 1833, and served under the command of Sam Houston. The other children in turn married, and all lived long and useful lives.

John, the father of the subject of our sketch, was born February 14, 1801, in Franklin county, seven miles east of Chambersburg, Penn. In 1831 he was married to Miss Annie Coshun. She was of Holland extraction, and came from a race of people renowned for their robust strength and longevity. By occupation he was a tailor, and conducted a shop at Cashtown, Adams county. At the age of fourteen years he contracted rheumatism of an inflammatory nature, from the effects of which he was crippled for life and was compelled to walk with crutch and cane. In 1849 he met with an accident that eventually caused his death. The place where he then resided was a thickly-settled forest infested with snakes of all kinds, particularly the deadly copperhead. The snakes often penetrated houses through crevices and openings in the walls. On one occasion Mr. Hensal, arising in the darkness of the night, unfortunately trod on a copperhead. The snake, thoroughly aroused and angered, bit him in the leg, causing a very painful wound. For many years this wound gave him trouble, until finally, in 1856, his leg was amputated by a physician traveling on the staff of Gen. Kossuth, the great Hungarian Liberator, who was at that time touring the United States. He died six months afterward, on November 2, 1856, and was buried at Cashtown, Penn. His wife lived to a ripe old age, dying in Guthrie county, Iowa, at the age of seventy-two years.

They were survived by eight children—six boys and two girls. James, the second eldest, now a farmer of Guthrie county, Iowa, enlisted as a trooper during the war, in that famous body of fighters known as "Colonel Jamison's Jayhawkers." This troop was afterward mustered into the United States Cavalry, and did efficient service until the war closed. James was under the immediate command of Gen. Dodge, and acted in the capacity of scout during Sherman's memorable march to the sea. He returned from the army with a lieutenant's commission, and married Miss Lavina Diehl, of Adams county, Pennsylvania.

Emery, the third son in age, is a stock dealer at Mt. Carroll, Ill. He enlisted in the 101st P. V. I., and served in the Peninsular campaign with the Army of the Potomac. His term of service having expired in 1863, he returned home, but re-enlisted in 1864, and served until

hostilities ended. He was married at Mt. Carroll, Ill., to Miss Ellen Duffenbarger. He has a family of three sons and one daughter.

Charles Hensal, the fourth son, is now a resident of Altoona, Blair Co., Penn. He enlisted in the nine-months' service during the war. While he was at the front Gen. Lee made his famous raid into Pennsylvania, and, during the bloody fight at Gettysburg, Gen. Lee had his headquarters at the old homestead at Cashtown, where the mother of the Hensal boys then lived, eight miles from the battle field. While there the old lady and the wife of Charles did the cooking for Lee and his officers. When Lee retreated he left twenty-eight wounded Confederates on the rear porch of the house, to be cared for and nursed back to health and strength. Among them were two Southern officers, who while there had each a leg amputated, and remained with the family of Charles for four months before returning to their Southern homes.

Amos, the next brother, enlisted for three years in Company K, 101st Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was then only sixteen years of age. At the expiration of his term he re-enlisted. His regiment marched to the front by way of Washington, D. C., to the Peninsula, and there joined McClellan's army. Their first engagement was at Williamsburg, followed in rapid succession by the battle of Fair Oaks and the battle of the Wilderness, in June, 1862. The regiment fell back to Norfolk and Suffolk, and passed four or five days of heavy skirmishing with the Rebel forces under the command of Gen. Pettigrew. Their next point was New Berne, N. C., where they made a raid to destroy the Weldon railroad, meeting the enemy's forces at White Hall, Kingston and Goldsboro. The regiment was then ordered to Hyde county, N. C., to subdue the guerrillas, and from there to Washington, N. C., where they engaged in conflict with the Rebel troops. They then boarded transports at New Berne, N. C., for Plymouth, N. C., which they succeeded in capturing and holding. Their next engagement was with Gen. Pickett, on March 27, 1864, and here Amos was taken prisoner, and was confined for eleven months and seven days in that most infamous of prisons—Andersonville. He was then removed to Charleston, S. C., where he remained three weeks, and was afterward taken to Florence, S. C., being transferred on the 27th of February, 1865, to Wilmington and Goldsboro. At the last-named place he was paroled and taken to the parol camp at Annapolis, Md. Here he secured a furlough of thirty days, and after returning home and recruiting his strength he again reported for duty at Annapolis. His regiment, being re-organized, was assigned to guard duty on Roanoke Island, where it remained until June 25, 1865. Their service being no longer required, Mr. Hensal was mustered out at Harrisburg, and returned to Clearfield county in August, 1865, where he took up his residence with his brother David. In 1870 he married Miss Mary Stugart, and at present resides at Madera. He has a family of children: Nettie, Mattie, Margaret, Frank, Guss, Cloyd and Sadie, all of whom are yet at home.

The youngest of D. C. Hensal's brothers living is John Heckerman Hensal, now a railroad engineer residing at Chicago, Ill. Newton, the youngest of the family, died in 1854, at the early age of five years. D. C. Hensal had two sisters. The eldest, Hannah Mary, married Ephraim Bittinger, and died in 1894, in Guthrie county, Iowa. She was survived by a family of three sons and two daughters. The other sister, Jane, married Reuben Kuhn, and they live, at the present time, in Iowa, where the family is doing well.

D. C. Hensal, the subject proper of our sketch, is the oldest member of the family of John Hensal. He is one of the leading business men of Madera. He was born March 20, 1833, at Floor's Church, Adams Co., Penn., one mile below Cashtown. In early life he followed the occupation of a carpenter. In the fall of 1850, packing all his possessions in a carpet sack, he trudged to Johnstown, where he was employed in the erection of the first station built there by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. He continued in the employ of the railroad company until March 20, 1852. He then removed to Janesville, Clearfield county, to superintend the erection of sawmills, known as No. 1 and No. 2, for the Moshannon Land and Lumber Company. Then he began to take contracts for the buildings of barns and doing general carpenter work. At Glen Hope Mr. Hensal met the young lady that afterward became his wife. Her name was Miss Margaret M. Mullen. She was of Irish origin and a daughter of George and Sarah Mullen, of Glen Hope. Mrs. D. C. Hensal (*née* Mullen) was born in the Parish of Clonfiade, County Armagh, Ireland, July 5, 1834. She has two brothers living, William J. Mullen and Thomas Mullen, both of Clearfield county. D. C. Hensal and Margaret M. Mullen were united in the bonds of matrimony March 4, 1855, at Glen Hope, Penn., by Rev. Linthacum, of the M. E. Church, of that place. Mr. Hensal, finding that lumbering was a more congenial and lucrative occupation than contracting in carpen-

ter work, began to buy and sell timber. During the war Mr. Hensal was successful in lumbering. He was drafted in 1863 and 1864, but got exempted on account of being asthmatic from infancy. He was burned out, house and all his effects, on the 26th of April, 1872; was then following butchering and farming. There was no insurance, and it was a big loss to him; but with his energy and strong will he soon was up again, exploring for coal. It is to Mr. Hensal's credit, the opening of the first Moshannon seam of coal in Bigler township, from which has since resulted the great coal trade in this district. Mr. Hensal moved off the farm in 1890, to Madera, and embarked in the hotel business, where he is at present, and he owns several fine properties in the town, also a large tract of several thousand acres of coal lands in Somerset county, Penn., located on the B. & O. R. R.

Mr. Hensal was at one time (from 30 to 50) an expert marksman, and the trophies which adorn the walls of his hotel at Madera bear testimony to his skill with the rifle. His idle moments are spent in the woods, and as an angler and hunter he has very few equals in this section of the State.

Mr. Hensal has fourteen children, seven of whom are dead. Those living are George, John, Thomas, Amos, Sherman, Blanche J. and Cora V. George is married and resides in North Dakota. Since removing there he suffered the misfortune of losing his left arm in a traction threshing machine. John is married to Dilly Alexander, and has three children—Elizabeth, Alice and William. He resides at Madera, and by occupation is a butcher. Thomas by trade is a barber, and lives at Springfield, Ill. Amos resides at Fargo, N. Dak., where he has a responsible position in a hotel. Sherman V. is at home with his father, conducting the hotel business. Blanche married Dr. T. J. Boyer, who is now practicing medicine in the city of Pittsburg, Penn. Cora V. is the wife of J. O. Stanley, a farmer living at Ramey; they have one daughter, Gracie. Of those dead, Sadie, a bright young girl twelve years of age, was drowned June 19, 1888, in the Clearfield creek at Madera; Mary perished in the Johnstown flood; David died November 11, 1895, of Bright's disease, leaving to survive him one son, Blythe; the other four sons died in infancy.

D. C. Hensal, though now sixty-five years old, is yet alert and active, and bids fair to live many more years. He is one of the earliest settlers of Clearfield county. He has witnessed the material development of Madera from a vast wilderness to a thriving industrial community with a happy, prosperous and educated population.

JOHN W. REED, Judge of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District, a resident of Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., combines in his character and disposition the earnestness of the advocate and the fairness and impartiality of the Jurist. He is just entering the threshold of his judicial career, and is yet a young man, but not until his sterling qualities as a lawyer were established did the ermine descend upon his shoulders.

Judge Reed is a self-made man. His father, John Reed, who was a martyr to his country's cause, was born and reared in Butler county, Penn., a son of John Reed, who became the proprietor of a hotel at Clarion, Clarion county, and died in that county. The family were of Scotch-Irish extraction, and had been living in America for several generations. John Reed was a machinist by trade. He married Miss Rachel A. Everhart, a native of Centre county, whose misfortune it was to lose both parents in her early childhood, her father having been killed in a mill when she was quite young. To John and Rachel Reed were born three children: Clara A., now the wife of Warren Whitehill, an oil man of Allegheny county, Penn.; John W., subject of this sketch; and Ernest W., a dentist of Clarion. In the early days of the Civil war, or in the fall of 1861, when men were needed to assist in quelling the Rebellion, John Reed left his little family and enlisted in Company F, 63rd P. V. I., as a private. He remained in active service until after the battle of Fair Oaks, when he was stricken with typhoid fever, and perished while yet a soldier. His widow, the mother of our subject, now resides in Clarion, Clarion county.

John W. Reed was born at Clarion May 13, 1853. He attended the public schools, and his earlier education was supplemented with an academic course at Carrier Seminary, and for a time he was a teacher in the public schools of Clarion county; later choosing law as his vocation in life, he entered the office of the late Hon. James Campbell, of Clarion, and under his tutelage was admitted to practice August 23, 1875. The young lawyer began his career as a lawyer at Brookville. Two years later he became a member of the firm of Wilson, Jenks & Reed, of Clarion. Later still he went to Grand Forks, Dak., but in 1884 returned to Clarion, where he remained in practice until 1895, at which time he again came to Brookville. While residing at Clarion he served as burgess, and was also a trustee of the State Normal School in that place. Mr. Reed was a very successful practitioner in almost every department of practice, and in

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criminal law won unusual distinction. It is stated that during the last ten years of his practice he was professionally identified with some fifteen homicide cases in Clarion and adjoining counties. On June 17, 1895, he was appointed president judge in the newly created district, composed of Jefferson county, and in the fall of that year he was elected for a term of ten years, and took his seat on the Bench, under that election, on the first Monday of January, 1896. It may be of interest to state that while a resident of Clarion county, when it was in the same judicial district with Jefferson, Mr. Reed was a candidate for the nomination, his competitor being Judge Clark, the present incumbent.

On June 16, 1880, Judge Reed was married to Miss Myrta Corbet, born October 3, 1857, a daughter of Col. W. W. Corbet, of Brookville, and they have one child—Elizabeth. Judge and Mrs. Reed are members of the Presbyterian Church, and the Judge is identified with Clarion Lodge No. 277, F. & A. M., and Clarion Lodge No. 252, I. O. O. F. He is one of the incorporators of the Dickinson School of Law at Carlisle, Penn. The Judge is also a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, composed of judges and lawyers from the various districts of the State; also a member of the general committee on legal education of the State, whose object is to establish a uniform curriculum of study for admission to the Bar.

It is perhaps safe to say that the most important part of Judge Reed's professional career is yet in the future. He is young in years, but has already impressed his constituency, which he now serves in an important capacity, with his ability and force of character. As a lawyer he is broad and liberal, as a judge, conservative and just.

HON. ROBERT REED MEANS (deceased) was a native of Greenwood, Mifflin Co., Penn., born April 25, 1819, and was taken by his parents, in 1821, to Curllsville, Clarion county, where he grew to manhood.

In 1847 Mr. Means went to Brookville, and in the following year engaged in the mercantile business. About the same time he was appointed deputy sheriff under Thomas Wilkins, the then sheriff of Jefferson county. In 1850 he was elected a justice of the peace, and served the full term of five years with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people. Shortly after retiring from that office, in 1856, he purchased the "Railroad House," which he owned until 1864. On July 25, 1861, he entered the 62nd regiment, P. V. I., under Col. Samuel Black, as captain of Company I, having entered the service for three years. He participated in the campaign of the peninsula, and at Malvern Hill, during the memorable Seven Days fight, he was wounded in the thigh and left upon the field. Having fallen into a little ravine, which shortly after, owing to heavy rain, filled with water, he managed to prevent inflammation of his wound until picked up by a Rebel scouting party. He was carried to Richmond a prisoner of war, and incarcerated in Libby prison; but after a short time he was exchanged and taken to David's Island Hospital, N. Y., where he remained several months. He then returned, on furlough, to Brookville, and after a residence of several months at his old home, finding recovery of his health impossible, he tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and he retired from the army.

In 1870 he was elected associate judge of Jefferson county, and during his term of office filled the position with marked ability, attaining, by his impartiality and eminent good sense, a still higher place in the estimation of the people than he had before enjoyed, if such a thing were possible. Upon retirement from the Bench at the close of his term, in 1875, Judge Means gave his entire attention to his large lumbering interests; but in the spring of 1877 he was prostrated by a violent attack of fever, which terminated in general debility, and finally ended in his death, on October 4, 1877.

On March 26, 1849, Judge Means was married to Mrs. Sarah W. Clark, widow of Jesse G. Clark, and a daughter of Thomas Hastings, of Brookville, Penn., whose death occurred in Brookville June 3, 1889. Seven children were born of this union, two of whom died in infancy. A brief record of the remaining five is as follows:

(1) GEORGE W. MEANS, a prominent attorney of Brookville, was born in that thriving city, April 23, 1853, and has always made his home there. His elementary education was obtained in the public schools of his native place, and he subsequently attended Reid Institute in Clarion county, where he prepared for college. In the fall of 1871 he entered the Freshman class of Bucknell College, at Lewisburg, Penn., where he was graduated in June, 1875, with the degree A. B.; two years later he received the degree of A. M. from the same institution. In September, 1876, he was admitted to the Bar, since which time he has been engaged in the practice of law in Brookville. In 1890 he entered into partnership with Judge Clark, and shortly afterward B. M. Clark, son of the Judge, was associated with the firm, which then became known

as Clark, Means & Clark. Since the election of Judge Clark to the Bench, in 1891, the firm has been Means & Clark, and they continued to hold a high place among the legal practitioners of Jefferson county. George W. Means was married June 19, 1878, to Miss Emma E. Newton, daughter of Robert D. Newton, of St. Louis, Mo., and they have had two children—Robert Newton, who died March 26, 1882, at the age of ten months; and George William, Jr., born June 22, 1891. Socially, Mr. Means is a member of the F. & A. M., and is a K. T.; in politics he is a Democrat. Ever mindful that the law is a jealous mistress, he has never turned aside to test his skill in the political arena, but has studiously devoted his energies to his professional work.

(2) Thomas H. Means, second son of Judge Means, was born March 1, 1855, in Brookville, Penn., and was educated at the schools of that city and in the academy at Lewisburg. About the year 1879 he formed a partnership with Judge Mills in a mercantile business that continued for about two years when Mr. Means purchased Mr. Mills' interest, and continued the business alone until 1889. In that year he sold out to his brothers, John and Harry Means. On April 1, 1895, he re-opened a mercantile house in Brookville, where he has since successfully engaged in business. On October 16, 1878, he was married to Mollie E. Mills, of Brookville, a daughter of John Mills; they have no children.

(3) John Barton Means, the third son of Judge Means, was born March 30, 1857, and received his education in Brookville. After several years spent in hustling, and in various enterprises in different parts of the country, he formed a partnership, in 1889, with his brother, Harry G., in mercantile business in Brookville. On November 13, 1890, he married Ada M. Dickey, daughter of William Dickey, of Brookville; they have no children.

(4) Sallie A., fourth child of Judge Means, was married to George T. Rodgers, of Brookville. In 1889 Mr. Rodgers and others from Brookville established a bank at Lamar, Mo., of which he was cashier. On September 18, 1890, he died in Brookville. Mrs. Rodgers now resides in that city with her three children—Mary McClure, Ruth and George T.

(5) Harry G. Means, the youngest of the family, was born July 7, 1864, and received his education in Brookville, and in the Lewisburg academy. In 1889 he entered into partnership with his brother, John B., and for eight years has been successfully engaged in mercantile business in Brookville. Mr. Means was married September 7, 1887, to Emma Smith, of Brookville, and they have had three children—Robert Reed, who died May 30, 1890; Sara, born June 12, 1893, and William Means, born February 4, 1895, are still living.

ROBERT HAMILTON is undoubtedly the oldest native-born citizen of Jefferson county, who yet makes his home within its borders. For eighty-five years he has resided here, bearing his part of the material development, sharing in the labors that have transformed its forests into marketable products and its lands into highly-cultivated farms, and exerting his aid and influence for the welfare of churches, schools and all moral interests.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Perry township, in January, 1813, a son of David and Margaret (McFarland) Hamilton. His father was born in County Derry, Ireland, and in that country was married, one son, James, being born to them before their emigration to America. On coming to the United States they located near Greensburg, Penn., where Mr. Hamilton spent two years in the employ of Judge Young, a prominent man of that day. In 1805 he purchased 180 acres of land in Perry township, Jefferson county, and in the midst of the forest located his family, their home being a round-log cabin. He afterward built a hewed-log house, in which he lived until his death in 1850. His wife passed away in 1821. David and Margaret Hamilton had six children: (1) James, born in Ireland, remained with his father until his death at the age of forty-two years, largely operating his land, which covered 1,000 acres in Indiana and Jefferson counties. (2) Joseph died in childhood. (3) Young was killed by a falling tree in his boyhood. (4) John, born in Perry township, in 1807, married Mattie Hopkins, of Indiana county, and located in East Mahoning township, that county, on a farm given him by his father. There he spent his remaining days, dying in March, 1894, at the age of eighty-eight years. His widow and four children survive him. Margrett, the eldest, is the widow of William Nichols, who died in 1894, but she is still living on a farm given her by her father adjoining the old homestead. Nancy became the wife of Nathaniel North, of Indiana county, and resided on a farm in North Mahoning until her death a few years since; Anna (Mrs. Haslet) resides on a part of her father's farm; and Elizabeth (Mrs. Winecoop) resided on a farm near her father's until her death, which occurred in 1892. (5) David, who was born and reared on the old homestead, married a Miss North, and died on the home

place in May, 1895, leaving a widow and four children, who still reside there.

Robert Hamilton was reared under the parental roof, and received but limited educational privileges, for there were no free schools in the neighborhood. He and his brother John assisted their father in clearing the farm, and were connected with him in the purchase of land until his father's death. In 1837 the entire management and settlement of the estate devolved upon our subject. His father gave him 300 acres of partially improved land adjoining Perrysville, and at the time of his marriage he located on that property, building there a good residence. For many years he successfully conducted a mercantile establishment there, carrying a large and well selected stock of goods, and receiving from the public a liberal patronage. He also superintended his farming interests. He purchased the Hadden and Bell farms adjoining the old homestead, and has dealt extensively in real estate. He is now one of the largest land owners of Perry township, having 1,000 acres in the neighborhood of his home. In 1845 he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Johnston, of Armstrong county, and for almost fifty years they traveled life's journey together, but on the 2nd of January, 1894, they were separated by the hand of death. They had eight children: (1) James J., born in November, 1846, and educated in the select schools of Perrysville and the common schools of Perry township, married Maggie Gourley, of Jefferson county. They now reside on his farm a mile north of Perrysville, and in connection with agricultural pursuits he deals in live stock and follows lumbering. Their children are—David B., who is married, is a graduate of the Columbus (Ohio) Medical School, and is now practicing in Mason, Ohio; Ella, who became the wife of Alexander Mitchell, of Jefferson county, and died in 1895, leaving a daughter, Ella; and Blanche, yet at home with her parents.

(2) WILLIAM S. HAMILTON, born in Perrysville, in 1848, was educated in the public and select schools, and in his early life engaged in farming, stock dealing and merchandising. In 1876 he went to the town of Indiana, where he followed merchandising for ten years, a part of the time as a partner of William R. Loughrey. He married Emma Rowe, of Indiana, daughter of Adam and Susan Rowe, a lumberman and real estate dealer of Indiana county, Penn. A daughter was born to them March 21, 1885, and died in August of the same year, and the mother passed away January 23, 1886. In May, 1885, William S. Hamilton became associated with J. R. Johnston in the brokerage business, having an office at the corner of Fifth avenue and Wood street, Pittsburg. His experience in business as a speculator and broker were quite extensive, from 1886 to 1888, and the firm were members of the Board of Trade in Chicago. They leased 12,000 acres of land in Greene county, Penn., for oil purposes, and were pioneers in what was known as the Nineveh oil fields, but owing to the ill health of Mr. Hamilton the partnership was dissolved in 1889. Since that time he has resided on the old family homestead, engaged in farming and kindred pursuits. In 1895 he built one of the finest residences of the county, supplying it with all modern improvements. He is a very energetic and capable business man, a scholarly gentleman and a trusted friend who in all life's relations is true and faithful to his duties.

(3) D. A. Hamilton, the third of the family, was born in February, 1851, attended the public schools of Perrysville, and pursued a commercial course in Mt. Union, Ohio. He clerked in his father's store, and was manager of the business for a number of years. Later he engaged in merchandising on his own account. In 1884 he married Annie Edmonds, of Bethlehem, Penn., and then located in Perrysville, where he erected a very fine residence, his time being now devoted to the management of his farming interests. He has a daughter, Garnett, and a son, Robert E., both at home.

(4) Mary E. Hamilton, born on the old homestead in 1852, married Dr. A. D. McComb, of Clarion county, Penn., who is now practicing his profession in Hawthorn, Penn. They have one child, Myrtle, who is still under the parental roof.

(5) Laura A., born in November, 1854, and educated in the select schools of Perry township, is the wife of Dr. J. A. Miller, of Jefferson county, who for thirty years has successfully practiced medicine in Perrysville. They have two children—Robert H., a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College, is now associated with his father in business; and Mary N., a cultured young lady, is a graduate of Hollidaysburg Seminary.

(6) Martha J., born on the old homestead, in August, 1856, married Dr. John K. Brown, of Somerville, Jefferson county, where for many years he has practiced medicine. His wife died on March 19, 1887, leaving a daughter, Bessie, who is still with her father; a son, Robert McFarland, died at the age of two months; and another son, John B., died at the age of two years.

In his political views, our subject was originally a Whig, and on the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks. He has held

the office of postmaster of the Hamilton office for a number of years, and for an extended period has been school director and treasurer. He is a member of the Perry Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged, and in that faith they reared their family. He is a venerable old man, whose well-spent life has won him the unqualified respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact. The family is one of prominence in the community, and father and sons have long been known as leading business men.

HON. ALEXANDER COLWELL WHITE, of Brookville, Jefferson county. It is natural that men should look upon one who has made his way to distinction in defiance of adverse circumstances with more consideration than is given those to whom a kind fortune gave an advantageous start in life. That many have done so in this land of wide opportunities in business, political and professional lines, does not in the least detract from the credit due to each one who has bravely faced and measured the odds against him, and bravely determined to win.

The early struggles of the subject of this sketch before he acquired an education, completed his legal studies as law student, and gained a foothold in the legal profession are well known to many of our readers who have watched his career from early manhood with sympathetic interest, and it is fitting that the story should be recorded here that all may learn its inspiring lessons. Mr. White was born near Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Penn., December 12, 1833, and was reared upon a farm, attending the common schools in winter until the age of twenty. He then began teaching in the public schools, and in the following summer pursued his studies in Jacksonville Institute, and from that time he attended school in summer and taught in winter, putting in his spare time in harvesting, or, as a hand, rafting and running lumber. He was graduated at Dayton University in the fall of 1859, and in the summer of 1860 he went to Jefferson county to take charge of the public schools at Punxsutawney. During that fall he commenced studying law under the Hon. Phineas W. Jenks; in the spring of 1861, he enlisted with the first three-months' men, in Company I, 8th P. V. I., under Col. A. A. McKnight. On his return he completed his legal studies, and was admitted to practice at the December term, 1862. In the spring of 1863 he commenced the practice of law with Capt. John Hastings, of Punxsutawney, under the firm name of Hastings & White, and speedily gained an enviable place in the profession.

On May 25, 1864, Mr. White was married to Ellen M. Murray, and this union was blessed with two children: John M., born August 18, 1871, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere; and Nellie March, who was born March 26, 1876, and died July 26, 1879. In 1867 Mr. White was elected District Attorney of Jefferson county, and in the spring of 1868 he moved to the county seat. His able discharge of his duties pleased the people, and in 1870 he was re-elected to the same office. From 1860 to the present time he has taken an active part in politics as a stanch Republican, having no sympathy with third parties or half-way measures. While he respects an honest opponent, he has little consideration for men without politics, religion or principle. The Twenty-fifth Congressional District composed of the counties of Armstrong, Indiana, Jefferson, Clarion and Forest was formed in 1874, and, as it was carried by the Democrats in 1880 and 1882, it was considered hopeless for a Republican. In 1884 Mr. White received the nomination, and after a hotly contested campaign was elected by over 1,800 majority. He served two years in the United States Congress with distinguished ability, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of law.

WILLIAM LONG. As a representative of the intelligent and hardy pioneers who opened up Jefferson county for settlement, and have since taken a conspicuous part in developing it, we are pleased to place in this volume a brief sketch of the life of the gentleman whose name introduces this notice. For many years he was actively identified with the farming and lumber interests of Young township, but has now practically laid aside business cares.

William Long was born in Haines township, Centre county, Penn., near Cooks Mills, September 14, 1816, a son of Joseph Andrew and Margaret (Kuntz) Long, natives of Germany and Dauphin county respectively. The father, Joseph Long, was about nineteen or twenty years of age when he emigrated to America, locating in Centre county, Penn., where he worked at the tailor's trade for many years. During the war of 1812 he aided his adopted country, and when hostilities had ceased returned to Centre county. In 1824, he left Centre county, and arrived in Punxsutawney February 24, of the same year, but being an invalid at that time was unable to do much work; his death occurred in the latter

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part of November, 1832. He built one of the first houses in Punxsutawney, which is still standing, and is yet known as the Long building—a landmark of pioneer days. His wife passed away in 1884, at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

Although his school privileges were meagre, William Long made the most of his advantages, and obtained a fair knowledge of the common branches of learning. He was reared on the frontier farm, and early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and lumberman, which occupation he followed throughout his active business life. In 1824 he had accompanied his parents to Jefferson county, and was only sixteen years of age at the time of his father's death. During his early days he raised a company in Jefferson and Indiana counties called the "Jefferson Rangers," for the Third Battalion, Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, and was commissioned as captain by Gov. Porter. This regiment proffered its services to the government during the Mexican war, but was a couple of days too late.

In 1842 William Long was married to Miss Susannah Miller, who was born in Tyrone township, Huntingdon Co., Penn., September 18, 1819, a daughter of John M. Miller, who afterward moved to near Trade City, Indiana Co., Penn. Eight children graced their union, and seven of the number are still living: Anna E., now the widow of John Cary; James K., a prominent contractor and builder, of Clayville, Penn.; Mary M., wife of Harry L. Armstrong, of Clayville, Penn.; Samuel H., a resident of Lincoln, Kans.; Kate M., wife of John B. Johnston, of near Horatio, Jefferson county; David B., of South Young township, Jefferson county; and Martha, wife of J. A. Snyder, of Covode, Indiana Co., Penn. The one deceased is William C., who passed away August 19, 1887. The wife and mother departed this life April 19, 1895, at the age of seventy-six years and eight months. Although William Long never aspired to office, he is a stanch Republican in politics, and in his religious views he holds membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is one of the honored and valued citizens of the community, and well deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

DAVID B. LONG, the youngest son of our subject, now operates the old farm, making his home with his father. He was reared upon the place, and for some years successfully followed school teaching, but later devoted his time and attention to farming. In connection with the latter he is a contractor and collector for The Johnston Harvester Company, of Batavia, N. Y. In 1883 he was married at Lincoln, Kans., to Miss Olive B. Askey, a native of Bellefonte, Centre Co., Penn., and they now have six children, namely: Max W., Paul N., Harry A., Zola I., Ethel D. and Morris Dean.

Mrs. Long is a consistent member of the Baptist Church; fraternally Mr. Long is connected with the Knights of Pythias; in politics he is a stalwart supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, but is no politician in the sense of office seeking.

JAMES L. BROWN: The interesting history of the Brown family, and of the worthy gentleman whose name opens this sketch, would lose much by being given in the third person, and we therefore present the simple narrative as, at our request, it was prepared by Mr. Brown:

"It may not be interesting to a majority of the masses to read the genealogy of any particular person, but at the same time it should be a subject that all of us ought to be interested in. As a general thing, in the make-up of our human family, we regard but little the blood that flows in our veins, from whence it came, and what will be the condition of generations that follow after. It's an old Scotch saying that blood is thicker than water. I have often seen charts giving the pedigree of horses and dogs, and at the same time, those that seem to take such an interest in them when asked regarding their own genealogy could hardly tell who their grandfathers were and could seldom trace their genealogy any farther. Now, why is this so? Is not our blood equal to that of a brute?

"As a descendant of the pilgrims who landed at Plymouth in 1626, I find satisfaction in tracing back the line through intervening generations. Peter Brown came over in the 'Mayflower,' and landed at Plymouth, with wife and one or more children, leaving in England a brother, John, who followed soon after, landing at Plymouth in 1626. John brought with him his wife, Dorothy, and two sons—James and John—and became greatly distinguished. He died in 1662, April 10, and was buried at the head of Bullock's Cove, Bristol Co., Mass. Shipwright by trade, Assistant to the Governor, Commissioner of the United Colonies, etc. Was married in England, December 22, 1611, to Dorothy Beauchamp, who was born in 1584, and died at Rehoboth, Mass., January 27, 1674. They had three children—John, James, and Mary, who married Thomas Willett, the first English mayor of the city of New York,

and from who descended the famous Col. Marinus Willett, who fought in the battle of New York City, in the army of the Revolution.

"The subject of this sketch is a descendant from John, the line being traced as follows: John, the first, who landed at Plymouth, John 2—John 3—John 4—James 5—James 6—Amasa 7—James 8—Orlando 9—and James L. Brown 10.

"John (2) married Lydia Buckland, daughter of William Buckland, and had five children—John, born September 2, 1650; Lydia, born August 6, 1656; Anna, born January 29, 1657, Joseph, born April 8, 1658; Nathaniel, born June 9, 1661. John (2) died November 24, 1709.

"John (3), Captain in King Phillips war, married Anna Mason, daughter of Maj. John Mason, and had six children: John (4) born April 28, 1675, and died April 23, 1752; and the rest of the children were Samuel 2—Daniel 3—Stephen 4—Joseph 5—and Anne 6.

"John (4) married Abigail Cole, July 2, 1696, and had a son, James (5), born January 2, 1706, and died May 4, 1777. John (4), was also a captain in the colonial army and served with great distinction.

"James (5) married Ruth Pierce, daughter of Ephraim Pierce. She was born 1707, and died May 6, 1777. Four children were born: James (6), September 14, 1732; Aaron, April 6, 1734; David, November 11, 1741; Abigail, June 30, 1729.

"James (6) married at Providence, R. I., Mary Anthony, born December 22, 1737, died February 24, 1810, and had seven children as follows: Amasa (7), born 1754; Alice, 1756; Anthony, 1758; Stephen, 1761; Ruth, 1763; Jonathan, 1765; David, 1769. Amasa above was a noted preacher at Hartford, New York; died January 22, 1830, and by his second wife, Deborah Carr, had eight children: James (8); Abigail; Benjamin; John; Amasa (II); Stephen; Anthony; and David. The Rev. Amasa Brown was my great-grandfather, and James (8) my grandfather. I have in my possession a cane having a silver head upon it bearing this inscription, 'Jacob Cole, 1694,' given to me by him, with the request that I hand it down. Jacob Cole was the father of Abigail, who was the wife of Capt. John Brown, and the mother of James (5). Isaac Cole, the father of Jacob, resided in Charleston, Mass.; he and his wife, Joana, having come from Sandwich, County of Kent, England, about 1638. James was born July 16, 1641, and married Sarah Lain, and by her had one daughter—Abigail, above named. Jacob was a soldier in Capt. Moseley's command in the great Narragansett fight on December 19, 1675. The cane mentioned, being over 200 years old, is highly prized as a relic of by-gone days, and when I look upon it it refreshes the recollection of my grandfather, as I saw him when he handed me the cane at ten years of age. He was over six feet in height, and of lofty and soldier-like bearing, at the age of eighty, I can never forget. We now come to those endearing words 'our father': Orlanda Brown (9) was born at Swanton, Vt., October 27, 1800, and died at Brookville, Penn., December 12, 1881. He was married in Rushville, N. Y., in 1823, to Meriba Loomis, and five children were born of their union: Amanda Sophia; Louise Marie; Orlando Howell; James Loomis (myself); and Carrie Adelphia. My mother died January 3, 1873, at Moravia, N. Y. Father became very lonely after mother's death (as all his children had married and left him), and was married a second time, his second wife being Edatha Loomis, widow of Hiram Loomis, of Chicago, Ill. She is now living at Brookville in the enjoyment of good health.

"I was born at Avon, New York, August 27, 1838, and my parents moved to Belfast, Allegany Co., N. Y., when I was a babe. It was in the dead of winter. The house we moved into was made of single boards set up on end, and not even battened. Mother has often told me how the snow would blow in at the numberless cracks, and what a hard time she had to keep me from freezing. From Belfast we moved to Caneadea, and in 1842 we moved to Angelica, the county seat. There my boyhood days were spent; the only education I ever received being at the district schools. The tallow candle was the only light we had to brighten our evenings. The only paper that came to the house, outside of the town paper, was a weekly published in Philadelphia, and in the evenings when we would sit around the table to listen to father reading the stories to us, it was always my business to snuff the two and sometimes three candles we had burning. Camphene was the next great improvement in light for our stores, and for our home reading burning fluid took the place of candles, but on account of its supposed danger it was a long time before it was fairly introduced. The Drake oil well in 1860, and the discovery of oil in Oil creek, Penn., opened the way for its general use, capital poured in, and the establishment of refineries gave us our present cheap and abundant light. Inventive minds came into the field to utilize the waste products of our wells, and to-day we enjoy the blessing of natural gas for heating as well as for light.

"At the age of sixteen I went into a store at $8.00 per month, which kept me in clothes, my

board being provided at home. My sister Amanda having married Mr. Charles H. Sturtevant, who was doing a general mercantile business at Delevan, Wis., I went there at nineteen to clerk for him. While I was in the West in 1857, political matters were consuming the attention of the whole country, and the great debate between Lincoln and Douglas was going on in Illinois. All banking was done by state and private banks, and when the panic came, you could not tell at night if the various bills you held would be worth anything in the morning. During my stay at Delevan, my father bought out Patrick McTaff in the foundry and machine business at Brookville, Penn., and moved the family to that place during the winter of 1857–58. I left Wisconsin in the fall of 1858 for our new home, and had to stage it from Kittanning, as that was as far as the cars extended up the Allegheny Valley. Coming from the western prairie, staging over the frozen stubbles and over our long hills, I thought it a terrible ride. Soon after my arrival I entered the employ of Brown & Wann as bookkeeper, at $20 per month. The spring of 1861 next comes vividly to my memory, when news came of the bombardment of Fort Sumter. Business of all kinds was suspended, and it was a year of great anxiety; I remember Hon. K. L. Blood (then a State Senator), James E. Long and myself having a personal interview with President Buchanan in February, 1861, at the White House. In talking over the situation, the President cried over the fact that some of his cabinet had proved traitors to him. I cannot remember all that he said, but to see great tears running down the cheeks of that kind-hearted man, showing the interest he felt in the whole country, while powerless in a measure to stay the impending conflict of brother against brother, and father against son, left an impression on my mind never to be forgotten. They were the tears of an honest, noble man, who was trying to do his whole duty. During that year almost every able-bodied man was enrolled in the three-months' service to crush the Rebellion.

"In 1862 I was married to Emma S. Keatley, of Strattonville, Penn., daughter of Major John Keatley, who had received an appointment from Edwin M. Stanton, as paymaster in the army. Being still in the employ of the firm, I gave Mr. Wann two weeks notice of the date of the marriage, and when the appointed time came he handed me $20. This was all I had to celebrate the coming event, and the Rev. J. J. Bentley, who married me, got $5 of it. In 1863 I leased Mr. Wann's interest for one year, and at the expiration of that time, father and I bought his entire share. In 1865 we took in John P. Roth as partner, the firm continuing as Brown, Son & Co. Business had already commenced to revive. The first legal act of January, 1862, as reported to the Ways and Means Committee, embodied the principle foundation for sustaining our National credit, by the issuing of a circulating medium known as the greenback of 1863. Money became plenty, and that saved our lumbermen from bankruptcy. Timber rose from 3c a foot to 28c and 30c, and mills started up all over the county. We really had more than we could do, building engines, boilers, gang and circular mills, and all kinds of machinery. I remember going to Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York for machinists, and coming home without them, for everybody was employed at good wages, and you could not get a man from the city to go to the country.

"In 1872 incendiarism destroyed our plant. Our loss was heavy, but we re-built and took in W. H. Jenks as a partner. In 1877 incendiarism again wiped out our earnings for years of toil. We finally disposed of the property and burnt material to Mr. Jenks in 1878, who at the present time is in successful operation.

"The building of the Low Grade railroad in 1873 changed the condition of the channels of our trade, as far as Brookville was concerned. Du Bois and Reynoldsville sprang into existence, on account of their great coal deposits, cutting off a large amount of trade that generally came to us. Instead of a hundred teams coming in one day loaded with goods from Mahoning and Ridgway, the iron horse supplanted all that, and more particularly did we feel the effects when the Rochester & Pittsburg R. R. Co. extended its line across our eastern boundaries, making Punxsutawney an objective point, and building rival places for our industries, and we had no minerals worth mentioning, and our lumber was fast disappearing. But notwithstanding the change in the condition of our trade, the advent of the iron horse proved a great blessing. Our lumbermen who depended on the spring and June freshets in Sandy and Red Bank creeks to market their lumber, and when in market were at the mercy of the buyer, could now ship direct by rail, and by receiving quick returns, could do business on far less capital. Brookville, after several disastrous fires, moved to the front. Her old wooden structures were supplanted by substantial brick buildings, and go where you may, you cannot today find more modern improvements. Our schools and churches, natural gas works, electric light plant, telephone and telegraph communications, up-to-date residences, stores and street im-

provements, and a sewer system of the very best, make this one of the healthiest and pleasantest locations for a home in Western Pennsylvania.

"In 1878 William French and I made the first discovery of fire clay at Bells on the line of our road. We opened it up, and I made the first shipment of clay from this section. I continued in the business for ten years, shipping thousands of tons to many of our principal cities. In 1881 I saw that a movement was being made to reach the undeveloped coal fields lying south of us, and I interested the Hon. J. E. Long, and began taking up leases and options. At one time we had 50,000 acres of land for sale. We sold 2,700 acres of coal lands at Punxsutawney to Herbert P. Brown at $180,000, which insured the people there the building of the Rochester & Pittsburg R. R., and brought Punxsutawney to the front, as her coal fields proved superior for steam, domestic and cokeing purposes. In 1875 Mr. Cormick and I patented a turbine water-wheel, known as the Hercules, and I had it on exhibition at the Centennial in 1876. I went to Holyoke, Mass., the same year with a 24-inch wheel to see what results could be obtained at Emerson's testing flume, and the records of the test were so far above anything that had ever been obtained that Emerson published them broadcast and excited the attention of all wheel builders and users throughout the United States. I afterward sold my interest to the Holyoke Machine Company, and to-day it is the standard wheel of the world. In 1885 I opened up a limestone quarry at Lawsonham, Clarion county, Penn., and after manufacturing lime for a few years, I organized a company at Oil City, which was chartered as the Avondale Mining and Manufacturing Company, composed of C. H. Duncan, Barney Lowentrett, W. A. Duncan, N. U. Clark and myself for the purpose of mining and shipping coal. The plant is in successful operation to-day. In 1885 I organized a gas company, and obtained a charter for oil and gas, putting down the first well on a lot belonging to Sebastian Christ. It proved a very good gasser, and at the present time is being utilized by W. H. Jenks for use under the boiler. The company, after reorganization, put down in all five dry holes in this vicinity, besides two in Iowa. It proved to be an expensive job to the stockholders. In 1891 I went to Pittsburg, and, in company with J. H. Mullin, manufactured specialties, one of our leading articles being Augite Stove Mat for cooking purposes. It is the friend of a good housewife, and has been exported largely to England, Australia and New Zealand. Last season I moved the plant to Brookville.

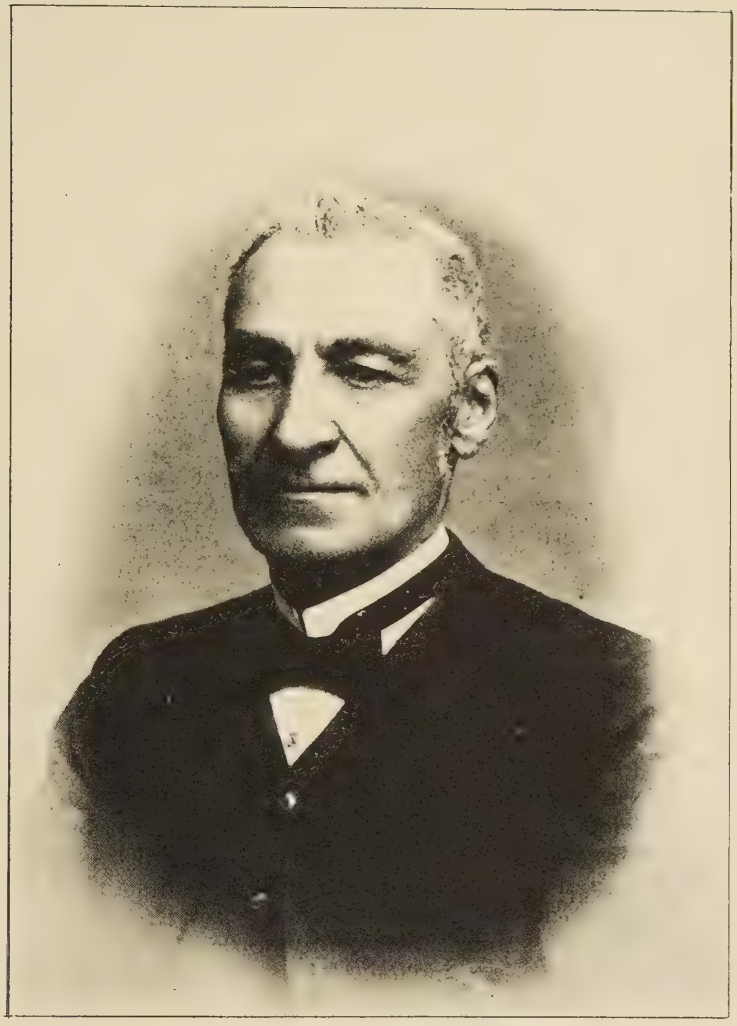
"In January, 1887, I received official notification of my appointment by the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania as District Deputy Grand High Priest for the counties of Jefferson, Venango and Clarion, and I served in that capacity for two years.

"Four children blessed my home: Katherine Meriba, born April 24, 1864; Frank Keatley, January 10, 1867; James E., January 26, 1871, and Jeannette Emma, September 27, 1879. Katherine Meriba was married to John M. Hastings, of Pittsburg, Penn., November 16, 1887, and died November 29, 1891, leaving a babe, Helen, ten days old, who is to-day the sunshine of our household, having been with us since her birth. Frank Keatley married Miss Lulu Dickey, of Brookville, June 21, 1894, and at the present time is superintendent for the Watsons Land & Lumber Co., at Mayburg, Forest Co., Penn. James E. is employed with Clark, Kizer & Kipp as locomotive engineer."

FREDERICK KLUGH ARNOLD (deceased) was for many years a leader in financial circles in this region. But few men can point to a record of continuous but varied effort in which good fortune has been so constant; but Mr. Arnold possessed in full measure the qualities which command success.

His paternal ancestors were early settlers in York county, Penn., where Peter Arnold, his father, was born, and was married to Miss Susannah Klugh, of York county. In 1837 they moved to Clearfield county, settling in Brady township, where they both died in April, 1869. Mr. Arnold's quiet tastes making him averse to public life, he gave his attention closely to business affairs, but in all social phases he was held in high esteem by those with whom he associated.

Frederick Klugh Arnold, whose name introduces this sketch, was born May 9, 1824, in York county, and grew to manhood after the custom of country life in those days. The work at the home farm required much of his time and interfered sadly with his studies in the neighboring schools, which were, of course, not to be compared for efficiency or scope with those of the present time. At sixteen he was apprenticed to a cabinetmaker, and after spending two years in learning the trade, he opened a shop of his own in Luthersburg, Clearfield county. He prospered, and in five years had saved enough money to enable him to engage in mercantile business, which he followed profitably for seventeen years. In 1871 he began his career as a banker, taking half of the capital stock, $40,000, of the F. K.



B. K. Arnold

Arnold & Co.'s Bank at Luthersburg. In this, as in other enterprises, he was successful from the time he devoted his attention to banking. After having passed three years in Luthersburg he sold his interests there and removed to Reynoldsville, where for ten years he was connected with the F. K. Arnold & Co.'s Bank. In 1884 he was the prime mover in the establishment of the First National Bank at Du Bois, Penn., with a capital stock of $50,000, and for the first four years he was its president. He then resigned, and, returning to Reynoldsville, he opened a private bank, which he conducted two years before disposing of it to Seely, Alexander & Co. Failing health made it necessary for him to retire from active business several years ago.

During Mr. Arnold's active business life he was interested in many lines of enterprise, public and private, aside from his regular business. He was one of the chief promoters of the Reynoldsville Water Works, and his influence was the main factor in the establishment, July 26, 1894, of the Reynoldsville Woolen Mills, which are now in successful operation and employ about forty hands, manufacturing flannels, blankets and jeans, and consuming some 200,000 pounds of wool per annum. He also invested to some extent in the Colorado gold fields, especially at Cripple Creek. In 1880 he built the Arnold block at the corner of Main and Fifth streets, which to-day stands as a monument to his enterprise.

On May 9, 1848, the twenty-fourth anniversary of his birth, Mr. Arnold was married to MISS ELIZABETH GOODLANDER, a native of Lycoming county, Penn., born October 10, 1828, a daughter of Henry Goodlander, a well-known citizen of that section. Three children of this union are now living: Clara E., wife of William B. Alexander, a prominent banker of Reynoldsville; James B., a sketch of whom follows; and Isabel R., who is at home. The father was a member of the English Lutheran Church, to which Mrs. Arnold also belongs, but their children are all Presbyterians in faith. Mrs. Arnold, at the age of sixty-eight, is blessed with the vigorous health which was so noticeable in her husband, and no one would have taken them for great-grandparents, although they attained that dignity some years ago. Mrs. Arnold's mother is still living aged eighty-eight years, making five generations now in existence. Mr. Arnold was never active in politics, but like all good citizens he took a keen interest in public affairs, and from 1860 until his death he affiliated with the Republican party. When eighteen years of age he joined the Lutheran Church in Luthersburg, in which he ever afterward kept his membership. For twenty years he was faithful in his attendance at and the support of the Presbyterian Church at Reynoldsville, although never a member of that society. His successful and well spent life closed April 19, 1897, and in his death Reynoldsville lost one of her best business men and most popular citizens, while his family were bereft of a loving husband and a devoted father.

JAMES B. ARNOLD, only son of the late Frederick Klugh Arnold, was born July 26, 1856, in Clearfield county, Penn., and received his education at the common schools of his native place, and at the Commercial College, Pittsburg. From the age of fourteen years he was with his father in business until the latter's death, since when he has been secretary and treasurer of the Reynoldsville Woolen Mills, established by his father as above recorded. On November 1, 1877, he was married to Miss Emma L. Smith, of Candor, Washington Co., Penn., and they have one son, Harold E. Politically, Mr. Arnold is a Republican; in religious faith he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

MICHAEL PALMER, a lumberman and farmer of Perry township, Jefferson county, has long been an esteemed citizen of his section of the State.

A son of Henry and Barbara (Enfield) Palmer, the father was born in Bedford county, Penn., but when a young man went to Indiana county. He was one of a family of five brothers. Peter, the eldest, was twice married, reared a large family and spent his entire life in Indiana county. John married a Miss Enfield, and died in Indiana county some years ago. Charles also married, and lived in Indiana county nntil his death.

Henry Palmer removed to Jefferson county after his marriage and, purchasing timber land, developed a farm in the midst of the forest, building thereon a hewed-log house and barn. He died in 1865, at the age of seventy-three, and his wife, who had long shared with him the joys and sorrows of life, died the same year at the age of sixty-nine. They reared a large family, of whom our subject is the eldest. (2) Isaac Palmer, the second of the family, wedded Mary Whitesel, and located upon a part of his father's farm, where he spent his remaining days, dying in 1855. He had five children, namely: Michael, of Indiana county; Sarah, wife of James Wachob, of Henderson township, Jefferson county; Philip, who married a Miss Brown, of Jefferson county, and served for three years as a soldier in the Union army, after

which he resided in Big Run until his death; George, of Big Run; and Mary, wife of George Fetterman, of Punxsutawney. (3) Henry married Miss Susher, and removed to Lewiston, Penn., where he died twelve years ago, leaving a wife and nine children. (4) Sarah became the wife of Peter Depp, and both died in Jefferson county some years ago leaving three children—Isaac M., deceased; Mary Ellen, wife of Joseph Newcomb, of Perry township, Jefferson county; and Henry, of Apollo, Indiana county. (5) Jane, born in Indiana county, became the wife of James Ross, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and resided near her father's farm. Both are now deceased. She died in 1897, at the age of seventy-five years, leaving four children, namely: Madison, who is married and lives with his family in Jefferson county; Isaac, who follows lumbering in West Virginia; Matilda, wife of Samuel Williams, of Clayville; Jane, wife of Joseph Stewart, of Indiana county. One son belonging to this family, Clement, married Ella Rogers, of Jefferson county, and died some years ago, leaving a wife and one son, Donald. (6) Peter, born in Indiana county, died on the homestead in Perry township at the age of eighteen years. (7) Mary, born in Indiana county, became the wife of Philip Whitesel, and lived on a part of her father's farm, until her death some years since. (8) Caroline, born in Perry township, became the wife of Charles Williams, and died at their home near Clayville, Penn., leaving three sons, Henry, William and Clauson. (9) George, born in Jefferson county, in 1839, married Martha Bowersox, and lives on the old homestead. They have four children—Laura, wife of John Tucker, of Punxsutawney; Ward; Etta, wife of Patrick Mann, of Punxsutawney; and Joseph. (10) Martha, the youngest child of Henry and Barbara Palmer, died in early life.

Michael Palmer was born in Indiana county, in 1814, and after the removal of the family to Jefferson county, aided in the arduous task of developing the home farm. In 1841 he was elected constable of Perry township, which then also included Porter, Oliver and Ringgold townships, and served for four years. He purchased land, to which he removed after his marriage, and from the wild tract developed a rich and fertile farm. His first buildings have been replaced by a more modern set, and in 1887 he erected a large two-story frame residence, one of the best homes in the township. In 1851 he was elected justice of the peace, serving for twenty consecutive years in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. Since his retirement from office, in 1871, he has devoted his attention exclusively to his farming interests, and although now nearly eighty-four years of age possesses the physical and mental vigor of a man of fifty.

In 1844, Mr. Palmer married Miss Annie, daughter of John and Elizabeth Martin, well-to-do farming people of Jefferson county. Their family numbers nine children: (1) Nancy A., born in 1845, in Perry township, began teaching at the age of sixteen years and followed that profession in Jefferson, Clearfield and Indiana counties. In 1880 she became the wife of Wallace A. Dowdish, of New York, and removed to Brockwayville, Penn., where he followed the jeweler's trade until his death in December, 1885. His widow and son, Earl W., reside on her father's farm, and she still follows teaching, having for nine successive years been thus employed in Horatio. (2) Jane, born in 1847, was for two terms a teacher in the public schools. (3) Elizabeth died at the age of nine years. (4) B. F., born in 1851, married Malinda North, of Ohio, and is now a railroad man living in Punxsutawney. They have a daughter, Alice. (5) Harry died at the age of five years. (6) Mary, born in 1855, successfully followed teaching for a number of years, and in 1877 became the wife of H. A. Raught, of Du Bois. Ten years later they removed to Washington, where they now reside on a farm. (7) Alice B., born in 1857, died in 1887. (8) Isaac, born in 1859, removed to Logan county, Kansas, where he secured a homestead of 160 acres. He married Annie Marker, of Kansas, and on account of the drought in that State went to Centralia county, Wash., where he is now living. They have four children—Roy M., Mabel, Anna L. and Frank.

Our subject has long been prominently identified with the best interests of Jefferson county, belonging to one of its pioneer families. His people were instrumental in building the first church in Perry township, erected in 1839, and he has ever been a liberal contributor to Churches and schools. His is one of the most highly cultured families in the locality, and has furnished to the county some of its most successful teachers. He has held the office of school director for two terms, has been assessor and collector, was constable for four years, and has discharged his duties in a most commendable manner. His political support is given the Republican party.

GEORGE KRAMER (deceased) was for many years a leading citizen of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and it can be truly said of him that his influence was always a potent force

for good. His sympathy with the various progressive movements of his locality was shown in practical and effective ways, educational affairs receiving his especial attention. In the wider interests of the nation he also felt a keen interest, and his patriotic stand during the Civil war drew upon him the bitter enmity of the numerous friends of the South in his vicinity. His life was in danger more than once, but his outspoken loyalty never wavered or lessened.

Mr. Kramer was born March 18, 1815, in Schuylkill county, Penn., and growing to manhood there was married to Miss Sarah Berkheiser, of the same county. The first four years of wedded life were spent at Auburn, Penn., where Mr. Kramer was engaged in butchering, and he then moved to Tuscarora, Penn., and continued the same business for a year. In 1847 he removed to Winslow township, Jefferson county, and made his first purchase of land—a timber tract on the Big Sandy. The following year was spent there in taking out square timber to be rafted down the Allegheny to Pittsburg, and in 1848 he bought 160 acres of forest land on Stump creek in Henderson township, where he made his permanent home. He continued his lumber operations there, clearing a large part of the place, and in time had a fine homestead with a commodious and comfortable residence, a bank barn and other modern improvements. Lumbering formed his chief occupation, but he also engaged at times in other pursuits, and became well known as a dealer in real estate. Politically he was a stanch Republican, holding a prominent place in the local organization. For several terms he held the office of supervisor, and his interest in the cause of education was shown by long service as school director. He died November 20, 1894, and was sincerely mourned in the community as well as in the circle of relatives and intimate friends.

MRS. SARAH KRAMER, who survives him, and still occupies the old home, is a most estimable lady, and in the early years of toil and hardship she did her full share to win prosperity. She is a devout member of the Evangelical Church at Troutville, and has always been in sympathy with its work. Her family was among the oldest in Schuylkill county, where she was born April 25, 1824, and she received an education in the subscription school of that day, the instruction being given in German. Some of her ancestors took part in the Indian wars of Colonial times, several being killed by the savages, and a number of her relatives served in the war of 1812. Her grandmother Berkheiser used to do the trading for the family at Reading, Penn., traveling on horseback the entire distance to and from the city. John and Polly Berkheiser, Mrs. Kramer's parents, were among the well-to-do residents of Schuylkill county.

Mr. and Mrs. Kramer had no children, but Mrs. Nettie Kicher, the widowed daughter of Mrs. Kramer's brother, made her home with them some years ago. She has two daughters, Maud and Jessie, who are attending the schools near the homestead.

THOMAS GAHAGEN. This venerable pioneer of Porter township, Jefferson county, is the son of William and Elizabeth (Lantz) Gahagen. The father, a native of Huntingdon county, this State, moved to Indiana county when a young man, and bought a farm in the midst of the forest, which he later sold on his removal to Armstrong county, Penn. There he purchased 160 acres of timberland, on which he erected a hewed-log house and round-log barn, and at once commenced to clear and cultivate his place.

William Gahagen died at the age of forty-seven years, leaving a widow and several children: (1) Mary, the eldest, was born in Indiana county, in 1814, and married William K. Patrick, a farmer of Armstrong county, where she died, leaving a family of children. (2) Thomas is next in order of birth. (3) Susan is the widow of Isaac Mohney, and lives on the farm in Armstrong county left her by her husband, who died some years ago. (4) John, born in Indiana county, married Julia A. Skinner, by whom he has several children. He is still living in Freeport, Allegheny Co., Penn. (5) Martin, born in Indiana county, married Lizzie Allen, of Jefferson county, and they lived on the old homestead in Armstrong county, where she died some years ago, leaving a family, who are now in Kentucky. (6) Elizabeth, born in Armstrong county, is the wife of William Postlethwait, and with their family they live near Brookville, Penn. (7) Margaret, born in Armstrong county, is the wife of John Gohun, formerly of Clarion county, Penn., and now a wealthy citizen of Indiana county, who for many years was engaged in merchandising, but is now living retired. They have a family. (8) Michael, born in Armstrong county, was the youngest of the family, and died on the old homestead at the age of twenty-one.

Thomas Gahagen was born in 1816, in Indiana county, but was reared in Armstrong county, receiving his education in the common schools near his home. In 1841 he was married to Miss Agnes Hollar, of Armstrong county, and they

began housekeeping upon his present farm in Porter township, where he purchased 160 acres, still in its primitive condition. He cleared 130 acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with a good set of farm buildings and all other accessories found upon a first-class farm. His worthy wife, who patiently shared all his early hardships and privations, was called to her final rest in January, 1892. In their family were the following children: (1) William E., born in Porter township in 1842, was killed by being thrown from a horse when a young man. (2) Samuel, born in March, 1844, died at the age of two years. (3) Arthur M., born in April, 1846, was educated in the common schools, and now lives near Olivesburg, Jefferson county. He married Susan Seachrist, of Jefferson county, and has seven children—Viola, at home; Cora, now the wife of Clover Howard, who lives in Jeannette, Penn., near Pittsburg; and William, Essie, Myrtle, Maggie and Hazel, all at home. (4) G. C., born in May, 1848, received a common-school education, and makes his home in Erie, Penn. He wedded Sarah Travis, of Indiana county, and has six children—Della, at home; Merill; Irena, wife of John Bricker, of Indiana county, by whom she has one son, Charles B.; and Bertha, Clair and Charles, all at home. (5) Maggie J., born in May, 1850, is the wife of Milton Gaston, a farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, by whom she has three children—J. O., J. T. and Lola. (6) James A., born in August, 1852, married Ida Coleman, of Indiana county, and has four children—Mabel, Jay, and two whose names are not given. For a time he resided on his father's old homestead, but is now living in Marion, Kans. (7) Mary C., born in September, 1854, wedded William Good, of Indiana county, where they lived until his death, in 1879. He left one son, Harry, who is now in Illinois. His widow later married Russel Duncan, of Iowa, who is now engaged in farming in Armstrong county, Penn. They have three children—Ethel, Lula and Rea. (8) Byron A., born in July, 1857, emigrated to Missouri, where he married a Miss McKloskey, who died some years later, leaving four children. (9) Elizabeth I., born in February, 1860, married M. J. Irwin, of Armstrong county, and they now live in Illinois. Their children are—Lillie, Olive and Boyd. (10) H. B., born in March, 1863, moved to Nebraska, where he married Lucy Gross, of that State, and he is now a dentist of Fairbury, Jefferson county, Neb. They have one son—Harry. (11) O. E., born in August, 1865, was educated in the public school near the old homestead, and was married in March, 1894, to Jennie Himes, of Armstrong county, a daughter of Mathew and Catherine Himes, well-to-do people of that county. He now has charge of his father's farm. Their only child is Nora. (12) K. F., born in October, 1867, died in July, 1878.

Our subject is unswerving in his allegiance to the Democratic party, and has efficiently served as collector, assessor and supervisor of Porter township. He and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged. Although past eighty-one years of age, he has the vigor of a much younger man, and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime. There is an old age that is a benediction to all that comes in contact with it, that gives out of its rich stores of learning and experience, and grows stronger intellectually and spiritually as the years pass. Such is the life of Mr. Gahagen, an encouragement to his associates and an example well worthy of emulation to the young.

THEOPHILUS PANTALL, one of Jefferson county's most progressive citizens, resides near Punxsutawney, and has probably done as much as any other one individual to promote the prosperity of that locality. He helped to organize the First National Bank and the Citizens Bank of Punxsutawney, in each of which he is a director and large stockholder. He is the owner of valuable real estate in the same place, at Clayville, and in Young township. The mammoth "Hotel Pantall," at Punxsutawney, is among his possessions.

Mr. Pantall's parents, James and Elizabeth (Reece) Pantall, were of English origin, having come to America from England in 1825, after their marriage, bringing with them two children, They located in Centre county, Penn., for a time. then made their permanent home near Punxsutawney, in Jefferson county; the mother died in 1867, the father in 1882. The latter was a miller by trade, and for some years had charge of Dr. John Jenks' mills at Punxsutawney, but later he engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which his last years were spent.

Theophilus Pantall was born in 1841 at the old homestead near Punxsutawney, where his life has been passed. Like many of the successful men of the day he was reared to farm work, and his education was obtained in the schools of the vicinity of his home. Since engaging in business he has been chiefly occupied with lumbering and real-estate interests, but his sagacity and foresight have made him a leader in many of the enterprises which have developed the resources of the locality and pushed Punxsutawney to the front.

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He is a self-made man; beginning without a dollar, his large possessions to-day are due to his own personal efforts. He has been a shrewd and capable business man and a money-maker. He recalls with pleasure the first half dollar he ever earned; it was received in payment for the splitting of one hundred rails for Mrs. Mary Jordan, of Jefferson county, Penn. Mr. Pantall is now largely engaged in dealing in live stock, principally for the local market. He slaughters from 500 to 1,000 head of beef cattle annually. He was one of the promoters of the enterprise which resulted in the securing of the Punxsutawney Iron Works, and was also the largest contributor to the enterprise. In addition to his possessions in Punxsutawney he has a fine farm of 200 acres in Young township. Although Mr. Pantall takes a keen interest in public questions and is a steadfast Republican, he has never been an aspirant for office. His first vote in a Presidential campaign was cast for Abraham Lincoln. Socially he is identified with the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and the K. of P. He has a pleasant home.

His wife, who was Margaret Work, to whom he was married in 1860, was a native of the same locality. Of their five children the eldest daughter, Lillian, married J. U. Moore, a merchant of Piqua, Ohio, and died, leaving a daughter, Helen, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Pantall. Their only son, Lon, is the able and popular cashier of the First National Bank of Punxsutawney, and of the three surviving daughters, Clara, wife of J. F. Goheen, a merchant of Lindsey; Lottie, who married J. Dorn, also a merchant of Lindsey; and Minta, wife of W. A. Sutter, assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank of Punxsutawney. The family attend the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Pantall is a prominent member, as are all of their children.

WILLIAM ELIAS PIFER. Although, at this writing, in his eightieth year, the subject of this biography is active physically and mentally, and if he chose could successfully compete with many a young man in a day's work. His fine constitution, strengthened in youth by the simple and wholesome life of a pioneer farmer's son, has endured, without serious impairment, the toil of many years, and, fortunately, the leisure of later days is not clouded by the lack of strength and vigor. With a beautiful home, and the companionship of his beloved wife and children, Mr. Pifer would be difficult to please if he could find cause for discontent.

He was born December 27, 1817, near Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Penn., where his mother's ancestors were early settlers. His father, John Pifer, a native of Dauphin county, Penn., was married in Westmoreland county to Miss Charlotte Frye, and made his home there until 1829, when he moved with his family to Jefferson county, traveling with an ox-team. The weather was very cold, and the journey occupied seven days. Our subject had been taken sick just before the time for starting, and his parents bought an old jumper sleigh for his especial use. They located in the wilderness in Henderson township, where John Pifer and Frederick Kunley purchased 202 acres of land at one dollar an acre, which they divided. The Pifer tract is now in the possession of the family, our subject's brother, David, occupying it. The family lived in a truly primitive fashion for many years, their meal and flour being ground in an old mill which broke a grain of corn in about eight pieces. The father died suddenly in 1851, at the age of sixty-two, a half mile from Brookville while returning home with his son, George. The mother lived to the age of seventy, passing away in 1871, and the remains of both now rest in Rider's graveyard one mile from the old homestead. Of the children born to this worthy pioneer couple, Jonas, the eldest, died in 1884, aged sixty-five; John F. is a retired farmer in McCalmont township, now, 1897, eighty-four years old; Simon died in his youth; William Elias is mentioned more fully farther on; George is now living in retirement in Henderson township, at the age of seventy-seven; Elizabeth, aged seventy-four, is the wife of James Dickey, of Winslow township, Jefferson county; David, now seventy-one, resides at the old homestead in Henderson township; Mary A. died at an early age, and Thomas, who at the age of sixty-seven weighs 340 pounds, is living in retirement in Henderson township.

William Elias Pifer remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, his time being occupied with the farm work. On leaving home he worked through the spring months for Mr. Rhodes, clearing a field, and in the fall of the same year he married his first wife, Miss Lida Shetterly, daughter of Jacob Shetterly, and located at his father-in-law's farm which he cultivated for three years. He bought fifty acres of woodland from his brother, John, at three dollars per acre, and building a small house, he resided there four years. On setting out he moved to his present homestead, which has since been enlarged until he now has 253 acres of the finest land in the township. Three of his sons have settled upon adjoining farms,

and one, Solomon T., relieves his father of the care of the homestead. Our subject's marriage to Miss Shetterly, who was a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., occurred in 1839, and on October 6, 1888, after nearly fifty years of wedded life, she passed away at the age of sixty-four, her mortal remains being interred in the Rhodes graveyard, where repose also her parents, Jacob and Mary Ann (Gearhart) Shetterly, natives of Armstrong county, Penn. On July 31, 1890, at Punxsutawney, Mr. Pifer was married to Mrs. Barbara (Wise) Winger, widow of Henry Winger, a farmer, who died June 11, 1886, aged sixty-nine years, one month and twenty-eight days, and was buried in Polk township, Jefferson county. They had twelve children, all of whom are living. Mrs. Pifer was born January 1, 1827, at Lembach, Germany, the daughter of Adam and Barbara (Syphert) Wise, who came to the United States in 1835 and settled upon a farm in Jefferson county. The mother died August 24, 1861, aged seventy, and the father, May 23, 1873, both being buried in the cemetery at Troutville. They had four children: Adam, a farmer in Jefferson county; Mary, the second in order of birth; Barbara, now Mrs. Pifer, and Catherine, wife of Henry Weaver, of Troutville. Mrs. Pifer is a handsome woman, and no one would imagine from her appearance that she has five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Pifer now numbers two great-grandchildren among his descendants. He had ten children (all by his first marriage): (1) James D. died when fifteen years old. (2) John P., a farmer and lumberman in McCalmont township, married Miss Elizabeth Weaver, and has four children—Lida C., Simon A., Mary A. and Emma C. (3) George C., a farmer in McCalmont township, married Miss Catherine Weaver, and has five children—Melsina, Henrietta, Cyrus, Milton and William. (4) Solomon T., who operates the homestead, is one of the ablest agriculturists of this section, the farm showing in every department the results of his progressive and energetic management. (5) William was killed at the age of fifteen by a fall from a chestnut tree. (6) David is a hardware merchant in Big Run. (7) Elizabeth married John North, a farmer in McCalmont township, and has had three children—Verna, Cordelia, and Seely (deceased). (8) Philip, a farmer in McCalmont township, married Miss Lena Mooth, and has one child—Myrtle. (9) Simon Alexander died when two years old. (10) Jacob, a farmer in McCalmont township, married Miss Sarah Conrad, and has had six children—Cleveland (deceased), Clyde, Morrow, Alice, Homer and Elmer.

As a citizen William Elias Pifer has always held a high place in public esteem. He served for three years as supervisor and for one year as school director. He is regarded as one of the leading Democrats of his locality. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and, although he resides four miles from the church at Stuart, with which he united three years ago, he is a constant attendant.

THEODORE MORRIS is one of the highly respected citizens of Young township, Jefferson county, and has taken a very important part in the upbuilding and development of the locality in which he lives, lending his support to all measures calculated to promote the public good.

Mr. Morris was born in Northampton county, Penn., in 1819, a son of Obed and Mary (Bowman) Morris, the former born in Bucks county, Penn., in 1792, the latter in Northampton county, in 1791. In 1820 they removed to Indiana county, and after a few years located in Young township, Jefferson county, where the father purchased 106 acres of timber land. He built there a log house and barn and developed a good farm, which he continued to cultivate until his death in 1881. His wife died in February, 1859, leaving a family of five sons. Her two daughters are both deceased. (1) James M., the eldest, was born in 1815 in Northampton county, was reared on the homestead in Jefferson county, and after his marriage to Phœba J. Williams, purchased a farm in Perry township, Jefferson county. He afterward traded that for a farm in Oliver township, whereon he now resides. He has a family of five children, namely—Mary E., wife of Enos Nolph, a carpenter of Coolspring, by whom she has two children; William P., who was married and resided in Oliver township until his death in 1895; Emily, who became the wife of R. J. Crismman, and died some years ago; Charles A., who is married and lives on his father's farm in Oliver township; and C. L., who is engaged in teaching. (2) Theodore, the subject of this sketch, is mentioned farther on. (3) C. R. B., the third of the Morris brothers, is married and resides in Frostburg, Penn. (4) J. B. is married and lives on his farm in Young township, Jefferson county. (5) Moses A. married Miss Means, of Whitesville, and died some years ago.

Theodore Morris was a child of only two years when brought by his parents to Jefferson county, where he has now resided for three-quarters of a century. He received but limited school privileges, his youth being largely devoted

to farm work. He was married in 1841, after which he purchased 200 acres of timber land in Young township, a mile north of his father's homestead. There he developed a large farm, and also followed lumbering, floating his products down Mahoning creek to the Pittsburg markets. He continued lumbering and farming on that property for about forty years, and after the death of his youngest brother, Moses, in 1883, removed to the old homestead, where he and his wife are now spending their declining days.

Mrs. Morris bore the maiden name of Matilda Gibson, and is a daughter of Andrew Gibson, a well-to-do farmer of Oliver township, Jefferson county. Eight children blessed their home: (1) Mary E., born in Young township, in 1842, became the wife of Harry Law, of Jefferson county, and in 1862 her husband enlisted in the 105th P. V. I. He rose from private to staff officer, and at the time of Lee's surrender volunteered to carry ammunition across the battlefield. While thus engaged he was shot and killed. His only child, Carl C., was educated in the Orphans' School in Dayton, Penn., and in Lewisburg College, and after his graduation became a teller in a Pittsburg bank. He served in that capacity for some years, and was then appointed by Gov. Hastings as bank examiner of Pennsylvania. H. is married and owns a fine home in Pittsburg. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Law married S. B. Williams, now a resident of Perry township, Jefferson county, and by this union had three children—Martha, wife of John Kayes, of Brockwayville; Joseph, of Punxsutawney; and Bertie, who died at the age of nineteen years. (2) T. J. Morris, the second in our subject's family, now resides on the farm first occupied by his father. He wedded Mary Means, of Jefferson county, who died leaving three children—John C.; Carrie, who is married and lives in Elk county, Penn.; and Minta, who died some years ago. T. J. Morris later married Annice Meaner, of Indiana county, Penn., by whom he had seven children—May, Wesley, Thomas, Jessie, Albert, Matilda and Rachael. (3) Rev. J. R., born in 1846, was graduated at Waynsburg College, and is now pastor of the West Union Presbyterian Church. He married Mattie Means, of Whitesville, and has five children, namely—Bort, who is a graduate of Waynsburg College, is married and practices medicine in Pittsburg; Lucy is also a graduate of Waynsburg College; Maud and John are students in Waynsburg College; and Read is at home. (4) Nancy E., born in 1848, became the wife of George N. Redding, Jefferson county, who afterward purchased a large farm in Indiana county, upon which his family still reside. In partnership with Mr. Hyde he is doing an extensive business as a stock dealer of Ridgway. His family numbers nine children. (5) Martha, born in Young township, Jefferson county, in 1850, is the wife of Charles B. Jordan, who owns and operates a farm in Oliver township, Jefferson county, and is also manufacturing sawed lumber. They have seven children. (6) Clarissa, born in Young township, in 1852, married Rev. S. G. Redding, of West Virginia, who was graduated in Lewisburg, Penn., and is now pastor of a church in Williamsport, this State. They have five children. (7) J. B., born on the old homestead, in 1860, pursued his studies in Waynsburg College, was graduated in the Lincoln University of Illinois, and also in Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. He in now successfully practicing in Punxsutawney. He married Ella Means, of Jefferson county, and they have three children—George, Walter and Theodore. (8) Salina, born on the old homestead in 1864, is the wife of L. M. Lewis, of Perry township, Jefferson Co., Penn., who now operates her father's farm. They have five children—Fannie, Edmond, Paul, Ruth and Alice.

Theodore Morris and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They have reared a family of children who have become useful and respected members of society. Their lives have been well spent, and the circle of their friends is very large. In politics Mr. Morris is a Democrat, and the confidence reposed in his honesty is well indicated by the fact that for thirty-three consecutive years he has served as school treasurer. He has also been school director for a quarter of a century, and was supervisor and auditor for a number of years. He has been a liberal contributor to the building of churches and schools, and no one has done more for the best interests of Young township than this honored pioneer.

W A. BOWERS is one of the early settlers of Jefferson county, who has long and honorably been connected with its interests as a farmer and lumberman. He was born in Clearfield county, Penn., in 1820, and during his childhood came to Jefferson county with his parents, Philip and Caroline (Kipps) Bowers.

Philip Bowers was born in Newmarket, Va., and after his marriage removed to Clearfield county, Penn., locating on the Susquehanna river. In 1813 he came to Gaskill township, where he purchased 150 acres of timber land and built a log house and barn. He afterward erected a

plank house, and made many other substantial improvements upon the excellent farm which he there developed. He died in June, 1856, and his wife passed away in January of the same year. This worthy couple had ten children: (1) Elizabeth became the wife of Martin Packer, a farmer of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and died some years ago, leaving three children. (2) Annie, born in Virginia, came with her parents to Jefferson county, where she married John Rhodes. Both died some years ago, leaving a large family. (3) W. A. is the next younger. (4) Susan, born on the old homestead in Jefferson county, is the wife of Joseph Keller, a farmer of Du Bois, where they reside with their family. (5) Michael, born on the homestead farm, married Elizabeth Devers, of Indiana county, and in that county was killed by the falling of a tree. He left a widow and two children—Catherine, wife of James Neal, of Indiana county; and Michael, who married Sarah Ross and lives in Indiana county. (6) John, born in Gaskill township, married Elizabeth Vandivender, of Indiana county, where he made his home until his death, thirty years since. He left four children, all of whom are married and live in Indiana county. (7) Abram married Emily Devers, and with his wife and six children resides in Indiana county, where he follows farming. (8) Andrew, born in Gaskill township, married Christiana Macalvain, of Jefferson county, now deceased. He is at present living in Punxsutawney, where he married Mrs. Reading. (9) Isaac married Margaret Keel, daughter of Rev. Keel, of Armstrong county, Penn. She died leaving six children—John, Jacob, Philip, Rebecca, Maurice and Peter. The father of this family afterward married Lillie Spencer, and they now reside on the Wainwright farm near the old home. They have two children —Edith and Martha. (10) Leanna, born in Virginia, died in childhood. (11) Mary, born in Jefferson county, became the wife of Isaac Warner, of Armstrong county, and both died in Illinois some years ago, leaving a large family.

W. A. Bowers, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm in Gaskill township, and at the age of twenty-eight married Elizabeth Anthony, of Henderson township, Jefferson county. He then purchased a farm adjoining the old homestead, built thereon a good house and barn, and continued the cultivation of his land until 1864, when he enlisted in Company F, 58th P. V. I., serving with the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war. While in the service Mr. Bowers was called upon to mourn the death of his wife, who died in July, 1865. Their children were: Mary E., who was born on the homestead in June, 1849. She married John Lantz, and resided in Indiana county until killed by a bull in 1885. She left six children—William, who is married and lives in Georgeville, Penn.; Chester; Nora; Lizzie; Harry; and Jessie E., who died in childhood. (2) Henrietta, born in January, 1851, is the wife of Anthony Doverspike, who resides in New Salem, Armstrong county. Their children are—Calvin, Edwin, Albert, Orpha, Ralston, Edith and Clark. (3) Minerva J., born in February, 1853, is the wife of James Lantz, of Indiana county, who now resides at Anita, Jefferson county. Their children are—William, who died in childhood; Anna and Mary, at home; Bertha, wife of Henry Dunmire, of Anita; Maurice; James; Eli; Ira; Lee; Walter; and Lula. (4) William, born in December, 1860, wedded Mary Engle, of Milton, Armstrong county, resides at Glen Hazel, Penn. Their children were—Ralston, who died in infancy: Erna, deceased; Edith, Laura and Minnie, at home. (6) Matilda, born in March, 1855, died at the age of five years.

In 1872 our subject was married to Margaret E. Neal, daughter of Thomas and Mary Neal, of Neal's Mills, Jefferson county. Her father, as a member of the 105th P. V. I., participated in many engagements of the Civil war, and was wounded at Bull Run, at Fair Oaks, and very seriously at the Wilderness. He was one of the brave soldiers of the war. He died in 1891, and his widow now resides with Mrs. Bowers.

In politics Mr. Bowers is a Democrat, and has served as assessor, collector, school director and in other township offices. He and his wife are consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and are highly esteemed people, whose personal worth enables them to move in the best circles of society.

WILLIAM IRVIN, senior member of the firm of William Irvin & Son, proprietors of an extensive tannery at Big Run, Jefferson county, is a self-made man, whose abilities and energy have gained him a leading place in his community. He has been identified with all the important enterprises of his town, including the Citizens Bank, of which he was the first president and so remained for five years.

Mr. Irvin is a native of Pennsylvania, as was also his father, the late Benjamin Irvin, who was a collier by occupation until 1848. His quiet tastes and disinclination for public life making him most contented with a country home, he purchased a farm in Tioga county, and, locating there, engaged in agriculture.

Wm Irwin

C. H. Irwin

It was in the year 1835 that the subject of this sketch was born, his parents being then residents of Lehigh county, Penn. His early education was limited to a brief course of study in the public schools of that day, and at fourteen he began the work of bread winning, finding employment in the woods at lumbering. At nineteen he purchased from his father for $200 the right to "his time" until his majority, paying the money as he could. When the war broke out he took up arms in the defense of the Union, enlisting in Company D, 106th P. V. I. Three years were spent in active service, but few of the many important engagements in which his regiment participated being missed by Mr. Irvin. At Savage Station, on the Peninsula, he received a buckshot wound which disabled him for a short time, and, in the battle of the Wilderness, he was seriously wounded in the left shoulder, and also received a flesh wound in the hip. He served the full term of his enlistment, and then returned to his native State. Engaging in the tannery business in Tioga county, he remained there two years, when, in partnership with L. R. Gleason, he built a tannery at Canton, Penn., and operated it for some time. In 1881 he built another tannery, this one at North Bend, Clinton Co., Penn., where he spent six years, and in 1888 he established his present business at Big Run, with his son, Charles H. Irvin, as partner. They do a large business, and employ about seventy-five men throughout the year.

In 1865 Mr. Irvin was married to Miss Mary C. Veil, daughter of the late Judge C. F. Veil, a leading citizen of Tioga county, Penn. Seven children have blessed this union, of whom one daughter died in infancy; Charles H., the eldest son, is now in business with his father, as previously noted; Emma is the wife of Elmer Dittmar, a furniture manufacturer of Williamsport, Penn.; the Misses Ida, Nellie and Jennie, and another son, Benjamin, are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin and the eldest five children are members of the Christian Church, in which Mr. Irvin is an elder. He also belongs to the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the G. A. R. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, but, while he takes a keen interest in public questions and movements, he is not an aspirant for official honors.

CHARLES H. IRVIN is a prominent young business man of Big Run, Jefferson Co., Penn. He is well known as the president of the Citizens Bank, which, with William Irvin as president, was organized July 20, 1890. He is also the junior partner of the firm of William Irvin & Son, whose large tannery is the principal industry of the town.

Charles H. Irvin was born at Liberty, Tioga Co., Penn., in 1866. He is a son of William Irvin, and a grandson of Benjamin Irvin, a native of Pennsylvania, who died at his home in Tioga county in 1892. Mr. Irvin's mother, formerly Miss Mary C. Veil, is a daughter of the late Judge C. F. Veil, a prominent citizen of Tioga county.

The public schools of Canton, Penn., afforded our subject his first educational opportunities. He afterward entered the college at Bethany, W. Va.; but, as his father desired him to engage in business, he did not complete his course in that institution. After a careful search for a suitable location for a tannery, Big Run was selected as having the greatest advantages, so in 1888 was built the large tannery which, under the energetic yet prudent management of William Irvin & Son, has been kept ever since in a thriving condition.

In 1893 Mr. Charles Irvin was united in marriage with Miss Fannie V. Williams, of Indiana, Penn., a daughter of the late Philip A. Williams. Two children, William and Helen, brighten their home. The parents are interested in all progressive movements, and are active members of the Christian Church at Big Run. Politically Mr. Irvin is a Prohibitionist. He is also a member of several fraternal societies, including the Masonic orders of F. & A. M., the Knight Templar and the Mystic Shrine.

JOSEPH RUTTER (deceased) was one of the brave men who gave up their lives in the Civil war. He was a member of an old Pennsylvania family, and his widow now lives on the old homestead in Winslow township, Jefferson county, made desolate thirty-five years ago, when the news came home after the desperate fighting at Fair Oaks.

Mr. Rutter was born May 3, 1822, in Westmoreland county, Penn., the son of John and Harriet (Gamble) Rutter. In 1848 he left his native county and came to Jefferson county. He worked for a time at farming, lumbering and building sawmills, then purchased from Samuel Sheesley the present Rutter homestead. On October 23, 1850, he was married to Miss Barbara A. Hess. She was born in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, September 5, 1831, a daughter of John and Sarah (Smith) Hess, natives respectively of Lancaster and Westmoreland counties. During the Rebellion he entered the service of his country as a member of Company H, 105th P. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Fair

Oaks, May 31, 1862. MRS. BARBARA A. RUTTER, his widow, lives at the old homestead. Mr. Rutter was a man of industry and high principles. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

JOHN F. MULHOLLAN (deceased). Among the prominent citizens of Jefferson county who have passed away in recent years, the late John F. Mulhollan holds an honorable place. A native of Centre county, Penn., he was born January 17, 1823, in Boggs township, a son of William and Mary (Yothers) Mulhollan, the former of whom was a native of Centre county, Penn., the latter of York county, same State.

Rudolph and Elizabeth (Weirham) Mulhollan, paternal grandparents of our subject, natives of Ireland and England, respectively, came to America in an early day, and settled at Wallace Run, Centre Co., Penn., there remaining until 1832, when they removed to Ohio. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Daniel Yothers, of York county, Penn., came to Centre county among the early settlers of that portion of the State.

William Mulhollan, father of our subject, was a teamster in the war of 1812, and also for many years did teaming between Baltimore and Pittsburg. He died in Centre county, January 28, 1839, aged forty-seven years, and was buried over the line in Clearfield county, Penn. His wife, Mary (Yothers), passed away July 20, 1875, at the age of eighty-two years, in Virginia, where she lies buried. To them were born children as follows: Elizabeth married Evans Steers, and both died in Virginia; Rebecca married Thomas Bowes, and both died in Missouri; Deborah married James Gunsalus, and both died in Nebraska; Joseph died in Centre county, and is buried in Clearfield county; John F. comes next in order of birth; and Lafayette is a retired machinist living in Curwensville, this State.

The boyhood days of John F. Mulhollan, our subject, were passed on the home farm with his parents, his education in the meantime being secured in the common schools of the district. Up to 1854 he was employed exclusively in lumbering, at which time he also commenced farming, at the same time operating a sawmill extensively at Stanley, Penn., in all of which industries he continued until 1877, in that year retiring from business, and moving to the village of Prospect, Jefferson Co., Penn., where he made his home until 1892, then selling out and removing to Reynoldsville, where his widow and son are now residing. During the war of the Rebellion he was a member of Company G, 48th Regt. Penn. Vols., having enlisted January 11, 1865, and served until the close of the struggle, receiving an honorable discharge at Alexandria, Va., July 17, 1865.

On May 30, 1848, Mr. Mulhollan was united in marriage with Rebecca J. Passmore, Rev. Eugene Kincaid, a Baptist missionary, performing the ceremony. A brief record of the children born to this union is as follows: (1) William A. (whose sketch appears elsewhere), born August 5, 1849, is ex-commissioner of Jefferson county, and a merchant of Rathmel, Penn. (2) Louis E., born August 18, 1851, died May 13, 1852. (3) James F., born February 21, 1853, is an ex-school teacher, having taught occasionally from 1872 to 1890—ten years in all, after which he acted as private tutor for other teachers; of late years he has lived with his mother; he served on the election board for fifteen consecutive terms, until moving to Reynoldsville. (4) John E., born April 13, 1856, is a farmer and proprietor of a meat market in Winslow township, Jefferson county. (5) Jesse, born February 21, 1859, is a farmer in McCalmont township, Jefferson county. (6) Elmer E., born April 1, 1862, died February 15, 1870; he was on his way home from school, and while riding on a log wagon, a log rolled on him, fatally crushing him. (7) Clara M., born April 16, 1866, died December 30, 1893; she was the wife of D. B. London, who is now residing in Winslow township, Jefferson county. The father of this family died January 2, 1894, leaving a wide circle of sincere friends to mourn his departure from their midst. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and in 1890 erected the buildings for that denomination at Rathmel. In politics he was a stanch Democrat (as were also his father and grandfather before him), and he held several township offices. Always industrious, careful and judicious, he amassed a comfortable competence, and left behind him no small amount of wealth.

Mrs. Rebecca J. (Passmore) Mulhollan, widow of our subject, was born February 8, 1827, in Boggs township, Centre Co., Penn., a daughter of Enoch and Rebecca (Evans) Passmore, of Chester and Mifflin counties, Penn., respectively. Enoch Passmore died March 15, 1842, in Centre county, aged seventy-five years, and is buried in that county. He was an extensive land owner, having about 40,000 acres in Tioga county, Penn., and 3,000 acres in Centre county; his business in his younger days was that of a shoe merchant at Bellefonte, Penn. His wife, Rebecca (Evans) Passmore, died in Clearfield county, Penn., December 4, 1872, aged eighty-

nine years, seven months and a few days, and her remains rest in Clearfield county. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, while her husband was an adherent of the Quaker faith. They had but one child—the lady of whom we are writing.

Joseph and Elizabeth (Martin) Passmore, paternal grandparents of Mrs. Mulhollan, were natives of England, whence, about two years after their marriage, they came to America, settling in Chester county, Penn. Some time afterward Mr. Passmore returned to England for the purpose of securing an estate that had been left him, but on his arrival in New York City he died. His widow remained on the farm in Chester county, Pennsylvania.

David and Rosanna (Milroy) Evans, maternal grandparents of Mrs. Mulhollan, were natives of Berks county, Penn., and were married November 11, 1777. To them came children as follows: Mary, born October 5, 1778, married Alexander Criswell, and died in Dearborn county, Ind.; Martha, born November 15, 1779, married John Lamburn, and they both died in Centre county, Penn.; Thomas, born January 10, 1782, was killed December 29, 1846, by a falling tree which he was chopping; Rebecca, born February 24, 1784, was the mother of Mrs. Mulhollan; Eleanor, born January 26, 1787, married Joseph Steer; Jane L., born May 10, 1789, died when young; and Rosanna, born April 20, 1792, married John Hansom.

ROBERT M. ANTHONY, after a long and honorable business career, in which he has acquired a handsome competence, is now living retired at his pleasant home in Perry township, Jefferson county. He has been the architect of his own fortunes, and has builded wisely and well, not only winning success in his business ventures, but also gaining the respect and confidence of those with whom he has had dealings.

Mr. Anthony was born in Indiana county, in 1824, and is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the State. At an early day his grandfather removed from Rhode Island to Philadelphia, later located in Armstrong county, subsequently lived in Indiana county, and thence came to Jefferson county, where he was numbered among the prominent and enterprising citizens. In 1840 our subject came to this country with his parents, Levi and Mary (Miller) Anthony. His father was born in Indiana county, and in the year mentioned purchased land in Henderson township, which he transformed into a good farm. He had two sons and three sons-in-law who were Union soldiers in the Civil war, and one son lost his life in the battle of the Wilderness. The family numbered twelve children, namely: Jacob, Margaret, Mary A., Elizabeth, Nancy J., Henry M., P. J., James D., Levi T., Harrison, Evaline and Robert.

In the usual manner of farmer lads of that period Robert M. Anthony spent his childhood. After attaining his majority he wedded Elizabeth C. Calhoon, of Armstrong county, daughter of Hon. John and Catherine Calhoon. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony began their domestic life on the east branch of the Mahoning, where his father had purchased land some years previous. He there erected a sawmill and continued the manufacture of lumber for about three years, when he sold his interest in the business to his brother, Jacob, and purchased 220 acres of timber land in Clearfield county, on which was a sawmill. He there continued to manufacture lumber for two years, marketing his products in Curwensville, when he sold out to Arnold & Hartshorn. He then purchased a farm near Putneyville, Penn., to which he moved his family in 1854, making it his home for eleven years, during which time he built a large bank barn, erected a brick residence and made many other improvements. He sold that property in 1865, and for the past thirty-two years has resided at his present home in Perry township, Jefferson county. Here he has erected a fine residence and good barns, and has added to the place all the improvements and accessories of a modern farm of the 19th century, so that he now has one of the finest country homes in Jefferson county.

Our subject and his wife have become the parents of seven children, namely: (1) Hattie J., born in Henderson township, in 1851, was educated in the common schools and in Dayton Academy and Indiana Normal, married Dwight Bardeen, of Steuben county, N. Y., and resides on a farm near Hornellsville, that State. (2) Mary C., born in Clearfield county in 1853, is the wife of R. R. Hickox, of Jefferson county. They now reside in Elreno, Okla., and have six children living—Kern H., Alto and Verona, who are married; Robert G., George and Lizzie, who are single. (3) Charles Newton, born in Armstrong county, in 1855, was married in 1883, to Ida Means, of Jefferson county, and superintended his father's farm until 1894, when he was stricken with consumption and died, leaving a widow, and four children—Mabel May, Cora Belle, Fannie Fern and Ruth, who still remain on the old homestead. (4) Nancy E., born in Armstrong county in 1857, is the wife of J. F.

Stockdill, who owns and occupies a large farm near Dayton, Armstrong county. They have four children—Charles A., John, Bessie and Robert. (5) Elizabeth F., born in Armstrong county, in 1860, is the wife of E. Barton Moore, a farmer of Warsaw township, Jefferson county, by whom she has one son, Charles. (6) Alice E., born in Armstrong county, in 1862, is the wife of W. A. Wells, of Frostburg, by whom she has two children—Mary E. and Anthony. (7) Margaret A., born in December, 1865, is the wife of J. S. Jordan, who owns and occupies a fine farm in Oliver township, Jefferson county. They have three children—Quay, Nellie and Arthur.

Robert M. Anthony was a Whig in early life; he is now a stanch Republican. He has served as supervisor and assessor for one term each, and for eight years was school director, discharging his duties with marked promptness and fidelity. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church; in social circles they occupy an enviable position. After a well-spent life he is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil and his pleasant home in Frostsburg, where he is surrounded by many friends.

S. B. ELLIOTT, of Winslow township, Jefferson county, the subject of this sketch, was born in Rome township, Bradford county, Penn., October 1, 1830. His father was Larman H. Elliott, and his paternal grandfather was William Elliott, a Revolutionary soldier. His mother's maiden name was Polly Wright. The family moved to Tioga county, Penn., in 1841. Mr. Elliott attended such common schools as the newly settled country afforded until he was fourteen years old, when he went into a newspaper office to learn the printing trade. After serving an apprenticeship of three years, and not being able to enjoy good health in the office, he left it and attended three terms of school in the Wellsborough (Tioga county) Academy. That ended his education so far as schools went. Engaging in manual labor summers, and teaching school winters for a time, he studied architecture and building, and from the practice of these drifted into engineering, and became a civil and mining engineer. For over a quarter of a century he followed that occupation, being successively engineer and general manager of the Blossburg Coal Co. and the Bell, Lewis & Yates Coal Mining Co. The latter position he held for over thirteen years, and until the company sold out, which event occurred nearly two years ago. Since that time he had not been engaged in active business pursuits.

He represented Tioga county in the lower branch of the State Legislature for two years, 1861–2; and in January, 1861, offered, in that body, the resolution upon which the State was finally, in April of that year, put on a war footing to protect and defend the Union.

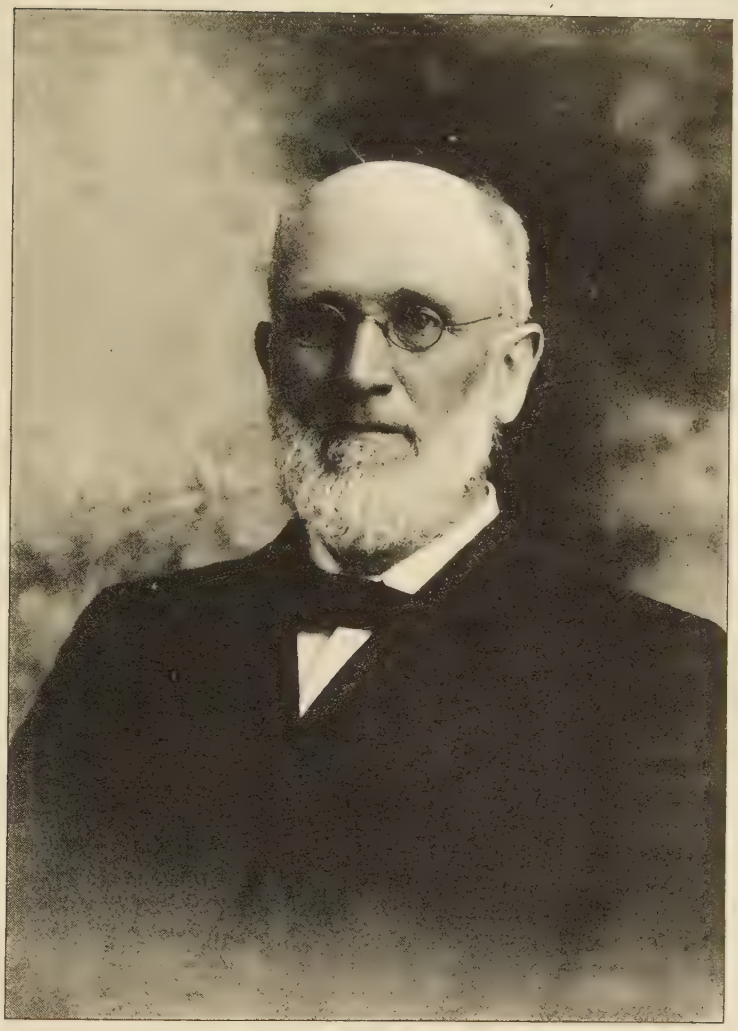
In 1853 he married Harriet Clark. Two children, Mrs. Ada M. Brown, and Ward C. Elliott, were the fruits of that marriage. Mrs. Elliott died in July, 1887, and since that time he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Brown, in Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania.

For fourteen years Mr. Elliott was president of the board of trustees of the State Normal School at Mansfield, Penn. He was largely instrumental in building and establishing that institution, and looks upon the results of that effort of his life with, perhaps, the greatest pride and satisfaction.

He has one brother, Hon. C. V. Elliott, of Mansfield, Tioga Co., Penn., and no sisters.

W. C. ELLIOTT, the proprietor and editor of the *Reynoldsville Volunteer*, in Jefferson county, is the only son and second child of S. B. Elliott.

W. C. Elliott was born on a farm about two and one-half miles south of Mansfield, in Richmond township, Tioga county, Penn. The first four years of his life were spent there. Later he lived for brief periods in Mansfield, at Corning, N. Y., Arnot, Penn., and Elmira, N. Y.; his home, however, was never more than thirty miles from his birthplace until in 1884, when he removed to Du Bois, Penn. Early in life he made a choice of journalistic work, and in 1888 was one of the owners of the *Du Bois Courier*. On February 16, 1889, he bought the present Reynoldsville paper from Frank J. Black, and has ever since conducted it, the name having been changed to the *Reynoldsville Volunteer*, and changes made in the location and equipment of the office. The paper was founded in 1874 and known as the *Reynoldsville Herald*—the second newspaper in the town—the *Advocate*, which was the first, having become defunct after a brief life of six months. The *Herald* was an eight-column, four-page paper. In 1875 the building where it was printed was burned, and the paper fell into other hands. The machinery was bought, and the paper was enlarged to a nine-column folio, but it did not retain the name very long, for, in 1877, it was called the *Herald and Star*. In 1878 the name was changed to the *Eye*. The size of the paper was also changed at that time to a six-column quarto. Later the



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name was changed from the *Eye* to that of the *Reynoldsville Herald*. In 1880 it was known as *Our Reynoldsville Paper*, and in 1881 as the *Reynoldsville Paper*. It is now an eight-column folio, and under its improved management its circulation has been greatly increased. The *Volunteer* has always been thoroughly loyal to the best interests of the community, and has led many a gallant crusade for improvement.

In March, 1892, Mr. Elliott proposed through its columns that the school district of Reynoldsville should bond the borough to the sum of $25,000, for the purpose of erecting a new school house in the center of the town where pupils could be prepared to enter college, the need of which had long been realized by the tax payers. He vigorously and persistently agitated the question for three months, and on June 25, 1892, the people, by an almost unanimous vote, gave their consent to bonds being issued for that purpose. A number of other citizens took a very active part in bringing about the results. The school building was erected, the finest in Jefferson county, and has but few equals in any town of the size of Reynoldsville in Pennsylvania. Efforts are now being made to raise the standard of the schools so high that its graduates will be able to enter any college without further preparation. Mr. Elliott is a stanch Republican, and the *Volunteer* reflects his opinions in thoughful editorials. He has devoted considerable labor to historical matters, among other things, he in 1894 gave a sketch of Reynoldsville and vicinity, which gave a history of that region from the time it was a dense forest, a century ago, to the present time. It was written in a very compact form, but covered about fifty pages, and nearly two thousand copies were issued. This little pamphlet will be invaluable in future years, and it may be well if other towns had such a public-spirited writer to preserve local history.

On October 22, 1890, Mr. Elliott was married to Miss Ella Hastings, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Hastings, of Brookville, Penn., and two daughters, Dorothy and Florence, have blessed the union. The father of these is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Reynoldsville.

BENJAMIN MARTZ, a retired farmer, now makes his home in North Freedom, Jefferson county. His has been a long and busy career, with little time for idleness along the thoroughfare of life, where he has left his mark and may truly feel that he has not lived in vain. The object of respect by young and old, his familiar figure is greeted with affection and esteem, and in his declining days he is enjoying the reward of a well-ordered life, and one in which he has exerted himself to do good to those around him.

Mr. Martz was born May 27, 1825, in Northumberland county, Penn., while the birth of his parents, John and Mary (Weary) Martz, occurred in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, respectively. The father was born June 16, 1801, a son of John Martz, also a native of Schuylkill county, who died near Shamokin, in Northumberland county. The parents of our subject were married in Mahanoy, where they continued to reside until 1835, when they came to Ringgold township, Jefferson county, where the father and a Mr. Campbell purchased a large tract of land. There the former continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred February 17, 1888. The mother, who was born in 1808, and died in 1867, was laid by his side in Ringgold Cemetery.

The children of the family were Daniel, who died unmarried in Ringgold at the age of fifty years; Elias, who died in 1897; William, also deceased; Benjamin, of this sketch; Charles, a farmer of Ringgold township; Catherine, who married Michael Shilling, but both are now deceased; Solomon, a farmer of Nebraska; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Samuel Stewart, who was drowned; and Polly, widow of William Slagel, of Brookville, Pennsylvania.

Until twenty-two years of age, Benjamin Martz remained upon the home farm, and then went into the woods, where he cleared and improved a good farm, on which his son now resides, and continued to reside thereon until coming to North Freedom, in the fall of 1892, since which time he has lived retired. As a stalwart Democrat, he has ever taken an active and prominent part in public affairs, and has been called upon to fill a number of responsible positions, including those of councilman, supervisor, school director, tax collector and overseer of the poor. He is a prominent and faithful member of the English Methodist Episcopal Church, and has ever given his support to all measures calculated to benefit the community or advance the general welfare.

In Ringgold, December 10, 1847, Mr. Martz was married to Miss Catherine Shaffer, the wedding ceremony being performed by Rev. J. S. Young. She was born in Northumberland county, January 12, 1827, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Shaffer, and died in December, 1896, being buried at Ringgold. The following children graced this union: John, born July 24, 1848, married Rebecca Haines, and is engaged in farming near

Emerickville, in Jefferson county; Lucetta, born June 19, 1850; is the wife of Henry Shillings, a farmer of Ringgold township; Daniel, born July 13, 1851, wedded Mary Weaver, and also follows farming in Ringgold township; Amos, born November 2, 1853, married Lydia Thomas, of Beaver township, Jefferson county, and died December 31, 1886; Franklin, born March 7, 1856, died January 13, 1880; Mary E., born September 9, 1858, is the wife of Daniel Sherry, a farmer of Ringgold; Sarah E., born January 13, 1862, is the wife of William Merket, an oil driller and farmer of Clarion county, Penn.; Ida A., born July 6, 1865, died April 22, 1883; Katherine J., born September 5, 1868, married J. H. Yont, of Armstrong county, and died in 1894; and George C., born June 25, 1871, married Annie Huber, and resides on the old homestead in Ringgold township. Mr. Martz has had forty-one grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, six of the former being now deceased.

JOHN SMATHERS, who passed away August 25, 1895, through his own exertions attained an honorable position and marked prestige among the representative men of Jefferson county, and with signal consistency it may be said that he was the architect of his own fortune, and one whose success amply justified the application of the somewhat hackneyed, but most expressive term, "a self-made man."

Mr. Smathers was born in Clarion county, Penn., January 4, 1828, and was a son of Christian and Susan (Harriger) Smathers, who came from east of the mountains, and located in Clarion county at an early day. There they successfully engaged in farming, and reared their family of eight children, namely: Sarah, who married Henry Milliron, but both are now deceased; Eliza, wife of John Nigh; Margaret, wife of John Jones; John, of this sketch; Susannah and Rosanna (twins), the former the wife of James Shirey, and the latter the wife of William Shingledecker; Jacob, a farmer of Clarion county; A. J. Smathers, of Stanton, Penn., deceased; and William Smathers, deceased, of Clarion county, Pennsylvania.

Although John Smathers started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, by industry, economy and good business ability he became one of the most extensive farmers and stock dealers of Jefferson county, where he located in 1853. For a few years he resided in Oliver township, and then removed to the farm in Ringgold township, where his widow and son, Charles, are still living. He gave each of his children a large and valuable farm, or its equivalent, all of which property he had acquired through his own unaided efforts and good management. Enterprising and progressive, he was numbered among the valued citizens of the community, was a firm supporter of the Democratic party, and an active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On January 30, 1850, he was married to Miss Anna Jones, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Wilson J., born March 28, 1851, married Maggie Fulton, and is now a leading physician of Du Bois, Penn.; M. Fillmore, born September 8, 1853, married Maggie Wilson, an ex-school teacher, and is engaged in farming and stock raising in Ringgold township; Emily A., born May 25, 1860, died at the age of two years and nine months; Winfield S., born April 1, 1858, married Amanda Yaney, and is engaged in merchandising in Worthville, Jefferson county; J. Curtis, born June 23, 1863, married Mattie Campbell, and follows farming in Indiana county, Penn.; Charles, born September 10, 1866, wedded Mary Buck, and operates the old homestead farm; and Anna A., born March 7, 1870, died April 16, 1870. The family is one of prominence, its members holding high positions in social and business circles.

MRS. SMATHERS, a most estimable lady, was born in Beaver township, Jefferson county, March 9, 1829, and is a daughter of John and Lydia (Grinder) Jones, of Huntingdon county, Penn., who at an early day came to Beaver township, Jefferson county, where the father followed agricultural pursuits. He was a son of Thomas Jones, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to the New World in early life, first locating in Maryland, whence he removed to Westmoreland county, Penn., and later to Beaver township, Jefferson county, where he was numbered among the early settlers.

To John and Lydia (Grinder) Jones were born the following children: Doris, deceased wife of James Guthrie, a carpenter of Summerville, Penn.; Louisa, widow of Charles Jaycox, of the same place; Richard, deceased; John, a farmer of Beaver township; Anna, widow of our subject; Emily, widow of Abraham Flemming, of Shannondale, Penn.; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Hand, an agriculturist of Nebraska; David, who was killed in the army; Thomas, who is conducting a boarding house in Seigle, Penn.; Reilly, who also laid down his life on the altar of his country during the Civil war; and Elias, a prominent farmer of Beaver township. The parents of these children have also passed away, the father dying in 1861, aged sixty-three years, the mother in 1892, aged eighty-seven, and both were in-

terred in the Beaver township cemetery. They were faithful members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Jones was an ardent Republican.

NATHAN MILLER, an agriculturist of Gaskill township, was born in Armstrong county, Penn., November 10, 1817, a son of Henry and Mary (Smith) Miller. The father was born in Westmoreland county, and after his marriage removed to Jefferson county in 1849, locating in Gaskill township, where he purchased 175 acres of land, covered with pine and hard-wood timber. He built a round-log house and a log barn, engaged in lumbering and cleared about thirty acres of his place. His death occurred in 1870.

The following is the record of his family: Jacob Miller, the eldest, born in Westmoreland county, December 8, 1813, married Annie Snyder, of Armstrong county, and removed to Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a farm on which he lived until 1872. He then sold and removed to Parkersburg, W. Va., where he bought a farm, making it his home until his death in 1873. He left five children—Bardon, of West Virginia; Malinda, wife of William Beaty, of Indiana county; Isabel, wife of David Campbell, of Indiana county; Daniel, a soldier of the Union army, who died in Indiana while on his way home from the war; and Mary A., who became the wife of Thomas Logan, of Indiana county, and removed to the West, where Mr. Logan died some years ago, after which his widow returned to Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where she died, leaving a daughter, Annie E., now of Marion, Penn. (2) Henry, born October 21, 1815, in Armstrong county, married Jane Long, and located in Indiana county, where he died in 1895, while his wife died in 1897. They had one son, Benjamin F., who is married to Mary Coon, of Indiana county, and lives on the old homestead in that county. Laura became the wife of Wesley Roof, of Indiana county, and died some years ago, leaving a family. (3) Nathan is the third of the family. (4) James, born on November, 26, 1821, married Ruth Cochran, who died some years ago, and he now lives with his married daughter, Perline, in Indiana county. He had nine children—Washington married a Miss Peeler; Alexander married a Miss Cunkle; Jefferon married a Miss Walker; Perline (the eldest daughter) married a Mr. Carney, of Indiana county; Matronna married a Mr. Louman; Jane married a Mr. McGoughey; Nancy married a Mr. Hall; Clarra married a Mr. Fleming; and Addeth married a Mr. Thompson. (5) Lavina, born in Armstrong county, May 12, 1824, makes her home with her brother Nathan. (6) Mary, born in Armstrong county, October 19, 1826, died on the old homestead in Jefferson county. She had two children—Susanna Elizabeth married Nelson Messie Best, of Indiana county, and Benjamin Franklin married Sarah Catharine Wineberg, of Indiana county. (7) Laah, born November 30, 1828, died on the old homestead. (8) John, born in Indiana county, November 27, 1830, married Annie E. Best, and resides in his native county. They have three children—Nelson; Mary S., wife of Franklin Craft, of Indiana county, Penn.; and Emma M., wife of James Toy, of the same county. (9) Eli, born in White township, Indiana county, June 7, 1833, wedded Mary Vandivinder, and had the following children—Mary E., wife of Orin Coffman, of Iowa; Eli W., who married Laura King, and lives in Indiana county; William, who married Laura Best, and resides in Indiana county; Clorinda J. and Hanie, who died in childhood; and Lavinia, who died in infancy. The father of these children for his second wife married Mrs. Amelia Smyers, and they now reside in Punxsutawney. By his second union he has three children—Clara, wife of Otto Sheiffer, of Ridgway; Mrs. Myrtle Read, of Punxsutawney; and Haseltine, wife of John Smouth, of Punxsutawney. (10) Reuben, born in Indiana county, August 14, 1836, died there at the age of fifty-nine years. He was the youngest of the family, and never married.

Nathan Miller, whose name opens this article, was born in Armstrong county, November 10, 1817, and came with his parents to Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he aided in the arduous task of developing a new farm. As his father failed to pay for the land, he agreed with Mr. Davis, the land agent, to take the property, making payments thereon from time to time. He was married in 1851 to Annie E. Sheesley, a daughter of Ludwig and Sophia Sheesley, of Gaskill township, and after his marriage he removed to his present farm, whereon he has made his home continuously since. He at first built a substantial hewed-log house, which in 1885 was replaced by a large two-story frame residence, supplied with all modern improvements. In 1874 he built a large frame barn. His land is richly cultivated, and the improvements upon his place stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born three children: (1) Labana, born June 23, 1853, was educated in the public schools, and has always resided upon the home farm. Mary and Sophia (twins) were born October 1, 1855. The former

is the wife of David Scheesley, a farmer of Gaskill township, by whom she has five children—Emanuel, Andrew, Sophia, Annie and Ellen. Sophia Miller is the wife of Robert R. Long, whose farm adjoins the Miller homestead. They have ten children—James E., who married Dielie Bare, of Indiana county, and resides on his father's farm; W. L., Mary J., Annie E., Lavana A., Nathan R., Henry M., Gettie Ellen, Ettie May and William Riley, all at home.

Nathan Miller is numbered among the pioneer settlers of the county, and he has been a prominent factor in the development of Gaskill township. He aided in the arduous task of developing new land and bringing about a civilization equal to that of the older districts of the State. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, taking a very active part in its work.

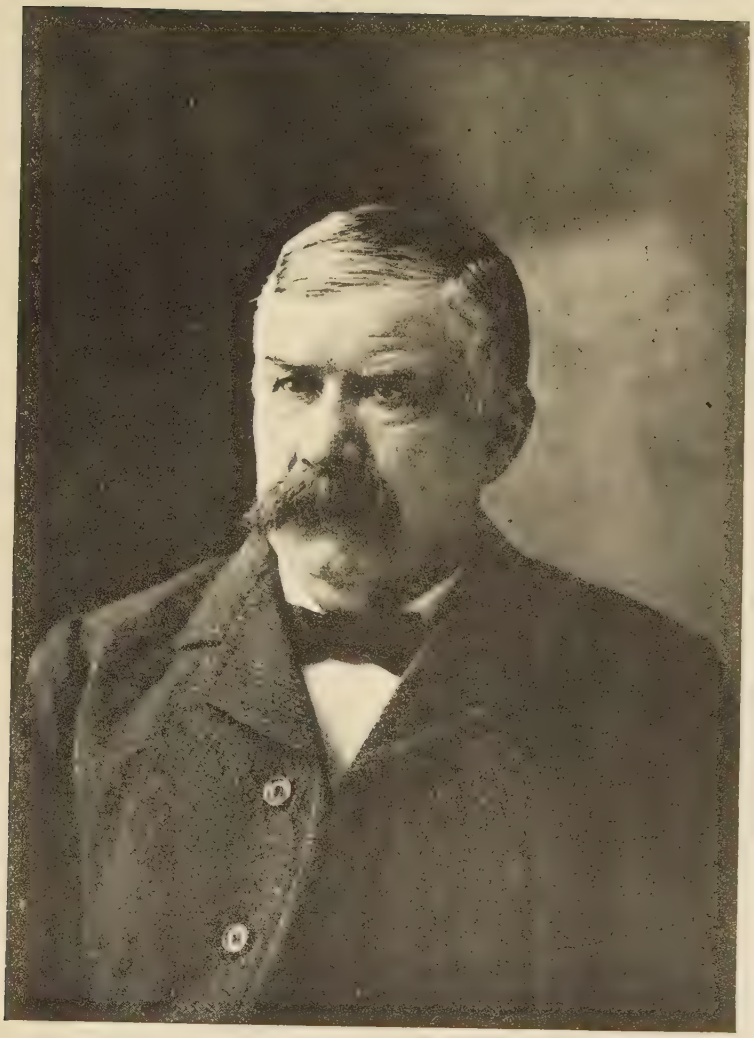
GEORGE W. KIPP, one of the leading lumbermen of Jefferson county, a resident of Cortez, is well worthy of prominent mention in the pages of this work.

Born in Pike county, Penn., March 28, 1847, Mr. Kipp is a son of John and Hannah (Correll) Kipp, natives, John of Philadelphia, Penn., and Hannah of Sterling, Wayne Co., Penn. They were married at Sterling, Penn., and shortly thereafter moved to Pike county, where they passed the rest of their days, the father dying in October, 1892, at the age of seventy-five years, the mother in June, 1889, aged sixty-nine, and they are laid to rest in Kipp Town cemetery, in Pike county. They were members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Kipp, in his political predilections, was a Democrat. He carried on farming and lumbering, also operating a sawmill in connection with the lumber business. To this honored couple were born children as follows: Isaac, a blacksmith by trade in Wayne county, Penn.; Horace, a lumberman in Wayne county; Benjamin, who operated the old homestead mill in Pike county until fire destroyed the place; George W., our subject; John, an attorney of Milford, Penn.; Mary, married to S. Vangorder, of Scranton, Penn.; Susan, wife of Thomas Gilpin, a farmer and lumberman of Pike county; Margaret, married to Horatio Simons, a merchant of Wayne county, Penn.; Thomas died when young; Elizabeth, married to George Banks, a farmer of Pike county; and Baxter, a farmer and lumberman, also of Pike county. Isaac Kipp, great-grandfather of our subject, a farmer by occupation, died in Pike county.

George W. Kipp, whose name opens this sketch, was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the public schools of his native township. He remained on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He then for six years was engaged in the lumber business in Luzerne county, Penn.; thence, at the end of that time, removing to Wayne county, where for three years he conducted a gristmill and general merchandise store. From there he went to Bradford county, in the same State, the lumber industry occupying his attention five years; thence to Sullivan county, Penn., where he again engaged in the lumber business, his residence being part of the time in Monroeton, Bradford Co., Penn., and part of the time in Luzerne county. In April, 1894, Mr. Kipp removed from Kingston, Penn., to his present home in Cortez, Jefferson county, in which year he built the mill here. Some idea of the magnitude of his business may be gained from the fact that he handles about fifteen million feet of lumber per annum, and sometimes ships one and one-half million feet in a month. He is also at this time extensively engaged in lumbering in other localities. He owns one-half of the stock in, and is the president of, the Towanda Water Works, the company being composed of George W. Kipp, of Cortez, and E. F. Kizer, of Towanda, Penn. The timber for the lumber manufactured at the mill here is taken from 6,200 acres of woodland in McCalmont and Oliver townships, Jefferson county. The Home Lumber Co., in which our subject is active, is composed of D. H. Clark, E. F. Kizer and G. W. Kipp.

On July 15, 1872, in Wayne county, Penn., our subject was married to Miss Adelaide M. Kizer, of Lackawanna county, Penn., born in Luzerne county, Penn., a daughter of Jacob Kizer, a farmer and lumberman of Lackawanna county, Penn., and two children have blessed their union: Margaret and Beatrice, both at home. The family are identified with the M. E. Church, while in social standing Mr. Kipp is a thirty-second degree Free Mason. He has always been loyally interested in the progress of any community wherein he has made his home, and as a stanch Democrat has taken an active interest in politics, although his influence has been used for his friends rather than for himself. He has served a three-year term as a commissioner of Wayne county.

THOMAS REYNOLDS, SR., deceased. In a few favored communities there have been characters peerless in life, whose matchless deeds and ideal worth transcend the flight of time, and



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grow rich and mellow as the years speed on toward eternity. It may be that a more fitting estimate of the strength and nobility of the character of Thomas Reynolds may be formed to-day than at the time of his death, less than a score of years ago.

It is well within the bounds of modest diction to make the plain, unvarnished statement that his was a master mind, resourceful and fertile in expedient. Wedded until death to the principles of unflinching truth; gifted with crystal insight into human motives; righteously indignant at wrong and oppression, deep and broad in mental grasp; and, withal, possessed of a wonderful reserve force, rarely called into action. In stature he was above six feet in height, and in physique he was knit from the stock of sturdy pioneers, yet to these he added a grace of carriage and a charm of manner as rare as it was attractive. Looking to the ancestry of Thomas Reynolds, it was American for four generations, extending back over two hundred years to the early settlement of New Jersey, when an honored family of Chichester, England, of noble lineage, was engrafted upon the human life of a new continent. In the year 1661, more than a century before the immortal Declaration of Independence, Henry Reynolds, after a tempestuous voyage of twenty-two weeks from England, landed upon the hospitable shores of the New World. He first settled at Burlington, N. J., and later at Chester, Penn., he and his descendants becoming extensive free holders of land, now incorporated in the City of Philadelphia. Ten children were born to Henry Reynolds and his wife Prudence, and the third of these was Francis, born August 15, 1684. Samuel Reynolds, son of Francis and Elizabeth Reynolds, was born January 31, 1735, and married Jane Jones, daughter of John and Mary (Goodwin) Jones, born in 1734. Samuel died February 26, 1786, his wife in 1779. Of their seven children, Thomas Reynolds, the eldest, was born January 2, 1759. He married Nancy Reynolds, and to them were born the following seven children: Mary, Jane, Abram, Samuel, Tilton, William and Thomas. The youngest of these, Thomas, the subject of this sketch, was born on the parental homestead, near Parkesburg, Chester county, Penn., September 19, 1807. Such, in brief, is his paternal ancestry. His father, Thomas, died July 7, 1837, aged seventy-eight years, his mother January 5, 1845.

The pioneer life in those early days developed strong types of character. The father of our subject was a man whose mind was attuned to the voices and moods of nature; within his memory were stored the rudimentary facts and principles which then constituted an education. He was a man of deep thought, and carved for his own mental nurture a system of philosophy. To his children he was a friend and companion, and under his tutelage young Thomas developed those trained and thorough methods of thought which he always afterward displayed. Crude as the educational methods and advantages of that day may have been, Thomas Reynolds acquired a a broad and deep mental grasp, and particularly did he excel in the gift of language. As was the wont in those times the boy must learn a trade, and it fell to his lot to become a proficient currier and shoemaker. He followed these trades honestly and faithfully, but his mind overleaped his work and soared to other and higher realms. Teaching was a more congenial avocation, and for the task he was eminently qualified. Visiting New York at the suggestion of relatives, with a view to beginning in a metropolitan life a career for himself, the air seemed close and stifling, as he expressed it, "the streets were too narrow." And in 1835 this ardent lover of nature fled from the civilization to the free air and primeval forests of Western Pennsylvania. His brothers, Tilton and William, had preceded him thither, and were comfortably located on lands that are now the site of Rathmel village. Samuel, another brother, came later and sojourned for a time in the same locality.

For a few years Thomas lived with his brother William, when not engaged in other communities in teaching school, in shoemaking, or in following his favorite sport of hunting. He was a social favorite, tall and straight as an arrow, genial in manner, yet tireless and determined in whatever he undertook; much as he loved to rove, his practical mind persuaded him of the necessity of a more commercial life. He built a small tannery on land now occupied by James A. Cathers, and after his marriage, in 1842, to Juliana Smith, he located permanently on the present site of Reynoldsville, and built a tannery and sawmill near where the Reynolds residence now stands. They were the only manufacturing industries in that vicinity from 1840 to 1860. His brother, Tilton, in 1839, located on the summit of the mountain above Rathmel, and with his brother, William, started a mercantile establishment and secured a post office. It was called Prospect Hill. In 1848 the post office was removed by Tilton Reynolds to his brother Thomas', two and a half miles west of him. The Post-office Department, February 23, 1850, took notice of the change and christened the office Reynoldsville, in honor of its then incumbent, and con-

tinued Thomas Reynolds postmaster thereof. Thus the town received its name. Although he had quite a little village started, yet it was called by the post office as Prospect Hill till the postmaster-general named it in his honor. Mr. Reynolds had previously surveyed Winslow township, and named it in honor of his friend, Judge Winslow. He was a guiding spirit in the little settlement. For many years, and until his death, he acted as postmaster. He induced the first physician to locate in the village, and in various ways contributed to its advancement.

Yet, while public spirited in an eminent degree, Mr. Reynolds repeatedly declined office. The subject of personal advantage in a public capacity was repugnant to his nature, and the postmastership, which clung to him so long, was borne as a duty rather than an honor or a position of gain, for the emoluments in those days were not commensurate with the time and attention required. The death of this distinguished pioneer occurred May 16, 1881. To many he had seemed eccentric, for he was not understood. His life was fashioned on heroic lines. Beneath an inscrutable exterior burned deep emotions, an uncompromising detestation of shams and hypocricies, a keen wit, a broad humor, a sympathy for humanity. He was gentle and tender as a woman, yet firm and unyielding for right and truth. Of a nature like his were martyrs made.

His wife survived him seven years. She had been a worthy helpmeet. Juliana Smith was the descendant of William Smith, who emigrated to America from Gloucester, England, in 1635, and settled in Boston. Here he was one of the victims of that religious persecution, which forms the one blot in New England Colonial history, and for his faith was driven from his new home. With forty sympathetic Boston families, he settled at Hempstead, Long Island, in 1639, and finally perished by Indian hatred and treachery. From this ancestry the line of descent to Mrs. Reynolds was through Abraham Smith, Isaac Smith, 1657–1746, who died at Hempstead Plains; Jacob Smith, 1690–1757; Isaac Smith, who was born in 1722, and emigrated from Queens to Dutchess county in 1669. Jacob Smith, 1746–1810; Uriah Smith, 1771–1819, and Valentine Hulet Peters Smith, 1796–1860, the father of Mrs. Reynolds. Valentine H. P. Smith married Rebecca Sprague, daughter of John Sprague, of Chateaugay, N. Y. Of their four children, Juliana was the third. She was seven years old when her father emigrated from New York to Jefferson county, Penn., and her girlhood was spent under the hardships of pioneer life. She possessed the Christian virtues in an eminent degree, though a member of no Church, and as the wife of Thomas Reynolds, whom she married in early womanhood, she was renowned for the sweet graces of charity and good will, and during the Civil war her sympathies and efforts were actively exerted in behalf of the Union soldiers, and her eldest son, a mere lad, was tearfully given to his country's service. For meritorious service he rose to the rank of captain. Mrs. Reynolds died at Covington, Kentucky, July 7, 1888, succumbing to a surgical operation for the removal of a cancer from her face; her remains repose beside those of her husband in Beulah cemetery, on part of the Reynolds farm.

Seven children were born to Thomas and Juliana Reynolds, as follows: Tilton, born October 26, 1843. He enlisted as a member of Company H, 105th P. V. I., and was commissioned its captain. He married Ida McCalister, and has two children—Ruth and Arthur; Arthur Parke, born December 5, 1845, died December 12, 1874; Clara E., born April 11, 1848. She married G. J. Scott, a prominent citizen of Jefferson county, and after his death wedded E. D. Seely, of Reynoldsville; Margaret, born June 9, 1850. She married W. W. Gorsline, and has one child, Reynolds; William S., born April 7, 1853. He married Ella Yarrington, and is a noted artist now residing in New York City; Thomas, born September 25, 1856; and John Daugherty, born September 1, 1858, married Gertrude Dolan in 1884, and died March 19, 1886.

Thomas Reynolds, the youngest living child, and his sister, Margaret, are now living on the old home farm. Thomas has lived amid the clustering memories of the homestead except one year which was spent in Covington, Kentucky. He has inherited the sterling traits of both parents, and is one of the keen, progressive young business men of the county. Besides general farming, he conducts a lumbering trade, and is also interested in real estate, coal and other large and kindred pursuits. His sister is one of the cultured women of the community, and presides with dignity and hospitable grace at the beautiful ancestral home.

JAMES ALEXANDER CATHERS. One of the prominent and influential residents of Winslow township, Jefferson county, has lived in this vicinity from his early youth. He came with his parents when the country was yet virgin, and helped bear the burden of its preparation for settlement. Mr. Cathers has been closely identified with the natural and largest interests

of this vicinity, has engaged extensively in farming and lumbering, and is now living a retired life.

His great-grandfather Cathers and a brother came to America together, the brother finally settling in the South. Two of his great-grandsons now reside at Omaha, Neb., where they are bankers and prominent business men. The great-grandfather of our subject was married to a Miss Wallace, whose brother was a general in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution, and fought gallantly for the independence of the colonies. Our subject's great-grandmother Blake, whose maiden name was Smiley, had a brother, Robert Smiley, who was a colonel in the war of the Revolution; also fought in the Indian war, and was shot through the lungs by an Indian, but, being a large and powerfully built man, recovered.

James Alexander Cathers was born in Clarion county, a mile from the present town of that name, April 24, 1828, the son of Robert and Nancy (Thompson) Cathers. Robert Cathers was born in Somerset county, and became a prominent citizen of Clarion county, and later was identified with important industries of Jefferson county. His parents were Joseph and Rachel (Blake) Cathers, who were of Scotch-Irish extraction, and were also early residents of Juniata county, and who spent the closing years of their lives in Clarion county. James and Nancy (Murray) Thompson, the maternal grandparents of our subject, were natives of Ireland and became early settlers of Clarion county. James Thompson was drowned in the Juniata river, while coal-boating.

It was in April, 1848, that Robert Cathers became a resident of what is now Winslow township; he had purchased 100 acres of land, paying $1.25 for it per acre, and in 1844 had come out with his two sons, James A., subject of this sketch, and William, and cleared the farm and put in a crop of wheat. He thus looked after the farm until he moved his family to the place in 1848. Later he purchased 300 acres at $3.00 per acre, which has good coal under it. Robert Cathers, in addition to other enterprises, also had a farm in Clarion county and operated an old "up-and-down" water sawmill at the mouth of Cathers run on the Clarion river. He also built a saw and grist mill in Winslow township, which was destroyed by fire August 25, 1877. It was rebuilt, and is now known as the McCreight mill. Robert Cathers and his son, James Alexander, in their operations, bought considerable land. The father purchased the timber on 1,000 acres, paid stumpage for it, manufactured the lumber and took it to the Pittsburg market; he also cleared up two farms, giving employment to many men. The son bought and paid for 1,100 acres of coal and timber land in Clearfield and Jefferson counties. In religious faith Mr. Cathers was a Seceder, and in politics a Whig. He died in February, 1878, aged eighty-six years. His wife, the mother of our subject, died in the spring of 1865, aged seventy-six years, and they are both buried on the Fuller farm in Winslow township. To Robert and Nancy Cathers were born the following children: Rachel, who married William McGhee, and died in 1875, surviving her husband fourteen years: Joseph (deceased); William T., a retired farmer of Rathmel; James A., subject of this sketch; Robert S., a liveryman, living in Kansas, and Rosanna, of Jefferson county.

James Alexander Cathers was twenty years of age when he came with his father's family to the new home in Jefferson county. For a year he worked on his father's farm and at the sawmill, then for a year engaged in clearing some land near Prescottville, which his father had given him. He was married, June 6, 1850, at Beach Woods settlement, Jefferson county, to Miss Eliza Ann McGhee, who was born at Beachwood, June 16, 1830, daughter of John and Nancy (Smith) McGhee, natives respectively of New York, and County Tyrone, Ireland. John McGhee was the son of William and Lena (Johnson) McGhee, natives of Scotland and England respectively, and Nancy Smith was the daughter of James and Margaret (Hamilton) Smith, lifelong residents of Ireland. John McGhee was a millwright by trade, and followed farming later in life. He settled in Washington township, Jefferson county, and died at the old homestead in May, 1865, aged sixty-nine years. In religious faith he was a Quaker, while his wife was a Baptist. She died in 1835 aged thirty-seven years. The children of John and Nancy McGhee were: Margaret, who married John McMinn, and both are now deceased; William (deceased); Sarah, living at the old homestead; Charlotte, widow of David McGeary, also living at the homestead; James, a lumberman of Sandy Valley, Winslow township, and Eliza A., wife of our subject. In 1851, soon after his marriage, Mr. Cathers came to his present farm, moving into a small house which he had erected. In 1889 he erected a cozy brick dwelling, and took possession the following year. He has been a prominent farmer and lumberman, engaging in extensive operations up to about 1887, since which time he has lived a more retired life.

His children are as follows: John T., born July 20, 1851, an attorney at Omaha, Neb., who

married Louie McDaniels, and has two children; Robert S., born September 17, 1853, a prominent lead miner in Missouri; James A, Jr., born February 5, 1856, a farmer of Winslow township, who married Alice H. Morgan; Anna E., born June 20, 1858, died in 1860; Charlotte J., born March 23, 1861, wife of A. L. Long, a farmer living on subject's place; Cassa Adanna, born August 23, 1863, died November 22, 1863; Rachel, born January 4, 1865, wife of Joseph Patton, a miner of Winslow township; William C., born October 22, 1867, died March 4, 1882; Harry W., born October 12, 1874, living at home; Abigail E., born December 13, 1877, died March 4, 1882.

In politics Mr. Cathers is a prominent Republican. He has been honored by elections to numerous offices, and, in 1877, he was elected commissioner of Jefferson county, for a term of three years. He is a man of sterling character, and is highly esteemed by the people among whom he has lived for many years. Mrs. Cathers is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and their pleasant home is cheered not alone by the material comforts which it possesses, but by the graces of hospitality, culture and rectitude.

THOMAS C. LAWSON, M. D., a prominent physician of Brookville, Jefferson county, is one of the leading citizens of that place, ranking high in social and political life, as well as in that of his chosen calling. He is a member of a well-known family of this State. His father, the late Hon. James B. Lawson, a prosperous agriculturist and iron manufacturer of Clarion county, Penn., was prominently identified with public affairs, representing his district in the State Legislature in 1871–72, and serving as associate judge of Clarion county. Among the other offices of trust to which he was chosen was that of county commissioner. His death occurred in 1896, that of his wife, Lavina (Orr), in 1887.

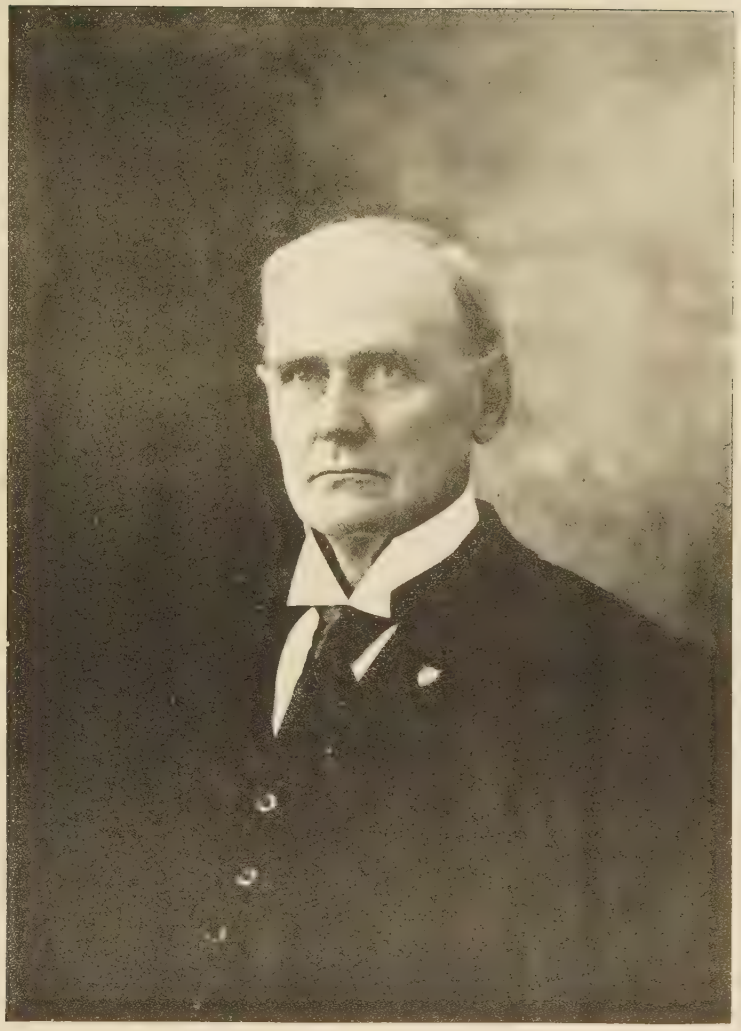
Dr. Lawson was born at the old home near Lawsonham, Clarion county, July 26, 1843, and had the advantage of farm life during boyhood. At the breaking out of hostilities between the North and the South he was but eighteen years old, yet young as he was, he enlisted, and went to the front as a member of the 155th P. V. I. He remained in active service three years, taking part in all the many engagements in which his company participated, and, as color bearer for his regiment, was often where the bullets flew thickest. Fortunately he was neither wounded nor captured, and on receiving an honorable discharge he returned to his studies, attending school at Bells Mills, near Altoona. Later he pursued a course of study in medicine, graduating in 1871 from Jefferson College, Philadelphia. For some time he was engaged in his profession at Greenville, Clarion county; but after taking one year in post-graduate study at Philadelphia and New York City he opened an office, in 1880, at Brookville, where he soon established a large and lucrative practice.

In 1874 Dr. Lawson was united in marriage with Miss Alice Patton, daughter of Thomas Patton, a native of Philadelphia, who went to Clarion county when a young man and became a prominent merchant. He was quiet and unassuming, highly respected by all who knew him. He died in 1860; his wife, Elizabeth (Parsons), a native of Centre county, Penn., passing away in 1883. The Doctor's home has been brightened by eight children, but the first two did not long remain on earth; the others are Margaret, Charles T., Bessie L., Mary E., James B., and Alice P., an interesting family, all of whom are residing with their parents.

The Doctor's non-professional interests are varied, and show the esteem in which his abilities are held by his associates. In the Presbyterian Church, of which he and his wife are members, he holds the office of ruling elder, and that he is well-known in business circles is shown by his election to the presidency of the Brookville Furniture Co. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the G. A. R., and the Veteran Legion, and to the County and State Medical Societies. In politics he is a Democrat at all times and under all circumstances, and he has served as chairman of the county committee and been otherwise active in his party's welfare.

CHARLES M. MATSON, M. D., of Brookville, Jefferson county, is recognized as a leader in his profession in this section, not only among the people at large, but by the medical fraternity. He was one of the founders of the Jefferson County Medical Society, organized in 1877, and was its first president. As one of three delegates, he represented the society in the State Medical Society for the first time, and in 1878 he was chosen as the first delegate to the American Medical Association.

Dr. Matson was born July 22, 1833, at Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., the son of James C. and Harriet (Potter) Matson, and in early life he began to prepare for the medical profession, reading under the preceptorship of Drs. Dowling and Heichhold, of Brookville. Later he attended lectures at Cleveland, Ohio, and, on completing



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his course, located at Corsica, Penn., April 1, 1858, as a partner of Dr. Mark Rogers. From April 1, 1859, to December, 1862, he was engaged in other business, but then resumed his practice as an assistant to Dr. John Mechling, of Brookville. In February, 1863, he formed a partnership with Dr. Mechling, and in March of the same year he bought the practice, Dr. Mechling to remain as a partner, however, until he should find a satisfactory location. Having been appointed army surgeon-in-charge of the enrollment for the Nineteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, on April 21, 1863, Dr. Mechling was ordered to report on May 1, to Col. H. S. Campbell, at his headquarters in Waterford, Erie county, and Dr. Matson was thus left to continue alone the large practice established by Dr. Mechling. He was fully equal to the occasion, and not only retained the old friends, but made new. Dr. Mechling resigned his position April 21, 1864, and Dr. Matson was appointed to succeed him, being ordered to report for duty May 1, 1864. At this time the duties of medical examiners for the army were very arduous, the number of volunteers, substitutes and drafted men being very great, while a constant stream of men liable to draft, seeking to be stricken from the enrollment list on account of real or physical disability for military service, still further increased the labors. Dr. Matson served until June 15, 1865, when he was honorably discharged by Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War. During his term the Doctor examined nearly fifteen thousand men, of whom about three thousand were twice examined. At the close of the war he returned to Brookville, where he has ever since continued his professional work.

On September 3, 1857, Dr. Matson was married to Miss Alice Johnson, only child of David S. and Naamah Johnson, and three children were born to the union, two of whom are deceased. Eugene G., the survivor, is now professor of Histology and Bacteriology in the Western Pennsylvania Medical College at Pittsburg, and bacteriologist for the board of health in that city. He is an Alumnus of Syracuse University, also of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, after leaving which institution he proceeded to Europe, and at Berlin, Germany, followed special study under Dr. Von Bergman, Dr. Schroeder and Dr. Henoch.

Mrs. Alice (Johnson) Matson died May 2, 1863, and October 27, 1864, our subject wedded Miss Amanda Truby, three children being born to the union: (1) W. W., a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, and now practicing with his father in Brookville; (2) Claude W., a civil engineer, educated at the Western Pennsylvania University, Pittsburg; and (3) Caroline, who is at Miss Thurston's School for Young Ladies, Pittsburg, Pennsylvaina.

John Matson, paternal grandfather of Dr. Charles M. Matson, was born on the shore of Loch Swilly, near Fannet, Donegal county, Ireland, in 1774, emigrating to America with his father, Uriah Matson, his mother Belle, and brothers and sisters, in September, 1786. The family settled first in Chester county, Penn., afterward removing to Indiana county, where, in 1803 or 1804, John Matson married Mary Thompson, and shortly after the birth of his first child removed to Jefferson county, which had been erected, by an Act of Legislature, passed March 26, 1804, from the western portion of Lycoming county. He purchased a large tract of land northwest of, and adjoining that, on which the borough of Brookville was afterward located. Out of a portion of this tract, one mile north of the town, now on the Clarington road, he cleared a farm, now owned by his son, Robert L. Matson, on which he spent the balance of his life, dying in 1866. His oldest daughter, Isabella, was born in Indiana county before his removal to Jefferson county; the balance of his family, viz.: Jane, James, Clark, Uriah, John W., Rebecca, Lydia, Robert L., William F., Harrison A. and Mary Ann, were all born on this farm, and here, Mary, his wife, died in 1876.

Little is known of Uriah Matson (father of John) outside of the Church certificate, which he brought to this country with him, as follows:

"That the bearer hereof, Uriah Matson, and Belle, his wife, have been members of this congregation from their infancy, and always maintained an honest, sober and industrious character, free from public scandal of any kind; and now intending to settle in some of the United States of North America, are therefore recommended as regular members of any Christian Society where God in His Providence may appoint their lot. By

"JAMES DELAY, V. D. M.

"Dated at Fannet 11th June, 1786, County of Donegall, Kingdom of Ireland."

Joseph Potter, maternal grandfather of Dr. Charles M. Matson, married Rachel Jackson, August 15, 1777, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Johnston, pastor of the Harts Log and Shaver's Creek and Huntingdon Presbyterian Congregations. Rachel Jackson was a daughter of George Jackson, who came from Wilmington, Del., and settled on the Swoop farm, on the Raystown branch in that part of Huntingdon

county which was afterward, in 1766, erected into Jackson township. In the course of some six years he settled on the Little Juniata, in the present township of Logan, below Jack's Narrows, on what was known in 1883 as the G. P. Wakefield farm, and here lived during the Revolution, forting at Anderson's, where he served as a member of a scouting party. He died in 1806, and was buried in Shaver cemetery. His children were as follows: Joseph, William, Thomas, Jane (who married Col. John Free), Mary (Mrs. John Beatty), Rachel (Mrs. Joseph Potter), Elizabeth (Mrs. William Spencer), and Prudence (Mrs. Samuel Keller). Joseph was one of the first white children born in the county. In 1791 he married Margaret Wilson, daughter of John Wilson, and in 1776 they settled at Herod's Run, on what is known as the Jackson homestead. Joseph Jackson settled there in 1792, and died in 1838.

E. B. ORCUTT, of Corsica, was for many years prominently identified with the business interests and development of Union township, Jefferson county, but has now retired from active labor, enjoying a rest which he so richly deserves.

A native of Maine, he was born in Charleston, Penobscot county, October 3, 1827, a son of David and Asenath (Engles) Orcutt, the former also a native of Charleston, and the latter of Blue Hill, Me. The paternal grandfather was an Englishman by birth, and emigrated to America during Colonial days, locating in Maine, where throughout the remainder of his life he engaged in farming. Religiously he was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. In his family were the following children: David, John, Samuel, Otis, Ezra, Sally A., Eliza, Rosilla and Cordelia. Of these, David Orcutt was reared to agricultural pursuits, but later engaged in lumbering. In his native State he married Asenath Engles, who died about 1830, leaving two sons: E. B., and James, now a farmer of Iowa. The mother was a most estimable lady and exemplary Christian, a faithful member of the Baptist Church. During the '30s David Orcutt came to Jefferson county, Penn., and located at Brockwayville, where with a partner he erected the first sawmill on Toby creek. After operating it for about ten years, he sold out and removed to Roseville, Union township, where he followed farming and lumbering until 1842, and later engaged in the same pursuits on Clarion river, in Limestone township, Clarion Co., Penn., where his death occurred in 1863. He was also an active and prominent member of the Baptist Church, and contributed liberally to the erection of Mount Pleasant church edifice. Some years after coming to Pennsylvania, he was married at Roseville to a Mrs. Mills, by whom he had three children: David, Isaac and Nannie. Mrs. Orcutt, who was a Presbyterian, died after their removal to Clarion county, and he later wedded a Miss Means.

After the death of his mother, E. B. Orcutt and his brother were left with his grandfather in Maine, while his father came to this State. Although his early education was greatly neglected by his own energy and perseverance since attaining manhood he has acquired a good practical knowledge of affairs, learning the multiplication table after embarking in merchandising at Corsica. He is not only a self-educated but also a self-made man, starting out in life for himself at the early age of fourteen as a farm hand, at the meagre salary of $30 per year. The following year, in the employ of another farmer, he received $50, and then began working in the lumber woods on Penobscot river at $15 per month. Six months later he obtained employment in a hotel, where he also remained six months. His father, returning to Maine in the fall of 1844, brought his sons to Pennsylvania, and our subject remained with him until twenty years of age, when he began merchandising in Corsica, as a partner of John J. Y. Thompson and Samuel Barr. Two years later Mr. Thompson sold his interest to the others, the firm becoming Barr & Orcutt, but at the end of three years Mr. Orcutt purchased his partner's interest. Subsequently for two years John Reed was a member of the firm, but with that exception was alone in merchandising.

Mr. Orcutt did not confine his attention solely to mercantile pursuits, but has been interested in real-estate dealings, lumbering and stock-raising. With his brother James he purchased a 200-acre tract of timber land and a sawmill, and until 1875, when the property was destroyed by fire, they successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber, which they marketed at Pittsburg. As the mill was only insured for a small amount the loss was very heavy. Rebuilding, they continued operations for three years when the firm was changed to Orcutt & Jackson, but four years later they discontinued business. Selling his store, Mr. Orcutt purchased the "Corsica Hotel" and other property in the city, which was mostly destroyed in the big fire of 1873, but he built a more commodious hotel, which is still the leading hostelry of the place. For nearly forty years he was interested in the hotel business in Corsica, but in 1892 retired to his private residence,

and is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil. For some time he was an extensive dealer in horses, which he marketed in the East, and in promoting his own interests has materially advanced the welfare of the community by furnishing employment to many, building up important industries, and in developing and improving the land. He was ever a progressive, enterprising business man of the strictest integrity, and his straightforward course won for him the esteem and friendship of a host of acquaintances far and near. In politics, formerly he was a Republican, but now supports the Prohibition party, while in religious belief both he and his estimable wife are Presbyterians.

In 1854 Mr. Orcutt was married to Miss Rachel McCulloch, a lady of intelligence and worth, and they have become the parents of seven children: Laura, Rose Albo (Mrs. Dr. Holden), Cad, John, Pearl, Winnie and Read. Sheridan McCulloch, the father of Mrs. Orcutt, was a native of Baltimore, and of Irish descent. At an early day he came to Jefferson county, Penn., where in the midst of the wilderness he improved a farm and spent his remaining days, dying in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. His children were: Jane, the eldest, died at the age of sixteen; William; Linn; Rachel; Elizabeth; David died August 10, 1897, at Yorktown; Rebecca; Anna and John.

JACOB WAGNER. Success worthily won and well deserved has crowned the efforts of this gentleman, and to-day he is living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. His life has been a busy and useful one, and he is numbered among the worthy citizens of Worthville.

Born in Northumberland county, Penn., August 28, 1827, Mr. Wagner is a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Geist) Wagner, natives of the same county. His paternal grandfather, Jonathan Wagner, was a farmer and veterinary surgeon who died in Schuylkill county, Penn., at an advanced age. The maternal grandparents were Andrew and Christina (Snyder) Geist, natives of Lancaster and Northumberland counties, respectively. The parents of our subject were married in Northumberland county, whence they removed to Schuylkill county, where the father engaged in farming. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and gave his political support to the Democracy. He died in 1827, just six months before the birth of our subject. His widow afterward married Solomon Shunkwiller, and returned to Northumberland county, where she died in 1887, at the age of sixty-nine years. Her children by her first marriage are: Catherine, widow of Jacob Kaufman, of Northumberland county; Daniel and George, who died in Union county; Lydia, wife of Daniel Foster, a retired farmer of Macomb, Ill.; Reuben, who died in Union county, Penn.; and Jacob. By her second marriage, Mrs. Shunkwiller had four children: Caroline, deceased wife of Washington Shonberger, of Northumberland county; Mary, deceased wife of Andrew Brocion, of Northumberland county; Andrew, who died in that county; and Christina, who married Jacob Horst, and now the widow of Conrad Raybuck, is a resident of Northumberland.

Jacob Wagner, the subject of this review, was reared by his maternal grandparents until sixteen years of age, when he started out in life for himself. He served an apprenticeship at the harness-maker's trade under Eli Orand, of Adamsburg, Penn., with whom he remained three years, and then returned to the home of his Grandfather Geist, where he followed harness-making on his own account for a year. He then spent one year in Schuylkill county, and in 1848 came to Jefferson county, locating on the present site of Worthville, where he resided with Eli Geist for two years. He then purchased 200 acres of land on which the town is now situated, and operated a saw and grist mill, and carried on a mercantile store, also farmed and lumbered. During this time he was associated in business with Eli Geist, but after three years the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Wagner taking as his share of the property his present homestead, comprising 111 acres of rich and arable land. He continued to engage in lumbering and farming for a number of years, and his son-in-law, Samuel W. Shick, was his partner in carrying on these industries. He also engaged in merchandising for four years. He is a man of resourceful business ability, sound discrimination and untiring energy, and by the exercise of these qualifications he carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook, and thus won a handsome competence.

In January, 1851, in Coolspring, Penn., Mr. Wagner was married to Dorisa Mauk, the wedding ceremony being performed by Squire McKinstry. Their children are: Catherine, wife of John Haines, a farmer of St. Louis, Mich.; Sarah, who died at the age of three years, and Daniel, who died at the age of one year. The mother was called to the home beyond in 1855, at the age of twenty-five, and her remains were interred at St. John's Church, in Jefferson county. Mr. Wagner was again married, in January, 1856, his second union being with Rebecca Haines, an

estimable lady, whose many excellences of character have won her a large circle of friends. She was born in Northumberland county June 11, 1835, and is a daughter of Henry and Barbara (Hoff) Haines, who were born and married in Northumberland county. In 1838 they removed to Clearfield county, and after two years came to Jefferson county, locating at the present site of Freedom. The father died in 1840, at the age of sixty years, and was buried in the cemetery there. His wife died in January, 1895, at the age of eighty-seven, and was buried in Hawthorn churchyard, in Clarion county, Penn. Both were active members of the Reformed Church. The mother was blind six years prior to her death.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wagner are: Malinda, wife of Samuel W. Shick, a merchant of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Elizabeth, wife of George W. Graham, a farmer and merchant of Ringgold township; Alice, wife of Albert M. Smith, a carpenter of Johnsonburg, Penn.; Jacob E., who married Anna Shaffer, and operates the home farm; Flora, wife of Seth Shaffer, a blacksmith of Marionsville, Penn.; John, who is attending the normal school in Lock Haven, Penn., and Minnie, at home. The father of this family holds membership in the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and is a leading citizen of Worthville, whose deep interest in the welfare of the town has led him to give an active support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. He is a man of progressive views, who keeps abreast with the times in all particulars, and his well-spent life is indeed worthy of emulation.

Mrs. Wagner is one of the three surviving children of her father's family, the others being: Mary, wife of George Neece, a retired farmer of Oakridge, Penn.; and Catherine, wife of Van Lawhead, a miner and farmer of Oakridge. There were also three children, now deceased: Eli; Anna, who died at the age of three years, and Samuel.

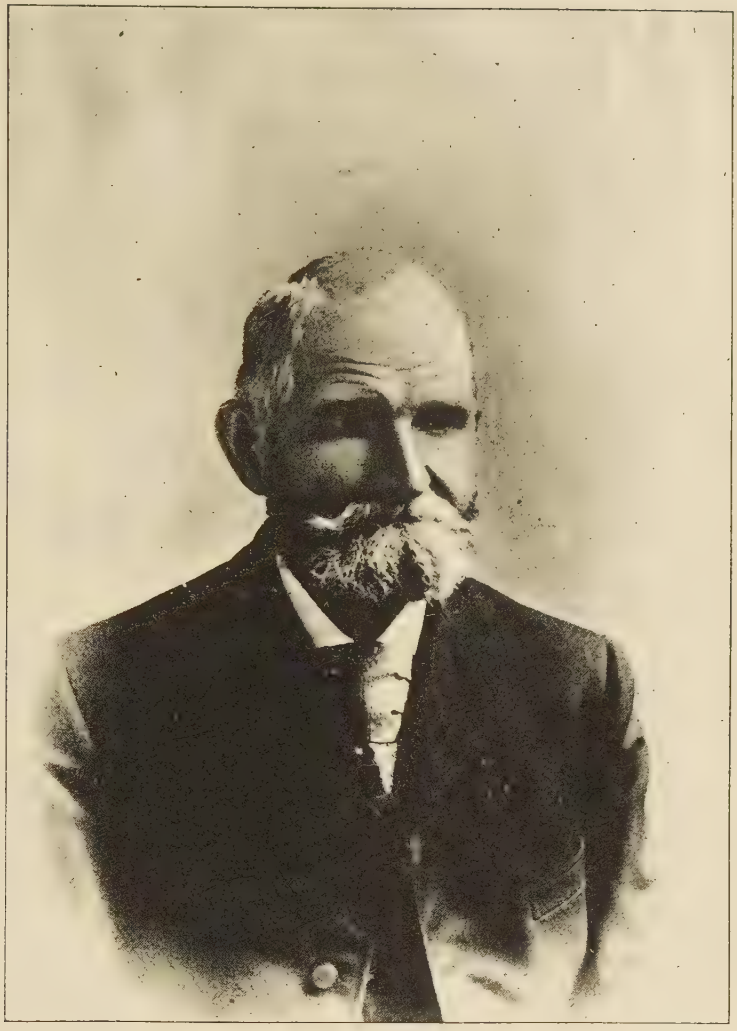
THOMAS S. McCREIGHT, a farmer and ex-lumberman, of Winslow township, Jefferson county, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born on April 25, 1830, in Armstrong county. When two years old he was brought by his father to Winslow township, Jefferson county, where the latter cleared the 150 acres of land which now constitutes our subject's farm.

Young McCreight attended the district schools in the winter seasons, in the summers working on the farm, whereon he continued until his enlistment in 1862, in Company B, 135th P. V. I., for nine months' service. In 1869 he married Frances P. McKee, of Bell township, Jefferson county, born March 13, 1847, a daughter of David and Matilda J. (Chambers) McKee, the former a native of Centre county, the latter of Clarion county, Penn.; they had a family of six children, four of whom are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. McCreight were born eight children as follows: Smith M., Thomas E., James M., Ida Ethel, Mary A., Cora B., Everett Lloyd, and Alberta G., all yet living except the last named. Of the sons, Smith M. is a lawyer of Reynoldsville; Thomas E. and James M. are at home with their parents. Our subject was for some twenty-five years engaged in lumbering in Jefferson county, but for the past seven years has devoted his time exclusively to his farming interests. Socially he is a Republican; in their religious views he and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

Andrew McCreight, father of Thomas S., married Ann Sharp, by whom he had thirteen children, named respectively: James, Sharp, Sally, Joseph, John, Ann, Jennie, Polly, Thomas S., Smith, Nancy, Jameson, and Hannah, eight of whom are yet living. The father of these died in 1861, aged seventy-four years, eight days; the mother in 1858, at the age of sixty-three years, eight months and eight days, and they are buried on the farm now owned by their son, Thomas S.

ROBERT NORRIS was born in Allegheny county, Penn., and died February 3, 1897, at the age of sixty-eight years, eight months and one day. His identification with the interests of Jefferson county was long and honorable, and he was esteemed as one whose sterling worth made him a valued factor in the community.

Robert Norris, his paternal grandfather, was a wealthy citizen of Ireland, who took great delight in hunting, and spent much time in following the hounds. He was six feet and six inches in height and weighed 250 pounds. The parents of our subject, John and Mary E. (Moore) Norris, were natives of County Derry, Ireland, and in 1824 emigrated to Canada, whence they removed to Allegheny county, Penn., in 1828. Their children were: Robert; William and Henry, farmers of Winslow township; Jane, wife of Andrew McCollough, of Birmingham, Penn.; Esther, wife of John A. Crawford, of Allegheny City, Penn.; Nancy, who died at the age of twenty-three; Ruth, who is living with her brother Joseph; Adam M. and Joseph, who reside on the old homestead in Allegheny county;



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and Sarah E., wife of John Stark, also a farmer of Allegheny county.

Robert Norris remained on the homestead in Allegheny county until sixteen years of age, when he went to Pittsburg, Penn., where he worked in a brick yard for four years during the summer, returning each winter to Allegheny county. He afterward worked in the lumber woods and then began lumbering in Jefferson county, which he followed until his death. He was also the owner of several farms, his second purchase being 175 acres of land, which is now owned by his sons, James C. and John M. He paid for this $6 per acre, and afterward sold twenty acres for $20 per acre. This is one of the most valuable farms of the county, being underlaid with coal. He made many excellent improvements upon the place, which stood as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. During the war, March 15, 1865, he was drafted; but hired John Hoffman to go as a substitute, paying him $1,300, of which amount he had to borrow $300. Mr. Hoffman asked him to keep the money for him until his return from the war, such was his known honesty in all business transactions. In politics he was always a Democrat, and for eleven years he served as school director of Winslow. He was a man six feet, three inches in height, and weighed 205 pounds prior to his last illness. In business and social circles he was highly regarded, and he left to his family an untarnished name. He was married to Jane Mays, who was born in Venango county, August 5, 1827. Her parents were J. C. and Mary M. Mays. Her grandparents were George W. and Mary (Hamilton) Mays, the former a native of South Carolina, and the latter of Northampton county, Penn. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and in battle suffered injuries which caused his death at the age of fifty-five years. By trade he was a millwright and miller, and in 1843 he located in Clarion county, Penn., where he lived until called to the home beyond. His wife died at the age of seventy-five years, and was buried in Butler county, Kans. The great-grandparents, Thomas W. and Mary Martha (Hamilton) Mays, were natives of Germany and Ireland, respectively. The former served in the Revolutionary war and was wounded in the struggle for independence. He was a millwright by trade, and built one of the first mills in Westmoreland county, Penn. Later he moved to Venango county, Penn., where he spent his last days.

Mrs. Robert Norris belonged to the family of which the following named were also members: Margaret E., deceased wife of Oliver Cathers; John, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of William Cook, a farmer of Clarion county, Penn.; Eleanor, widow of Simon Huntington, and a resident of Reynoldsville; Thomas W., a farmer of Little Rock, Iowa; Mrs. Jane Norris; and Daniel, a farmer of Missouri.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norris were born the following children: John M.; Margaret E., wife of J. F. Chambers, of Reynoldsville; Mary, at home; James C.; Nancy J., wife of L. B. DeHaven, of Johnsburg, Penn.; Adra A., who is with her mother; Daniel, deceased; and Robert W., who is studying medicine in Philadelphia.

JOHN M. NORRIS, who is living on the old homestead, was born in Winslow township, April 25, 1853. He was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, and after arriving at years of maturity was married November 6, 1879, to Miss Mary Hillis, by whom he has three children: Dora M., Robert J. and Julia Estella. Mrs. Norris was born in Philadelphia, June 19, 1858, and is a daughter of James and Jane (Graham) Hillis, the former born in New York, and the latter in County Derry, Ireland. Her mother came to Philadelphia with an aunt, and was married in that city to Mr. Hillis. In 1861 they removed to the farm in Jefferson county which is now their home. Their children are Mrs. Norris; Robert J., a physician of Altoona, Penn.; John R. and Sarah E., at home.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. John M. Norris, Robert and Mary (McColley) Hillis, were natives of County Derry, Ireland, and on coming to America located in New York. The latter died in Philadelphia, and the former in Jefferson county, Penn., at the age of eighty-two years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

John M. Norris made his home with his parents until December, 1879, when he removed to a house about one hundred yards distant. He is an energetic, progressive farmer, and has a valuable property in the old home place, the land being underlaid with a rich vein of coal. He has been called to public office by his fellow townsmen who recognize his sterling worth and ability, was supervisor one year, township auditor three years, and a member of the election board sixteen times. In politics he is a Democrat, is a member of Paradise Grange, No. 854, and belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

James C. Norris, who occupies that part of the old family homestead lying in Henderson township, was born in Winslow township, April 2, 1859, and in the school room and on the farm his youth was passed. He was married January 17, 1894, the lady of his choice being Miss

Jennie C. McDonald, and they have one child, Howard T. In the year of his marriage, James C. Norris built his present home. He and his brother reside on the same farm with their mother, and their business operations are conducted with the utmost harmony. He has served as auditor of his township, but has never aspired to political honors. He also belongs to Paradise Grange, and gives his political support to the Democracy. Like the others of the family, he is an intelligent and progressive member of society, a worthy citizen whom to know is to honor.

EDWARD REITZ. In the great competitive struggle of life, when each must enter the field and fight his way to the front, there is ever particular interest attaching to the life of one who has turned the tide to success, has surmounted the obstacles, and has shown his ability to cope with others in their rush for the coveted goal. Such has been the life of Edward Reitz, who has achieved success by his own unaided efforts. Born in Northumberland county, Penn., in September, 1831, Mr. Reitz is a son of Jacob Reitz, who removed to Beaver township, Jefferson Co., Penn., in 1842. His father was in limited circumstances, and his educational privileges were in consequence limited, but he and his brother, Manuel, attended school alternate days. Thus he laid the foundation for a good practical education, which has been supplemented by experience, observation and reading. He remained with his father until he attained his majority, when he learned the carpenter's trade, and in 1854 he went with his brother, Manuel, to Illinois, where he followed that occupation until 1857. Returning then to Pennsylvania he was appointed deputy sheriff under his brother, in 1863, and served the full term of three years. In 1866 he took up his residence in Bellevue (now called Stanton), removing thither from Brookville, where he had located in 1861, in the interest of his father-in-law, H. W. Spare. In 1866, with his three brothers, he embarked in general merchandising, and is still carrying on that business in connection with his son, Gilmore C. He has also devoted his energies to farming and stock-raising, and his extensive business interests, being well-conducted upon honorable lines, have brought him a handsome and well-deserved competence. In 1859 he was married to Miss Sarah Spare, of Beaver township, and to them were born thirteen children, ten of whom reached mature years, namely: Ralph B., Gilmore C., Emma, Ella M., Letitia, Ladd M., Joseph S., Harry W., Sarah C., and Richard. Of these Letitia is the wife of W. A. Johns. The mother died in 1891, at the age of fifty years. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Reitz and his children have long held membership therein, the father having been class leader from his first connection with the Church, now nearly thirty years. The family home has been maintained since the mother's death, the daughters assuming the management of the household affairs.

In politics our subject is a Republican, and in this particular his sons have followed in his footsteps. He has served his fellow citizens as constable and justice of the peace, and as postmaster for more than twenty years, but he has never been an office-seeker, preferring to give his attention to his business and family interests. His eldest son, Ralph B., after completing his literary education by his graduation from Allegheny College, at Meadville, Penn., took up the study of medicine, and spent one year in Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City. He then entered the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, where he remained three years. He was president of the graduating class, but two months prior to the time of graduation he accepted a business proposition. Re-entering the school, he graduated in the class of 1897.

GILMORE C. REITZ, the second son of the family, and his father's partner in business, was born in Brookville in 1863, and obtained his education in the public schools near his home. From his boyhood he has been connected with mercantile pursuits, having entered his father's store as clerk when seventeen years of age. In 1887 he was admitted to a partnership in the business, and has since been an active member of the firm, while for some time past he has largely controlled the store, his father devoting his time to other affairs. In connection with the goods generally found in a general mercantile establishment, he has also handled harvesting machinery on an extensive scale for several years. Annually he makes a three-months' trip, selling agricultural implements, and has been very successful, perhaps selling more machinery than any other one man in the county. He handles the agricultural implements manufactured by Walter A. Wood, and in all departments of his business carries a most excellent grade of stock, thus insuring a liberal share of public patronage.

In 1888 he was married to Minnie Houpt, a native of Jefferson county, a daughter of Rev. William Houpt, who was born in Armstrong county, Penn. Four children bless this union,

as follows: Ruth, Florence, Edward and William. The parents of these are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is now serving as steward, while for several years he has been superintendent of the Sabbath-school. He also belongs to the Grange, United American Mechanics and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being past grand of the last named. He is a stanch Republican in politics, he was elected on that ticket as town clerk, school director and overseer of the poor, and was appointed postmaster at Stanton April 20, 1897. He is a wide-awake, progressive young man, well known throughout the county, and is a worthy representative of an honored family.

MANUEL W. REITZ has for many years been connected with the business interests of Jefferson county, has been honored with official preferment, and is now living retired; but no matter what the relation that he has sustained to the public he has ever been known as a model citizen, true and faithful to all life's duties.

Mr. Reitz is one of the native sons of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Northumberland county, December 6, 1829. His parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Wagner) Reitz, were also natives of Northumberland county, and there resided until 1842, when they removed to Beaver township, Jefferson county, where they spent their remaining days. The father followed agricultural pursuits, and was recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of the community. He and his wife reared a family of five sons and two daughters. The father passed away in January, 1877, and the wife was called to the home beyond in November, 1887. Manuel Reitz, the second of the children living, received but limited educational privileges, for the schools of the community in which he lived afforded but meagre opportunities. He and his younger brother, Edward, would go alternate days, and by close application were enabled to secure a good knowledge of the English language and of the common English branches of learning. Anxious to advance as rapidly as possible, they would study at home and review their lessons in their minds as they proceeded with their daily tasks. Manuel remained on the home farm until twenty-one years of age, after which he served a two-years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and then followed that pursuit until 1859. In the spring of 1854 he, in company with his brother Edward, went to Illinois, where they carried on carpentering until 1857, returning then to Jefferson county. In the fall of 1860 he was appointed deputy sheriff, and after serving in that capacity for three years was elected to the office of sheriff in the autumn of 1863, discharging the duties of that position for three years. He was ever fearless and faithful, and proved an able officer. In 1867 he embarked in general merchandising in Stanton, Penn., and also established a lumber yard, his associates in business being his brothers, Edward, Aaron and Benjamin. Under the firm name of Edward Reitz & Brothers they continued a successful business until 1873, when Manuel Reitz sold his interest to his partners and erected a steam sawmill in Knox township, Jefferson county. He continued its operation until the fall of 1887, and his capable management, well directed energy and honorable dealing brought to him success; but failing health caused his retirement from that industry, and he has since devoted his energies to real estate, dealing in farm lands.

Since 1870 Mr. Reitz has been a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is now serving therein as trustee and steward. Since 1856, when he voted for John C. Fremont, he has been a stalwart advocate of Republican principles, never wavering in his allegiance to the party which stands for sound money, protection to home industries and loyalty to the old flag. Since 1863 he has resided with his brother Edward, and throughout the community he has many friends.

JOHN S. BARR, register and recorder of Jefferson county, is one of the ablest of officials whom the administration of county affairs has called to Brookville. He was born in 1825, in Centre, and is of pioneer blood, his father, David Barr, having been a native of that county. At about the age of thirty, David Barr removed to Jefferson county where the remainder of his life was spent, his attention being given to agriculture and the management of his tannery. Although never prominent in public affairs, he was well known and highly esteemed in the community. He died in 1856, and his wife, Rachel (Paxton), a native of Maryland, passed away three years before him.

The schools to which the subject of this biography had access in his youth were by no means equal to the common schools of to-day, and the terms were short for effective work under any system. Consequently Mr. Barr acquired his education under difficulties, the results of his efforts being decidedly creditable to him. For several years in early life he followed the tanner's trade. In 1854 he was elected constable

in Union township and was re-elected in 1855; in 1857 he moved to Troy (now Summerville), Penn. In 1864 he bought the "Oak Hall Hotel" at Brookville. In 1871 he became engaged in the livery business. In 1872 he was elected sheriff of the county, and in 1880 he built the "St. Cloud Hotel" at Du Bois. In 1882 he took charge of the "American Hotel." In 1883 he became proprietor of the "Red Lion Hotel" at Pittsburg, and conducted it four years. In 1887 he moved to Punxsutawney, where for seven years he was connected with different hostelries: "City Hotel," the "National Hotel," and the "Hotel Pantall." In 1895 he was elected register, recorder, and clerk of the Orphans' Court of Jefferson county, and his efficient work in these positions was rewarded by a re-election, in 1896, by a plurality of 2,327. Mr. Barr is a veteran of the Civil war, having served a year in the 57th P. V. I. He is an active and influential worker in the Republican party, and socially is identified with the K. of P., the Mechanics Union and the G. A. R.

In 1850 Mr. Barr was married to Miss Susan Weirich, of Jefferson county, who died leaving one daughter, Agnes, now the wife of R. T. Kelley. By a second marriage, with Miss Nancy Siar, of Jefferson county, also now deceased, there were two children (both deceased). Mr. Barr formed another matrimonial union, this time, Janaury 1, 1857, with Nancy J. Anthony, who is prominent in philanthropic work as a member of the Baptist Church. They have five children: Elizabeth (wife of James McDonald), Samuel P., John W., George M., and Blanche (wife of John D. Evans, deputy register and recorder of Jefferson county).

LEVI SCHUCKERS, of Winslow township, is one of the representative agriculturists and extensive lumber merchants of Jefferson county. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms plans readily, and is determined in their execution: and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is to-day his.

Mr. Schuckers was born January 26, 1840, in Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Penn., a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Himes) Schuckers, also natives of that county, where their marriage was celebrated, and where they remained until their removal to Jefferson county in 1857. The father purchased what was known as the Jacob Horm farm in Winslow township, comprising 107 acres, for which he paid $2,000, and there continued to reside up to within a year of his death. He was a successful farmer, was a stalwart Democrat in politics, and served his fellow-citizens in the capacity of school director, supervisor and auditor of Frailey township, Schuylkill county. He died March 14, 1858, aged forty-five years, his wife in December, 1863, aged fifty, and the remains of both were interred in Emerickville cemetery, Jefferson county. They held membership in the Lutheran Church, and were people of the highest respectability. Henry and Nancy (Staulman) Schuckers, the paternal grandparents of our subject, were also natives of Schuylkill county, where the latter died, and was buried in the Klouser Church cemetery. In 1854 the grandfather came to Jefferson county, where he spent his remaining days.

Levi Schuckers is the second in order of birth in the family of nine children, the others being as follows: Sarah A., who married Henry Kroh, but both are now deceased; Emanuel, a farmer and lumberman of Pinecreek township, Jefferson county; Valentine, who died, and was buried at Portland, Ore.; Franklin, deceased, who was a farmer and lumberman of Washington township, Jefferson county; Joseph, an agriculturist of Pinecreek township; Emma, wife of Adam Mohney, a laborer of the same township; Amanda, wife of James I. Brady, bookkeeper for the firm of Long & Brady, proprietors of a sawmill at Brookville, Penn.; and Elizabeth, wife of John Baum, a farmer of Pinecreek township.

The early educational privileges afforded our subject were quite limited, he being able to attend school for only two four-months' terms; but he has made the most of his advantages and become a well-informed man. He remained with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-three, working on his mother's farm during the summer and in the woods during the fall and winter months. Much of his time has been spent in clearing the wild land, grubbing up the stumps, and in other arduous and laborious tasks; but prosperity at length crowned his efforts, and he is to-day one of the well-to-do citizens of Winslow township. In early life he took many rafts of lumber down Sandy Lick and Red Bank creeks and the Alleghany river, but he is now practically living retired at his beautiful home in Winslow township. He first purchased 187 acres of land for $5,000, paying only $1,200 down; but at the end of four years the place was free from debt, although he had to pay ten per cent interest on the principal. He has added to the original tract until it now comprises 417½ acres of the most valuable farming land in central Pennsylvania. It is supplied with all the conveniences and accessories of a model farm, and Mr. Schuck-

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ers spares no pains in making it one of the most attractive spots in Jefferson county. He has not confined his attention alone to agricultural pursuits and lumbering, but has branched out into other lines of business, and is now a stockholder in the First National Bank of Reynoldsville, Penn., and also in the Pennsylvania & Buffalo Land Company, of Buffalo, N. Y. As a stalwart Democrat, he takes quite an active and prominent part in political affairs, and has served as school director and assistant assessor.

On September 1, 1863, in the present home of Mr. Schuckers he was married to Miss Elizabeth Kroh, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Welker, a Lutheran minister. They have seven children: Elmer E., a farmer of Pinecreek township, Jefferson county, who married Lovilla Hetrick; Homer G., a farmer and lumberman of the same township, who married Mary Snyder, and has two children, Lawrence and Charles; James A., who married Lillie Sherwood, and is engaged in jobbing at Skunk Hollow, Jefferson county; Kennedy C., clerk in the First National Bank, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Glen L., who is employed in a sawmill in Winslow township, Jefferson county; and Cora E. and Lee S., both at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Kroh) Schuckers was born July 2, 1844, in Pinecreek township, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Haupt) Kroh, natives of Northumberland county, Penn., and early settlers of Jefferson county, where they spent their last years, the former dying in 1876, at the age of seventy-five, and the latter in May, 1872, at the age of seventy-two. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and very prominent in their community. Their remains were interred in the Brookville Cemetery. The father followed the occupations of farming and lumbering, and also operated a gristmill. His political support was given the men and measures of the Republican party. Mrs. Schuckers is the youngest of seven children, namely: Beneval, a retired farmer of Pinecreek township; Sarah, wife of Peter Baum, an agriculturist of the same township; Jacob, who was engaged in farming in Armstrong county, Penn., but is now deceased; Angeline, who married John B. Snyder, but both have passed away; Henry, a farmer, now deceased; Catherine J., wife of George Jordan, who is engaged in the hotel business in Perryville, Penn.; and Elizabeth (Mrs. Schuckers).

REV. JACOB E. DEAN, who is residing on what is known as the old Feely homestead in Winslow township, Jefferson county, devotes his life to farming and to the work of the ministry. He is a man of strong intellectual powers, and much force of character, and has left the impress of his individuality upon the community. Highly esteemed by all who know him, his influence has been a power for good, and he may well be numbered among Jefferson county's best citizens.

Rev. Dean was born August 27, 1833, near Harlansburg, Lawrence Co., Penn. His parents, Noah and Elizabeth (Emery) Dean, were natives of Huntingdon and Mercer counties, Penn., respectively, and were married in the latter by Rev. John Munson, a Presbyterian minister. The father followed farming in Lawrence county. He was born July 24, 1804, died in 1870, and was buried at Harlansburg, Penn. His wife, who was born October 30, 1802, died in 1884. Their children were Sarah, widow of Zachariah Dean, of Newcastle, Penn.; William E., a farmer of Lawrence county; Mary, wife of Riley Bruce, and both now deceased; Enoch, deceased; Nancy, who was killed in a railroad disaster at Chatsworth, Ill.; Jacob E.; Noah, a farmer of Missouri; Martha, wife of Lemuel Andrews, of Mercer county, who served three years in the 100th P. V. I.; Caroline, wife of Jesse Locke, of Lawrence county; Alfred, a farmer of Newcastle, Penn.; John C., who served three years in the 100th P. V. I., and died in 1895; Isaac N., who served in the 100th P. V. I., and died at Vicksburg, Miss., July 15, 1863, the result of a sprained ankle.

The Dean family was founded in America by the great-great-grandfather of our subject, a native of England, who located on the present site of Baltimore, but at the opening of the Revolutionary war returned to his native land. The grandfather, Zachariah Dean, was born in Maryland, March 26, 1772, and died April 18, 1862, in Lawrence county, Penn. He was married in Huntingdon county, Penn., to Allie Thompson, a native of this State, who died in June, 1847, at the age of seventy-three years. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Jacob Emery, was of German descent, served in the war of 1812, and died in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Dean, of this review, resided with his parents until twenty-one years of age, during which time he assisted in the labors of the home farm and attended the public schools. He was also a student in a normal school in Lawrence county prior to leaving home. At the age of eighteen he began teaching, which he followed for ten terms. On attaining his majority he purchased a farm in Mercer county, whereon he made his home for ten years. In 1859 he went

to Pikes Peak, Colo., in search of gold, but found little, and in the fall went to Iowa, where he taught school. In 1861 he returned to his farm and the same year entered the ministry. Later he attended Reeds Institute, in order to further fit himself for this calling. He began preaching at Brownsville, Penn., where he remained two years, and in 1863 took up his residence in Clarion, Penn., where he remained a year. During that time he preached at Strattonville and Corsica, and thence removed to Leatherwood, Penn., where he continued four years, having charge of the Leatherwood and Bethlehem Churches. In 1868 he went to Mackville, Penn., and from 1868 to 1875 preached for the Union Church and a charge at Freeport. In 1875 he served as financial secretary for Reeds Institute, and the following year came to his present farm of 121 acres, which he has since kept under a high state of cultivation, and in addition he has carried on much Church work. From 1876 until 1879 he was pastor of the Soldiers Run Church at Reynoldsville, and while there organized the Baptist Church, at West Liberty, of which he was pastor for eleven consecutive years. During that time he organized the Church in Du Bois, for which he preached every fourth Sunday for four years. He also organized the Church at Caledonia, and for nine years occupied the pulpit half of the time at Allens Mills. During that period he also preached for three and a half years at Union Church, Armstrong county, and then organized the Church at Johnsburg, Elk county, where he continued for four years. Later he had charge of the Baptist Churches in Sykesville and West Liberty, and for a year and a half was pastor of the Churches at Coalport, Mountdale and Medix Run. He is now preaching at Medix Run and Brockwayville, having organized the latter Church in 1891. He was its pastor for a time, and on the 1st of March, 1897, resumed his labors there. He is an able speaker, most earnest and thoughtful, and his labors have been productive of good that is immeasurable. He is a man of broad general information, and does all in his power to promote the best interests of the communities with which he is associated. Rev. Dean is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry Grange No. 44, of Armstrong county, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Reynoldsville. His political support is given the Republican party.

Rev. Dean was married August 16, 1854, in Mercer county, Penn., to Miss Clara Furman, who was born in Strattonville, Clarion county, May 1, 1830. They have a family of nine children: Noah married Rosa Tubbs, by whom he had two children, both now deceased. The mother also died, and he married Belle London, by whom he has four children. They now reside in Rathmel, Penn., where he is agent for a nursery company. Sarah E. is at home. Onis V. is deceased. Permilla A. married J. C. Williams, of Caledonia, Penn., and they have four children. Ida E. is the wife of F. E. McKee, a sawyer of Michigan. Carrie A. died at the age of six years. Charles T., a farmer of Winslow township, married Priscilla Shields, and has two children. Clara A. is the wife of U. Grant Perry, a clerk in the war department at Washington, D. C., by whom she has one child. Myrtle M., a graduate of Lockhaven State Normal, completes the family and lives at home.

It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the family to which Mrs. Dean belongs. Her paternal grandfather was Daniel Furman. Her father, Jonathan Furman, was born in Northumberland county, Penn., and was there married to Sarah Howe, a native of Maryland. He followed farming as a life work, and died in Strattonville, in 1858, at the age of seventy-two. His wife died in Mercer county, in 1850, at the age of sixty-four. He was a Whig in politics, and both were members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: William, who died at the age of twenty-one; Nathan, who died at the age of eighty; Hannah, deceased wife of George Kelley, also deceased; Samuel, a Baptist minister, who died at the age of seventy-three; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Jacob Dunkel; Jane, deceased wife of Henry Fulton; John, who has also passed away; Sarah, deceased widow of Henry Runkel, of Mercer county; Ambrose, who has also passed away; and Mrs. Clara Dean, the estimable wife of our subject, who has proved to him a most capable helpmeet, and who has won the warm friendship of many by her excellencies of character.

SAMUEL IRVIN (deceased), late a prominent merchant of Big Run, Jefferson county, was a man who was held in high esteem wherever he was known, and whose history, showing as it does his courageous struggle with adverse circumstances, will afford a helpful lesson.

Benjamin and Prudence (Dunbar) Irvin, his parents, had a large family and limited means, and the value of thrift and industry early became apparent to our subject. The father was a collier for some years after his marriage, but in 1848 engaged in agriculture in Tioga county, Penn., where he purchased a farm, and, in addition to this work, he found employment among the iron furnaces of that neighborhood, much

of his time being spent in burning charcoal, and in similar labor.

Samuel Irvin was born in Schuykill county, Penn., in 1831, and had but limited schooling, his help being needed at home. On attaining his majority he embarked in business for himself, engaging in lumbering and milling, which he continued until 1861 in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The outbreak of the war and the call for defenders of our national unity, aroused his patriotic spirit, and he went to the front as a member of Company D, 106th P. V. I. He was in active service more than three years. At the battle of Cold Harbor, in 1864, he was wounded in the head by a shell and disabled for further duty. Returning to Pennsylvania he spent one year in lumbering, and then engaged in mercantile business at Liberty, Tioga county, but sold out after three years. He purchased a farm in the same county, which proved an unprofitable investment, and at the end of eight years there he was obliged to seek employment by the day in a tannery at Canton, Penn. In 1882 he moved to North Bend, where he continued in similar work for five years, after which he moved to Williamsport, where he was employed by the hardware firm of J. H. Linck & Co. In 1888 he moved to Big Run, where he was again employed in a tannery for a year, but having secured the means for another start he engaged in the grocery business, which he conducted successfully. In 1885 he was married to Miss Mary M. Wright, of Tioga county, and one son survives, J. B. Irvin, who was for a time in business with his father.

Politically Mr. Irvin was a Republican, and his popularity among all classes made him a favorite candidate for local office when he consented to run. He was a member of the G. A. R., and he was identified with the Christian Church, in which he was serving as deacon and treasurer at the time of his death. His widow is a member of the same Church.

DANIEL REITZ, one of the prominent and representative citizens of Beaver township, Jefferson county, has now laid aside the cares and responsibilities of active business life. He has been and is distinctively a man of affairs, and one who has wielded a wide influence. A strong mentality, an invincible courage, and a most determined individuality have so entered into his make-up as to render him a natural leader of men and a director of opinion. The county may well accord honor to him.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Reitz was born in Northumberland county, in 1834, a son of William and Mary (Lease) Reitz. The birth of the father also occurred in that county, where he made his home until coming to Beaver township, Jefferson county, in 1852. In early life he engaged in merchandising, but later devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He died in 1892, at the age of eighty-one years, and his wife, who was born in Georgetown, Northumberland county, passed away when in her eighty-fourth year.

Daniel Reitz, of this review, is second in order of birth in a family of ten children—five sons and five daughters. He supplemented the knowledge acquired in the common schools of his native county by extensive reading and study in later years, and is well informed on all topics of general interest, as well as the leading questions and issues of the day. At the age of twenty-four he left the parental roof, and obtained employment in the lumber woods of Jefferson county, where he at first worked by the month, and later engaged in jobbing. During this time he was saving his means by which to provide a home for his parents, as his father had met with reverses in business. Our subject continued lumbering until 1865, when he went to the Pacific coast, and traveled extensively over the Western States and British Columbia, spending nearly seven years in the Rocky Mountains in search of his fortune. Although he encountered many obstacles and difficulties, he was mainly successful, and on his return to Pennsylvania, in 1872, he purchased the fine farm in Beaver township, Jefferson county, where he still resides. While in the West he came across many hostile Indian tribes, and at times narrowly escaped with his life. For several years after his return, Mr. Reitz was actively engaged in general farming, and for fifteen years served as justice of the peace, during which time he administered and settled many estates, having at one time fifteen on hand for settlement, but he has now laid aside all business cares, and is enjoying a well-earned rest. In 1872 he was married to Mrs. Mary Spare, *née* Lurch, of Jefferson county, a most estimable lady, who is a faithful member of the Evangelical Church. Fraternally, Mr. Reitz was for many years a member of the Masonic order, but took his dimit owing to his age. However, he still belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all the chairs, is a member of the Grand Lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the American Mechanics and the Farmers Alliance.

In politics, our subject has entertained Greenback proclivities since 1864, prior to which time

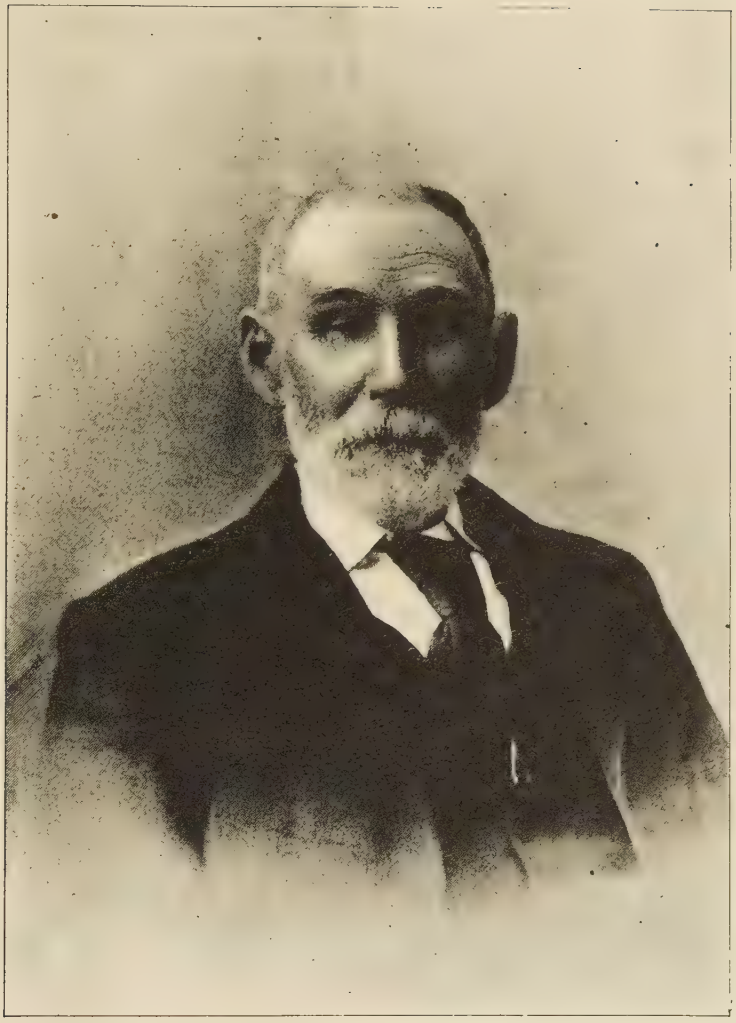
he was a Democrat, but supported Lincoln in 1860. He has been frequently urged to accept the nomination for different offices, but declined to run for sheriff and for member of the Assembly at different times. In 1884 he attended the Democratic and Greenback Congressional Convention at Kittanning, and after two days' unsuccessful balloting, his name was proposed, and he was triumphantly nominated for representative. Although he received 2,800 votes more than Grover Cleveland, he was defeated as his district was strongly Republican. At the Labor Convention of his Senatorial District, he was nominated for State Senator in 1896, but declined the honor. No man in Jefferson county stands higher in the estimation of his fellow citizens, or is more deserving their regard than Daniel Reitz.

ARTHUR O'DONNEL. Wherever there is pionecr or unusual work to be done, men of energy and ability are required, and success or failure depends upon the degree of those qualities that is possessed. In wresting the land of Winslow township, Jefferson county, from its native wilderness; in fitting it for the habitation of men; in developing the natural resources of the community in which they live, few, if any, have contributed more largely than Arthur O'Donnel, and it is mete and proper that for the arduous and important labor he has performed he should receive his due reward. He is now a wealthy lumber manufacturer, and operates two large sawmills, one of which is located at Camp Run, Jefferson county, on a tract of 1,392 acres of land, owned by Andrews & Son, and by A. O'Donnel & Son; the other at O'Donnel Station, same county, which station was named for our subject.

Mr. O'Donnel was born, December 26, 1824, in Clearfield township, Butler Co., Penn., a son of Arthur and Marjorie (Duffy) O'Donnel, and a grandson of Arthur O'Donnel. Both his paternal and maternal grandparents came from Ireland. The father was a native of Dauphin county, and the mother of Butler county. They were married in Butler county, and there Arthur O'Donnel, the father of our subject, engaged in general farming. He was prosperous in business, and was one of the leading men in that county, serving as justice of the peace for many years and filling various other local offices. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith a Catholic. He died July 30, 1875, aged seventy-seven years, his wife having passed away several years previously, aged seventy-five years. Both are buried at St. John's Church, Clearfield township, Butler county. Their children were as follows: James, born March 19, 1823, died at the age of two years; Arthur is the subject of this sketch; Mary A., born October 19, 1826, married Thomas Graham, and both are now deceased; John D., born October 21, 1828, died December 24, 1895; Charles, born June 17, 1830, is a merchant of Bradford, Penn.; Daniel, born May 12, 1832, died in 1864; James, born October 30, 1833, is now living with our subject; Matilda, born May 30, 1835, is the wife of James Rogers, employed in the glass works at South Pittsburg; Hannah and Marjorie (twins), born February 18, 1837, are both now deceased, Hannah dying unmarried in 1897, and Marjorie as the wife of Samuel Shankle, a molder of Kittanning; Bridget E., born June 8, 1839, died unmarried; Edward, born September 6, 1844, is a railroad man of Winslow township, Jefferson county.

Our subject remained on his father's farm until the age of eighteen, but for two winters he assisted his father in working an ore bank at Buffalo Furnace, Armstrong county. The lad then ventured out for himself, engaging cheerfully in whatever employment he could find; for several months he operated an engine at Buffalo Furnace, later running an engine at Pittsburg, and then was similarly engaged in a nail factory until the mill burned, when he returned home. After harvest he began an apprenticeship of two years with Payne & Bigley, carpenters and contractors in Clarion county. For his first year's services he received six dollars per month, for the second eight dollars, receiving also two-months' schooling each year. He was now equipped for life and eager to begin business for himself. Payne & Bigley dissolved partnership about this time, and our subject associated himself in business with Mr. Payne. They followed carpentering, and also engaged in shipping iron to Pittsburg by boat on contract. Mr. O'Donnel two years later purchased the business of his partner, and continued it until 1850, when he removed to New Bethlehem, and for eight years leased from Jacob Shankle a dam privilege, building the first sawmill at that place. He rented it for two years for $500, and then sold the privilege to another firm for $300 per year, in the meantime carrying on his business of carpentering and contracting.

On January 27, 1853, at New Bethlehem, Mr. O'Donnel was married to Miss Margaret D. Graham, who was born April 13, 1833, at Centre Furnace, Centre county, a daughter of William and Mary (Adams) Graham, who were of Scotch-Irish extraction, and members of the M. E. and Presbyterian Churches, respectively. Margaret



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was only three years old when her mother died, and eight years later she lost her father, who was a teamster. Thrown largely upon her own resources, after spending several years with her maternal grandparents, the young girl developed strong habits of self-reliance. The family of William and Mary Graham consisted of the following children: Marshall, now living retired in Peoria, Ill.; Samuel, who died aged twenty-one years; Sarah, who married Lot Tetts, and is now deceased; Mary J., who married Isaac Lewis, and is since deceased; Nancy, wife of Joseph Siler, both deceased; Margaret, wife of our subject; and Maria, who died aged six months.

To Arthur and Margaret O'Donnel were born the following children: William, born March 16, 1854, died December 18 of the same year; Matilda, born October 2, 1855, died of scarlet fever May 31, 1861; Flora, born July 27, 1859, died of scarlet fever June 9, 1861; John, born November 25, 1861, died December 23 of same year; Charles G., born December 16, 1863, married Mary Heis, and has six children (he is a partner with his father in the mill at Camp Run); Anna, born April 27, 1866, married Alexander Best, a tanner of Reynoldsville, and has three children; and Arthur, Jr., born September 15, 1869, married (first) Anna Nulph, and (second) Cora Swartz, and has two children (he is manager of his father's mill at O'Donnel Station).

In 1858 Arthur O'Donnel built the first steam mill at New Bethlehem, on land which he had previously bought. He leased this mill for three years, but soon after sold it for $3,500. He continued carpentering, but the black frost of 1859 having killed business in that locality, he abandoned the trade, and took charge of the "Lafayette Hotel" at New Bethlehem, remaining its proprietor for fifteen months. Returning to the woods, he took out square timber and built the two bridges across the Clarion river. He was engaged in various similar enterprises until June 1, 1866, when he established himself in the wilderness in Winslow township, Jefferson county, first engaging as a carpenter and millwright for Andrews, Kitley & Co. He contracted to build the mill for this firm, and subsequently arranged to manufacture and deliver lumber to them at New Bethlehem, floating it down the river. A year later he purchased a third interest in the business for $15,000, his salary as superintendent being fixed at $1,000 per year. He conducted this business until the mill was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1873 at a loss of $12,000. During the three following years, owing to the hard times, the business was suspended; but in 1876 the mill was rebuilt, and has since been operated by Mr. O'Donnel on a large scale, the O'Donnel mill turning out from 25,000 to 30,000 feet of manufactured lumber per day. Charles E. Andrews is associated in business with Mr. O'Donnel, and receives a royalty on the lumber cut from one tract of 1,437 acres of land. Mr. O'Donnel's life has been too active to permit him to accept any office. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Brookville. He is pre-eminently a self-made man, possessing a great capacity for hard work and good financial ability. He has large interests, is highly esteemed for his integrity and honest dealings. He is moreover a well-preserved man physically, with steady hand and keen eye, and both he and his estimable wife possess winning and gracious social qualities.

HENRY BEAM (deceased) was one of the leading pioneers of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and his beautiful farm near Big Run gave evidence of his industry and wise management. Coming to that locality in 1840, he was from the first identified with its best interests, his influence being thrown always on the side of progress, and his death in 1888 was felt as a personal loss by all the members of the community where he had so long resided.

Mr. Beam was born in Dauphin county, Penn., the son of Henry and Nancy Beam, both natives of Lancaster county, this State. On coming to Jefferson county in 1840 he bought 213 acres of woodland which he transformed into a home, clearing it and making improvements from time to time as his means permitted. His first residence was a log house, and the barn which he built at the time was of the same primitive order of architecture. In 1850 he brought to his home a beloved helpmeet, Miss Mary Pauline Best, whose wifely counsel and assistance proved her worth and ability. In 1861 he built a commodious frame residence of modern style, and in 1878 he erected a large bank barn, these and other improvements making the place one of the best in the vicinity. He was a generous supporter of schools, churches, and all charitable movements, and for years was a consistent member of the M. E. Church. In politics he was a Democrat, but he never turned his attention in the direction of partisan work or sought public office, as he preferred his own quiet yet useful mode of life.

His estimable wife, who survives him, shared in his kindly feeling toward all worthy enterprises, and has been especially active in religious work as a member of the Disciple Church. She was

born July 19, 1830, in Armstrong county, Penn., and is descended from an old Swiss family, her ancestors having come to America in Colonial times. Several of her relatives served in the Revolutionary army under Washington, and her father, William Best, who was born in Northampton county, Penn., settled at an early day in Jefferson county, where he and his wife, Mary (Pauline) Smith, were held in the highest esteem for their excellent qualities of character.

Mr. and Mrs. Beam had a large family of children, all of whom are well settled in life and do credit to their parents: (1) Jesse, born February 28, 1853, married Miss Emma Rhoads, of Clearfield county, and after residing on his mother's old homestead for two years moved to Virginia, in 1887, and has since followed lumbering there. He has four children—Cyrus, Olonza, Pearl and the baby. (2) Sarah E., born June 16, 1854, married Michael Schucker, of Brady township, Clearfield county. They now reside in Huntingdon county, Penn., on his farm. They have two children—Rachel, who was burned to death at the age of three years; and Henry, who is at home. (3) Maggie, born November 4, 1855, married Mitchil Watson, of Karthaus, Clearfield Co., Penn., and they now reside in Elk county, Penn., where he is engaged in oil boring. They had two children—Frank Howard and one who died in infancy. (4) Susie, born October 25, 1857, was educated in the common schools of Henderson township, and in 1881 married Charles Englie, of Indiana county, Penn. They lived for a time in Penfield, and later in Winterburn, Clearfield county, but in 1884 they located upon a portion of the old homestead where they erected a house and cleared out a small farm. They remained there until 1890, but since that time have lived with Mrs. Beam at their sea home. They had five children—Ida May, Chilsie Leroy, Ira Clair, Effie Lula, and Milo V., all at home. (5) George, born September 4, 1859, married Mollie Curry, of Frontville, and now resides in Sykesville. They have three children—Harlow, Minnie and Clair. (6) Henry Jefferson, born October 4, 1861, married Etta McQuoiwn, of Big Run, and is working in D. J. Pifer's hardware store. They have no children. (7) Hannah C., born January 16, 1864, married Harry McQuoiwn, now postmaster of Big Run. They have five children living—Wymard, Lillian, Lucile, Ruth and Pauline; and two —Wauland and Florence M., are dead. (8) Suvilla, born April 2, 1866, married Canida B. Deemer, of Jefferson county, Penn., and they now reside on a farm in Winslow township. They have two children—Twila and Alma. (9) Jacob, born April 16, 1868, married Amanda Graffus, of Big Run, where he is now a clerk in J. A. Campbell's hardware store. They have three children living—Okley, Leanore and Glen. (10) Frank, born February 23, 1871, married to Miss Eunice Anthony, of Jefferson county, now resides at Glen Hazel, Elk county. They have two children—Leone and Joanna.

HON. W. J. McKNIGHT, M. D. A man who has won his way in the world by sheer force of will and intellect, opposing his honest efforts to adverse fate, cannot fail to hold in a high degree the esteem and confidence of the people among whom his early days of trial were spent. Brookville is proud of Dr. McKnight as one of her ablest sons, and Jefferson county has three times given him her support for the office of State Senator. In his professional work he has shown an unwavering determination to keep well posted upon the latest discoveries of science, and since Fortune has smiled upon him, he has availed himself of the best opportunities within his reach for extending his knowledge and perfecting his skill.

His family is of Scotch-Irish origin. His great-grandparents, Alexander and Isabella (McBride) McKnight, who were natives of County Down, Ireland, emigrated in 1790 to Franklin county, Penn. About 1795 they moved to and settled on a farm in Crooked Creek, Indiana Co., Penn. They had five daughters and two sons—Alexander, Jr.; and James, the grandfather of our subject, settled in Indiana, Penn., and became prominent in local politics, holding several offices. He was married twice, first to Jane McNutt, by whom he had two sons—Alexander, the father of Dr. McKnight; and William, who died in 1830, at the age of twenty-three years. The second wife was Jane McComb, by whom he had one son, James, and one daughter, Jane, now Mrs. Walbridge, both of whom moved to Texas, where James attained distinction. Alexander, Jr., brother of the grandfather of Dr. McKnight, married Susanna Cummins, and had two sons, viz.: Hon. William C., (now deceased), who resided in Chambersburg, Penn., and James (now deceased), who resided on the old Crooked Creek homestead in Indiana county. Alexander, son of James and Jane (McNutt) McKnight, was married May 10, 1831, to Miss Mary Thompson, daughter of William Thompson, of Indiana county, and sister of Hon. John J. Y. Thompson. She was a granddaughter of Rev. John Jameson, who was born in Ellerslie, Scotland, and whose mother was a Wallace, of Sir William Wallace's clan. Alex-

ander and Mary McKnight commenced married life in Blairsville, Indiana Co., Penn., and on May 19, 1832, Amor A. McKnight was born. In November, 1832, they moved to Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., where Mr. McKnight taught during that winter the first term of school for the new town. In 1833 he was appointed justice of the peace. In 1834 he was appointed county treasurer. He was lieutenant-colonel of the 145th Regiment Penn. Militia, Second Battalion, and showed great fondness for military drill. A man of fine presence and much intellectual vigor, he was highly respected by all classes. He died June 15, 1837, aged twenty-seven years, leaving a widow and three children, viz.: Amor A. (late Col. McKnight); Nancy Jane, who died in childhood; and William J., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Mary McKnight was married to John Templeton, December 28, 1842, and had three sons —Thomas L.; Jesse J. died in the army; and Oscar J. (deceased). John Templeton died December 8, 1850, and Mrs. Mary Templeton passed away February 22, 1860, aged forty-nine years.

Dr. McKnight was born in Brookville, Penn., May 6, 1836, and acquired an elementary education in the common schools. At the age of eleven, he was thrown upon his own resources, however, and he worked on a farm for four years. At sixteen he was employed by Samuel McElhose, of the *Jefferson Star*, and at seventeen he commenced the double task of setting type with Jerome Powell, Esq., of Ridgway, Penn., and of reading medicine under Dr. A. M. Clark, of Brockwayville, Penn.; in this way during a period of three years, by a species of economy, known best to himself, he saved enough money to enable him to attend during the winter of 1856–7 a single course of medical lectures in Cincinnati, Ohio. In March, 1857, he opened an office in Brookville, Penn., and for two years met with success. In 1859 he joined Dr. Niver, of Brockwayville, and as the junior member of the firm had a large and active practice during the four and one-half years of partnership. In 1863 he returned to Brookville, and established a drug store in connection with his practice, his brother, Thomas L. Templeton, joining him in this enterprise. The Doctor gave personal attention to the drug store for six years, and the business is yet successfully conducted by him and his son, under the firm name of McKnight & Son. In 1864 Gov. Curtin appointed Dr. McKnight examining surgeon; he was also appointed and served as U. S. Pension Surgeon for seven years, but in order to faithfully perform other duties he was compelled to resign this position. He served in the "emergency men" as private and orderly sergeant in Company G, 57th Regiment, and later was promoted to quartermaster sergeant, taking part in the campaign against and capture of Morgan. In 1869 he attended lectures in Philadelphia, and received the degree of M. D. He supplemented this course by attending two full courses in succession at Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, graduating in March, 1884. In the same year he received a degree from the School of Anatomy and Surgery. He also took a post-graduate course at Jefferson Medical College in 1885. January 9, 1860, he married Miss Penelope G. Clarke, and this union has been blessed with seven children, of whom four are living.

In his political views the Doctor is an ardent Republican. In 1876 Jefferson county presented his name for senator, and Indiana county presented Dr. St. Clair, and finally to secure harmony and to save the congressman's election to his party, Dr. McKnight handed to the conference the following letter of declination:

Gentlemen: When I received the nomination for senator by the convention of Jefferson county Republicans by a large and flattering vote, I believed then as I still believe to-day, that I, as the choice of Jefferson county, was then and am to-day entitled to the Republican nomination for senator of this district. But I fully realize the fact that we are in an important political campaign, when the utmost harmony and union are required in all our ranks, and that I, as a faithful Republican, should not ask personal preference antagonistic to the general welfare of the party, but should act honestly for the people consistent with my Republican principles, and be just to myself. I have no personal contest. I am nothing. The success of the party is everything. I therefore withdraw from the contest and hope my friends and the party may act wisely in the interest of the public good. Thanking my friends from the bottom of my heart for their warm support and their assurance to continue it in the event of my remaining a candidate, I say here in all candor, that I hope I may never be so ungrateful as to forget their kind assurances. I am, as ever,

Yours truly,
(Signed) W. J. McKnight.

Brookville, Sept. 29, 1876.

In 1880, Jefferson county once more presented Dr. McKnight for nomination; but Indiana county again claimed it, and after several conferences the State Committee was called on to settle the matter, which they did by pronouncing Dr. McKnight the nominee. He was elected, and served in the Senate from 1881 to 1885. He was a fearless, outspoken member, and was ever found in line battling for right and economy. The Doctor was again (in 1884) nominated by his county; a spirited contest arose in Indiana county, however, and after again calling on the State Committee, Dr. McKnight was nominated, but this time defeated by Indiana county running in the district an independent candidate. After the contest for nomination for senator in 1884 (already referred to) Hon. M. S. Quay, of

the National Republican Committee, requested Dr. McKnight to call on him at Pittsburg. The Doctor replied to him, through his brother, in these words: "I am the nominee of the Republican party of this district; I carry the Republican flag, and no power on earth but the votes of the people or the hand of Almighty God will make me lay it down," thus again showing his fidelity to his party. He has always been loyal and unswerving to his party's interests. Sometimes his high spirit and firm adherence to principle have brought about exciting scenes, as in 1856–57, while he was attending lectures at the Medical Institute in Cincinnati, where nearly three-fourths of the students were Southerners. He boarded in the same house with nineteen of them; all armed with dirks and pistols The Doctor says: "From September until November politics ran very high—the Southerners being very dictatorial, unreasonable and domineering, and they humiliated many of the Northern students. Knowing that my time would come I purchased a revolver and put it in my hip pocket. I sat between two of the Southerners at College. Dr. Duhling, of Mississippi, came by while a lecture was going on, and deliberately insulted me, and when I resented the rudeness Dr. Duhling rushed at me with a chair, but was met by my revolver pushed against his breast. I then said: 'Put that chair down,' and repeated my words, 'Now I tell you for the third time put that chair down,' and that was the end of my troubles with those people. I was ever afterward respected by all of them."

Dr. McKnight, as a physician, has been eminently successful, and as a business man is energetic and useful. He has now ready for the press a compilation entitled "Pioneer History of Jefferson county, Penn.," which relates many historical facts as they came under his personal notice in the early days. At the earnest solicitation of Maj. John McMurray, Dr. McKnight published, in 1895, a thirty-two-page pamphlet entitled "My Recollection of Brookville, Penn., in 1840 to 1843," which has proven very interesting reading to the citizens of the county.

HON. GEORGE A. JENKS. It is an important duty to honor and perpetuate, as far as possible, the memory of an eminent citizen—one who by his blameless and honorable life and distinguished career reflects credit not only upon his city and State, but upon the whole country. In our subject we find one of the most prominent and distinguished citizens of Jefferson county, where his entire life has been passed, his birth occurring March 26, 1836, in Punxsutawney. His father, a physician, was descended from a Quaker family, who were among the early settlers of Philadelphia. His mother was a daughter of Rev. D. Barclay, a Scotch Presbyterian minister.

When a child, Mr. Jenks was asked by his elder brother, D. B. Jenks, a lawyer, what business he would follow when he became a man, and his reply was, "Wait till to-morrow morning and I will tell you." During the night his determination was formed, and the next morning he announced that he would be a lawyer. The purpose so early formed was unalterably fixed, and to that end he labored and studied. When fourteen years of age his father died, and two years later he entered upon an apprenticeship of two years to the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he followed for a time in connection with school teaching and civil engineering. In the spring of 1855 he assisted in laying out the city of Omaha, Neb., and in the fall of that year entered the junior class at Jefferson College, having diligently pursued his literary studies mornings and evenings while teaching and working. Previous to this time, however, he had taken up the study of law under the direction of Hon. W. P. Jenks, his guardian, who from early boyhood had directed his legal and literary reading. He was graduated from Jefferson College in the class of 1858, and in February, 1859, was admitted to the Bar in Jefferson county, having completed his legal studies under his brother, P. W. Jenks. In the following September he conducted his first case in court, which was an important one to his clients—a widow and her minor children, whose home was their all, and that home dependent upon the result of the case. Although he was opposed by eminent lawyers, including Hon. I. G. Gordon, Hon. W. P. Jenks and Hon. G. W. Zeigler, he won the case, and was thenceforth employed on most of the important cases in Jefferson county, while his name became familiar in many of the courts in western and central Pennsylvania, where he was often employed.

Being a stalwart Democrat, Mr. Jenks, in the fall of 1874, was tendered the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania District against Hon. Harry White. The district was strongly Republican, but our subject's personal popularity and the "tidal wave" elected him to the Forty-fourth Congress. Speaker Kerr appointed him chairman of the committee on Invalid Pensions. A masterly report on the condition and working of the pension bureau, derived from an investigation by order of the House, he made, and followed this by a bill which was cal-

culated to prevent further abuses. Bounty land warrants, which before this had been personal property, had become the plunder of a dishonest ring, which at one single time had seized upon over 100,000 acres of land, were changed to realty through his efforts, and so guarded that only the rightful owners, their legal heirs or assigns, could obtain them. Mr. Jenks' forensic ability first became known to the House in a discussion concerning the character of an invalid pension. He had asserted that an invalid pension for death or disability of a soldier in the service in the line of his duty was a contract right. This was denied by some of the leading Republicans in the House, who alleged it was a mere gift or gratuity, and a warm debate ensued, at the conclusion of which Mr. Jenks made a legal argument tracing the legislation of the subject from and since the Revolutionary war, and establishing so conclusively the position he assumed that it has not since been denied. This was soon succeeded by a legal discussion concerning the refusal of Hallett Kilbourne to testify before a committee of the House.

The legal prominence Mr. Jenks had already attained led the House to elect him as one of the seven managers on the part of the House to conduct the impeachment of Secretary Belknap, the others being Messrs. Lord, Knott, Lynde, McMahon, Hoar and Lapham. On that trial before the Senate the defendant was represented by three leading lawyers of the nation—Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, Hon. Matt H. Carpenter and Hon. Montgomery Blair. Mr. Jenks was elected by the managers as one of the committee to draw the pleadings. He was afterward appointed to make one of the arguments on the question of the jurisdiction of the Senate to impeach after the officer had resigned, and subsequently, in consequence of the illness of Mr. Lapham, he was selected to discuss the facts. His legal attainments were on this trial made conspicuous to the Senate and the Nation, and conceded to be unsurpassed by any in the cause.

The subject of the distribution of the Geneva award came before the House on majority and minority reports. From the judiciary committee, Mr. Jenks offered an amendment to the majority report, and in support of the amendment and report as amended made an argument involving some of the most difficult questions of international law. The report as amended by him was passed by the House. Soon after the meeting of the second session he was appointed, by Speaker Randall, one of the committee of fifteen to investigate the conduct of the elections in Louisiana, and on his return was appointed by the chairman of the Democratic caucus, with Mr. Field, of New York, and Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, to represent the Democracy of the House in preparing, presenting and discussing the facts and the law before the electoral commission. It fell to Mr. Jenks to make the opening arguments in the cases of Louisiana and Oregon. While he was engaged in the discussion of the first of these cases before the commission, Senators Thurman and Bayard sat side by side. Senator Bayard passed a note of admiration of the argument to Senator Thurman, and in response received the following reply—"The more I hear this man the more I like him. He speaks like a Newton or a La Place. He has spoken a half hour and has not spoken a superfluous word." This complimentary opinion was generally concurred in by those who heard or read the proceedings before the electoral commission. In most of the legal discussions that arose in the House, Mr. Jenks participated in addition to the full performance of his duties on the very laborious committee of which he was chairman.

At the expiration of his congressional term, Mr. Jenks immediately resumed his professional pursuits, in which he has ever since been engaged. His extensive practice has included almost every branch that arises in the State, and covers a very broad range of its area. On July 1, 1885, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Interior, which office he resigned May 15, 1886, to accept the position of attorney for John E. Du Bois, the wealthy Clearfield county lumberman. He accepted this appointment, giving up his official position at Washington, in compliance with a promise made by him to John Du Bois, the uncle of his client, prior to his appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Interior, that he would take charge of all legal business for his nephew.

On July 28, 1886, Mr. Jenks was nominated as Solicitor General of the United States, and next day was confirmed by the Senate without the nomination being referred to a committee—a rare compliment seldom made to any one who had not been a member of that body. When this appointment was offered, Mr. Jenks would not accept until he had sent for Mr. Du Bois and obtained his consent, as he had promised the elder Du Bois before his death that he would serve his nephew and heir for a period of years, and felt that promise must take precedence over any other consideration. Mr. Du Bois cordially consented to the appointment, and our subject employed Hon. W. P. Jenks to assist in discharging the duties under the contract with Mr. Du-Bois. This appointment and that of Assistant

Secretary of the Interior came to him entirely unsolicited. He was recommended to President Cleveland by Secretary Lamar, who had served with him in the Forty-fourth Congress, and who remembered his unusual legal ability, although he had not seen him since March, 1877, and did not even know his address, getting it from Hon. W. H. Snowdon, or ex-Governor Curtin. The first intimation he had of his appointment as Solicitor General was when the place was offered him by the President, after he had summoned him to Washington by telegram. This appointment was made by Mr. Cleveland entirely on his own responsibility, basing his judgment largely on what he had seen of Mr. Jenks while the latter was acting as Assistant Secretary of the Interior, during which time he had come in contact with him frequently in the transaction of important business connected with the public lands under the direction of the Interior Department.

Mr. Jenks has always been an unswerving Democrat, and has been frequently honored by his party with the most important offices in their gift. His legal attainments are admitted on all sides, and that he is one of the ablest and most prominent men both Democrats and Republicans admit.

On January 3, 1860, Mr. Jenks wedded Miss Mary Agnes, daughter of the late Thomas Mabon, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Brookville, where our subject and his wife also make their home. Of the two children born to this union, Thomas Mabon died at the age of thirteen years; and Emma is the wife of Hon. B. F. Shively, of South Bend, Ind., who represented his district in Congress for several terms, and in 1896 was the Democratic nominee for governor of Indiana.

EMANUEL SHEESLEY belongs to one of the prominent pioneer families of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he is now engaged in lumbering and farming. He is a son of Ludwig and Sophia Sheesley.

Ludwig Sheesley was born in Dauphin county, Penn., and in Maryland wedded Miss Sophia Kesterling, of that State, who died leaving a son John, who came with his father to Armstrong county, Penn., where he married and reared a family. For ten years Ludwig Sheesley lived in Armstrong county, after which he sold his farm and spent the succeeding six years in Indiana county. In 1849, accompanied by his son Emanuel, he came to Gaskill township; Jefferson county, where they purchased 320 acres of timber land, and built a log house and barn. They then began clearing the place, and the father brought his wife and children to the new home. There he remained until his death in 1863. In his family were children as follows: (1) Samuel, born in Maryland, went to Armstrong county, with his parents, and married Susanna Kener, of Indiana county, who died in 1895 leaving a large family. He now resides near Richmond, Penn. (2) Annie E. is the wife of Nathan Miller, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county. (3) Mary died in childhood. (4) Michael died at the age of twenty-two years. (5) Rebecca, born in Armstrong county, became the wife of Nathan Woodsides, and died at their home in Gaskill township, in 1864, leaving five children, namely: William, George, Daniel, Sophia E. and Nancy. (6) George, born in Armstrong county, married Miss Cochran, and resides on the farm in Indiana county. They have a large family. (7) Lavina, born in Armstrong county, married George Helfrich, and after his death became the wife of John Robb, of Armstrong county. (8) Salem, born in the same county, married Jane Cochran, and for a number of years resided in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, but is now living on a farm in Indiana county. (9) Levi, (10) Canedy, (11) Riley (12) Emanuel.

Emanuel Sheesley, of this review, was born in 1825 in Armstrong county, and in early manhood learned the trade of a millwright under the direction of Thomas Reuter, of Indiana county. He followed that business for fourteen years, and in 1854 built the first sawmill in Gaskill township, it being equipped with an "up-and-down" saw. He continued the manufacture of sawed lumber for a number of years, but in 1865 sold the milling property to one of his brothers, and purchased real estate in Grant township, Indiana county, where he made his home for eleven years, working at his trade most of the time. He then sold out and purchased 158 acres of pine and hard wood timber in Gaskill township, on the dividing line between Jefferson and Clearfield counties. He afterward sold this at a profit of $5,000, and purchased the old family homestead, upon which he is now living. He cared for his mother during her declining years, her death occurring at the age of eighty-three.

Our subject gives his political support to the Democracy, but has had neither time nor inclination for public office, preferring to devote his energies to his business affairs, in which he has met with well-merited success. He started out in life empty-handed, but has steadily worked his way upward, and his excellent business and executive ability, combined with sound judgment, have brought to him prosperity.

THOMAS P. NORTH. On a fine farm in Young township, Jefferson county, stands the brick residence which is the home of this gentleman. In the rear are good barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. These are surrounded with well-tilled fields, whose golden autumn harvests reward the toil of the spring and summer months. The neat and thrifty appearance of this place well indicates the careful supervision of Mr. North, who is justly regarded as one of the leading and worthy farmers of Jefferson county.

Mr. North was born near his present home in 1824, a son of John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, both natives of Ireland, where they grew to mature years and were married. Coming to America, in 1810, they located in Indiana county, Penn., where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father followed farming and also worked at the weaver's trade, which he had learned in early life. He died in November, 1845, and his wife passed away in May, 1848.

Thomas P. North, of this review, received but limited educational privileges. He attended the old-fashioned school, with its puncheon floor, one window and stick chimney. The terms were short and the teaching very inferior. The old United States speller was used and the English reader, there being but four readers for a class of fifteen. His school life ended when he was seventeen years of age, and his business career began. He followed lumbering from 1846 until 1864, and during most of that time was also engaged in farm work. Since 1864 he has devoted his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits, save for the time when he defended his country during the Civil war. He enlisted in 1864, as a member of Company C, 206th P. V. I., under Col. Brady, and served until the close of the war. His regiment was the first to carry the United States flag into Richmond after the evacuation of that city.

When the war was ended, Mr. North returned to his farm and his family. He had married, in 1851, Sarah A. McConoughey, daughter of David McConoughey, of Indiana county, Penn., and they had seven children: Kate, wife of Will Pifer, of Du Bois, Penn.; Clayton; Jennie, wife of Charles Hauck; Rhoda, wife of Fred Raught, of Washington; David E. and Mead, both of Du Bois; and Lizzie L., wife of Dr. Corl, of New York City. Mrs. North died in June, 1866, and Mr. North was again married in July, 1867, his second union being with Miss Eva Sutter, daughter of Philip Sutter, and they have four children: John G., of Punxsutawney; William P., at home; Irvin C., a teacher of Jefferson county; and Nora B., at home. The parents of these are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father is now serving as class-leader. Socially, he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Politically, he was identified with the Republican party until 1896, when he allied himself with the free-silver movement. He has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of assessor, school director and road supervisor, and has for twenty-four years been overseer of the poor, in which capacity he is still serving. He is most faithful and prompt in discharge of his duties, and his fidelity to every trust reposed in him is most marked.

VAL S. MURRAY (deceased) in his lifetime was a progressive and enterprising business man of Punxsutawney. The world instinctively pays deference to him who has achieved success worthily, and by his own efforts advanced from an humble position to one of affluence. Such was the life record of Mr. Murray. Born in County Longford, Ireland, in February, 1836, Mr. Murray was a son of John and Julia L. Goldsbury Murray. The father was a native of Scotland, and was a capable business man who carried on a wholesale liquor house, and was also a real-estate and grain dealer. He was graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, and was a man of broad education and culture. He died in 1847, and his estimable wife, who was of English birth, died in Jefferson county, Penn., in 1859. Val S. Murray was only eight years of age at the time of his father's death. His education was begun under private tutors, and when a lad of ten years he came with his mother to America, landing at Philadelphia, where he attended school for three years. On the expiration of that period he came to Jefferson county, and has since made his home within its borders. The family on coming to America was comprised of the mother and children as follows: Val, John, Arthur, and four sisters. On attaining his majority Val S. Murray served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, and followed that pursuit in connection with farming and lumbering for twenty years. During the last twenty years of his life he devoted his attention to farming and stock dealing, and although at the time of his death he was residing in Punxsutawney, he still owned a valuable tract of land in Gaskill township, upon which he so long resided.

In June, 1859, Mr. Murray was united in marriage with Miss Amelia A. Campbell, daughter of William F. Campbell, then of Punxsutawney, but now deceased. They had children as

follows: William C., a resident of Punxsutawney; Arthur Henry, a clerk in the Walston Company store at Punxsutawney; Martha Julia, wife of William D. Campbell, of Punxsutawney; Dr. John H., of Reynoldsville, Penn., who married Miss Mildred Fuller; Ellen M., wife of Harry Widdowson, of Mahaffey, Penn.; Olivia Frances; Frank R., a resident of the farm in Gaskill township; Clyde C.; and Annie Pearl, residing with her mother. Different members of the family attend the Baptist and Methodist Churches. Mr. Murray was reared in the Episcopal faith. When the sectional differences between the North and the South precipitated the country into civil war, and the aid of all loyal sons was needed to preserve the Union, Val S. Murray joined the boys in blue of Company B, 74th P. V. I., and served through the closing year of the war. At the time of his death he was a member of the G. A. R., and for twenty-four years had been identified with the I. O. O. F. In politics he was an enthusiastic and earnest supporter of the Republican party, and had been honored by a number of local offices, including those of assessor and school director. In March, 1896, he was nominated for county commissioner on the ticket of his party, and was elected the fall following. He was most faithful to every trust committed to his care, and his public career and private life were alike above reproach. On his death the *Punxsutawney Spirit* of December 30, 1896, said:

The name of Val Murray has long been regarded by those who knew his generous, self-sacrificing nature, as a synonym for kindness and liberality. His services, his purse and the products of his farm were always at the disposal of those in need. Genial and hospitable to the last degree, he was ever ready to sacrifice his own comfort to the comfort of others. He followed the dictates of his own heart, which was full of sympathy for his fellow-men. He was always an ardent Republican, and was a candidate for county treasurer in 1884, but was not successful. He was elected county commissioner last fall by a large majority, and would have begun his official duties on January 1st. Val Murray was in the fullest sense of the word a good man, and those who knew him best will feel the keenest grief at his departure.

JOSEPH McCRACKIN, a leading agriculturist and a successful one of Warsaw township, has for many years been prominently identified with the commercial, agricultural and lumber interests of Jefferson county, and has taken an active part in the progress of the community.

Mr. McCrackin is a native of the county, born July 25, 1841, in Eldred township, a son of John and Fanny (Riley) McCrackin, representative citizens and honored pioneers of this region, were born in Armstrong county, Penn., and in Clarion county, Penn., respectively. They were married in Armstrong county, and, coming to Jefferson county, the husband purchased 150 acres of wild land in Eldred township, which he converted into a good farm, enduring in the meantime all the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life, the nearest mill being at Kittanning. In 1864 he retired from farming and the lumber business, and removed to Brookville, where he conducted the "Union Hotel" until his death, which occurred March 2, 1891. He died very suddenly; complaining of a pain in his arm, he asked a daughter for some remedy, then walked to the bed and laid down, expiring in a few minutes. His wife, finding that her life companion had passed away, laid down, and, a few minutes later, died, both deaths being attributed to heart failure. Several years previous they had celebrated their golden wedding, and when called from this life were about seventy-eight years of age, being among the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the community. A man of stern integrity and honor, John McCrackin had the confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and his word was considered as good as his bond. His wife was a faithful member of the Baptist Church.

In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children—six sons and six daughters—eight of whom are still living, occupying honorable positions in life. The children are as follows: Dinah, deceased wife of J. Stewart; Joseph, the subject proper of this sketch; Mrs. Jennie Wilson; Mrs. Margaret McKinley; Mrs. Caroline Corbin; Henry and Lowery (both deceased); Albert and William, both engaged in farming; Mrs. Mary Corbin; John (deceased); and Mrs. Clara Fetser.

Joseph McCrackin received a practical education in the local schools, and was reared upon the home farm, remaining there until his marriage, July 22, 1862, to Miss Maria M. Scott, who was born December 23, 1845, a daughter of Dr. B. Rush and Mary A. (Sheridan) Scott, the latter being a daughter of John Sheridan, a blacksmith of Johnstown, Penn. Dr. B. R. Scott was a native of Ohio, coming in early life to Pennsylvania with his father, Dr. K. Scott, who for some time engaged in the practice of his profession in Corsica, but later returned to Ohio, where he died. Dr. B. R. Scott, who became a leading physician of Corsica and Greenville, on the breaking out of the Civil war enlisted in the 67th P. V. I., and, after a year and one-half of faithful service, was killed at Winchester, Va., where his remains were interred. On July 4, 1896, his widow died at Johnstown. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were as follows: Maria M., wife of our subject; Robert J.; Alonzo C., a molder by

Joseph McCrackin

Matilda M. McCrackin

trade; Samuel H., a telegraph operator; and Mrs. Mary E. Swank. Of the eight children born to Joseph McCrackin and wife four lived to maturity, namely: William R., a farmer; Mrs. Mary M. Van Orman; Mrs. Anna M. Dunmire; and Joseph P., still at home.

Early becoming familiar with farming and lumbering, Joseph McCrackin has been more or less interested in those occupations throughout his business career. At the age of sixteen he also began piloting on the river to Pittsburg, and successfully followed that vocation until 1896. For three years after his marriage he rented his present farm in Warsaw township, then bought the place, but in 1868 he removed to Richardsville, where he purchased a hotel, which he conducted until 1873. A year after locating there he, in partnership with James Pearsoll, also embarked in general merchandising, but at the end of six months their store was destroyed by fire, causing a heavy loss, as the insurance was light. The partnership ceased with the fire. Rebuilding the following year, our subject carried on business until 1873, when he sold out and returned to the farm, which he has since successfully operated. This farm is a valuable tract of 150 acres, all cleared and under excellent cultivation, and improved with substantial buildings. Mr. McCrackin himself has developed 100 acres of the amount, transforming the wild land into one of the most productive tracts of Warsaw township. Although he has lost about $20,000 during his business career, he has prospered in nearly all of his undertakings, and has given to each of two of his children a good farm.

As was his father and as are his brothers, Mr. McCrackin in politics is a stalwart Republican, but he has never cared for official honors, although he has held some township positions, and was once a candidate for county commissioner. Public-spirited and progressive, he has ever cheerfully given his support to those enterprises that tend to public development, and with hardly an exception has been connected with every interest that has promoted the general welfare. He and his wife are both faithful members of the Methodist Church, and their influence for good is widely felt throughout the community.

THOMAS M. HAUCK. This section furnished many gallant soldiers for the defense of the Union during that dark period of our history when secession and dismemberment were threatened, and it is peculiarly fitting that the records of individual experiences while in the service should be preserved here for the perusal of coming generations.

The subject of this sketch, now a prosperous citizen of Big Run, Jefferson county, volunteered in 1862, and although he was at one time discharged for disability he had no sooner recovered his strength than he re-enlisted, his service continuing until the close of the war. His reputation for courage and faithfulness was never tarnished, and, although his health has suffered permanently from the hardships and exposure of active campaigning, he can console himself with the thought of duty well done. His estimable wife showed her patriotism in her own womanly way, cheering and sustaining his resolution, and looking after business affairs and the four little children during the long absence of her husband.

Mr. Hauck belongs to a well-known family of this section. Daniel Hauck, his father, was born in 1795, in Dauphin county, Penn., and after his marriage to Miss Catherine Herring, located near Howard Furnace, Centre county, on a farm on Bald Eagle Mountain, owned by Judge McKinney. He remained there six years, and in 1838 he removed to Hecla Furnace, in the same county, where he conducted a farm for Davis McKinney for three years. In 1841 he bought one hundred and seventy acres of land in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, and moved his family there, the place being partly improved, with about twenty acres cleared. For the next six years he continued the work of improvement, and then he spent four years on a farm near Brookville, but about 1851 he returned to the McCalmont farm, and resided there until his death in 1872. His wife passed away two years before. Of their ten children, the eldest, Joseph, was born in Union county, and, after removing to Jefferson county, was married to Miss Mercy A. Tindle, of that county, and located upon a farm in Bell township, Jefferson county. He died in 1881 leaving nine children, and his widow now resides in Punxsutawney. (2) Isaac, who was born in Union county, was married, in 1842, to Miss Neal, and has since died in Centre county. (3) William, also a native of Union county, was married in Jefferson county to Miss Catherine Himes, of Reynoldsville. He was a miller by trade, and resided in Du Bois for some years previous to his death, which occurred in 1891. His widow and family still reside in Du Bois. (4) Uriah, who was born in Union county, was married in Jefferson county to Miss Katie Mundoed, of Germany, and purchased a farm in Bell township, Clearfield county, where he remained until his wife's death. He now lives with a son-in-law in Clearfield county. (5) Andrew, also born in

Union county, married Miss Sarah Grube, of Centre county, and settled upon his farm in Bell township, Jefferson county, where he died in 1888 and his wife in 1886. They had six children—Mrs. David Rhodes, of McCalmont township, Jefferson county; Henry, of Henderson township, in the same county; Joseph, who lives in Iowa; George, a resident of Bell township, Jefferson county; Irwin, of Brockwayville, Penn., and Philip, a resident of Big Run borough. (6) Daniel, who was born in Monroe township, Centre county, went to Jefferson county with the family, and after his marriage to Miss Margaret Bigley, of Reynoldsville, settled in Perry township, where he died in 1890. His wife died some years before. Of their three children the eldest, Miss Nancy Jane, resides with her brother; William is married and lives in Du Bois; Joseph was accidentally shot and killed at Reynoldsville when sixteen years old. (7) Robert, a native of Centre county, accompanied his parents to Jefferson county, but in early manhood went to Kittanning, Armstrong county, Penn., where he married, and made his home until his death in 1893. He left four children. (8) Catherine was born in Centre county, and after the removal to Jefferson county was married there to Daniel Coder, of Brookville. They went to Ohio and afterward to Denton county, Iowa, where Mr. Coder died, but she is still living there. (9) Jane, who was born in Centre county, married Joseph Shesley, of Reynoldsville, and they have a large family.

Thomas M. Hauck was born June 30, 1827, near Howard Furnace, and in 1841 accompanied the family to the new home in Jefferson county, where he grew to manhood. In 1855 he married Miss Sarah J. Gray, daughter of James L. and Mahilla Gray, who owned a valuable farming property in Bell township, Jefferson county. After his marriage Mr. Hauck bought a farm in the same township from Daniel Graffus, and made his home there until 1889, his attention being given to agriculture and lumbering. In 1862 he enlisted at Punxsutawney in Company F, 105th P. V. I., and was mustered in at Pittsburg. On going to Washington the regiment was sent to Colarama Heights to do picket duty, and after six months was transferred by boat to Fortress Monroe where they were organized as a part of McClellan's forces. They marched to Yorktown and took part in the siege, driving out the enemy in May, 1863, and pursuing them to Williamsburg, where they had built entrenchments. A fierce battle was fought there with heavy loss on both sides, but the victory was won by the Union Army. Mr. Hauck's regiment then crossed the Chickahominy river and took part in the battle of Fair Oaks, where they lost one hundred and seventy-one men. They were next sent to Savage Station, nine miles below Richmond, and after three weeks of guard duty marched onward to join in the seven-days' fight on the "Peninsula." Their first engagement there was at Charles City Cross Road, and from that point they followed the Rebels to Malvern Hill, where another desperate battle was fought. During the seven days of bloodshed the Union forces lost fifteen thousand men and the Rebels over twenty thousand. When Mr. Hauck and his comrades reached Harrison's Landing he was taken sick and sent to Point Lookout hospital, where he remained four months, and on December 24, 1862, was discharged as permanently disabled. Returning home, he recovered, and in August, 1864, he re-enlisted at Punxsutawney as a veteran for one year or during the war, joining Company B, 206th P. V. I., under Capt. Neal. Going to Pittsburg he was mustered in at Camp Reynolds and sent to City Point, Va., by way of Baltimore, being assigned to the forces under General Butler. Their time was mainly occupied in picket duty and the building of forts at various places, and when Richmond fell that regiment was the first to enter the city, and go on guard. They remained until June, 1865, when orders came to march to Lynchburg to attack Mosby's guerrillas, who were making trouble there. After driving them out the regiment returned to Richmond and on June 6, 1865, they were discharged. They returned to Baltimore by water, and from there proceeded by rail to Pittsburg where they were mustered out, and on July 4, 1865, Mr. Hauck arrived at home. He resumed his business, continuing it successfully for many years, but in 1889 he sold his property in Bell township and bought real estate in Big Run, where he has since resided. Politically he is a Republican with Prohibition tendencies. He and his wife are prominent members of the Lutheran Church in Bell township, and their sympathies are with every worthy cause.

Seven children have brightened their home: (1) James, born in February, 1855, died at the age of sixteen. (2) Daniel M., born in August, 1856, is single, and resides at Sugar Hill, Jefferson county, where he owns real estate. (3) Henry L., born August 29, 1868, is single, and lives at Medix Run, Elk county, Penn. (4) Joseph C., born in May, 1861, is also unmarried, and resides in Oakland county, Mich. (5) Martha E., born in October, 1863, married Joseph Hannah, of Jefferson county, and resided in Du Bois, where she died March 3, 1884. She left

one son, William L., who, since his mother's death, has made his home with his grandparents. (6) May E., born in April, 1866, married Thomas J. Newcom, of Philadelphia, whose father was killed at Fredericksburg during the Civil war. After marriage they moved to Reynoldsville, where they now reside, and they have one son, Thomas N. (7) Emma S., born in January, 1868, was educated in Bell township, Jefferson county, and married Jacob Henry, of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. They now reside in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and have six children—Nancy J., Joseph N., Lottie, Mabel, Cyrus, and one whose name is not given.

JAMES C. KING, M. D., is engaged in the practice of medicine in Reynoldsville. Within the past few decades there has been a most marked advancement in the science of medicine, and with the improvement which is continually carried forward, Dr. King has kept apace. With a comprehensive and accurate understanding of the principles and methods of the medical science he has achieved excellent success as a practitioner, and his marked ability ranks him high in his chosen calling.

The Doctor was born March 17, 1841, in Clarion county, Penn. Jacob King, his father, was born in Centre county, this State, but during his youth removed to Clarion county, where he later married Sarah A. Corbett. Early in life he learned the miller's trade, but followed it for only a short time, giving the greater part of his attention to the quiet but honorable pursuit of farming. All who know him respect him for his sterling worth. In 1892 he laid aside business cares and removed to Reynoldsville, where he and his estimable wife are now living retired at the age of eighty-four and eighty years, respectively.

Dr. King received his primary education in the district schools of his native county, and remained on the home farm until fifteen years of age, when he entered the academy in Dayton, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he pursued his studies for about three years. On the completion of his literary education he took up the study of medicine in the office and under the direction of Dr. R. B. Brown, of Summerville, Jefferson county, and later entered the medical department of the University of New York City, where he was graduated in 1865. He at once began practice, establishing an office at Rockdale Mills, Penn., but after eighteen months came to Reynoldsville, and soon demonstrated his right to a place among the leading physicians of the county. He has prospered from the beginning, and enjoys a liberal and lucrative practice. He belongs to both the County and State Medical Societies.

In 1869 the Doctor was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth A. Coleman, of Clarion county, and by this union have been born eight children, namely: Dr. Harry B., who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Reynoldsville; Dr. R. De Vere, a dentist of Reynoldsville; Charles L.; Katie M.; Frank; J. Craig; and two deceased. The parents are members of the Baptist Church, and Dr. King is serving as one of its trustees. In politics he is a conservative Democrat, voting with that party on questions of national importance, but casting his ballot independent of party ties at the elections where no issue is involved.

WILLIAM TULLY VAN WOERT, who is now living retired in Sykesville, Jefferson county, has had an eventful and interesting life. A frontiersman on the prairies of the Northwest, a soldier of the Civil war, and an Indian fighter on the Plains, his various experiences if written out in detail would prove a story more thrilling than that of the novelist. He is now living quietly at a pleasant home in Sykesville, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

Mr. Van Woert was born June 3, 1838, in Rotterdam, N. Y., a son of Dr. Abraham and Lucena (Ransom) Van Woert, who were also natives of the State of New York. It is believed that this family is the same that furnished the distinguished officers to the Colonial service in the war of the Revolution. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Jacob and Jemima (Scoutman) Van Woert, who spent their entire lives in Saratoga county, N. Y., where also lived William and Seania Ransom, the maternal grandparents of our subject.

The parents of William Tully Van Woert also resided for many years in Saratoga county, where the father successfully practiced medicine. He was a man of superior intellect and endowments and strong mental force, who possessed considerable poetical talent and was also a historian of note. In his early life he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but later he left that order and became a member of the Baptist Church. He died in 1848, at the age of thirty-four years, and his widow passed away in 1856 at the age of forty-five. They were buried at Clifton Park, Saratoga Co., N. Y. They had four children: William T.; Caroline, who became the wife of Henry Miller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and died in Troy, that State, in 1874;

John, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Miss Lucena, of Troy, New York.

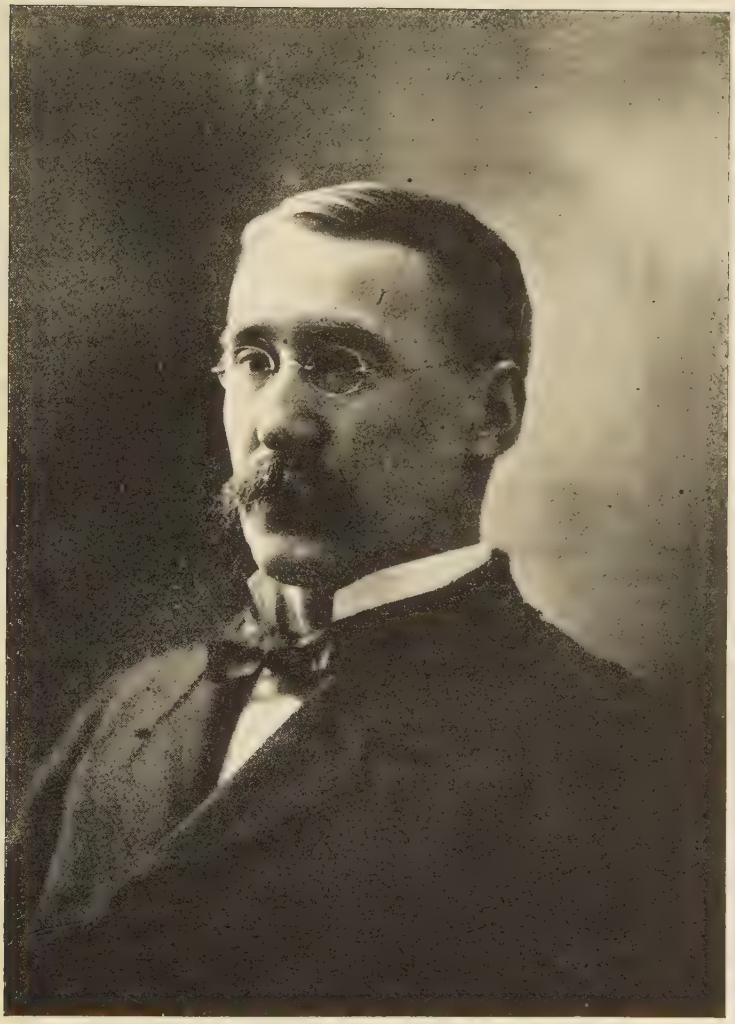
William T. Van Woert's father died when the son was but ten years of age. The son remained with his mother until eighteen, then started west with the intention of living with an uncle in Milwaukee, Wis., but after two weeks spent at that place he resumed his travels, going to Wabasha county, Minn. His experience in the West was in many respects a very interesting and exciting one. That section of the country was then very wild. Settlements were few, the land was still in its primitive condition, Indians were numerous in that portion of the State, and wild game, including buffalo and deer, was frequently seen. Young Van Woert was only about nineteen years of age when he went to Minnesota, and there he followed farming, hunting and trapping. After working for a time on the farm of his uncle in Wabasha county, he went to Henderson, which had just been laid out, the trees being so thick that it was almost impossible to see from one house to another. There were also about 1,000 Sioux Indians camped near the place, but many people were moving in from the East, and our subject had plenty of work, taking an important part in the development of the new town. While he was located there the first Indian massacre in the State occurred, the settlers at Spirit Lake being killed by the Indians under the leadership of Inkpaduta. In 1858 Mr. Van-Woert drove a mule team to the mouth of Red Lake river, and on his return was employed by Major Brown, the Indian agent, to go to the agency sixty miles above Fort Ridgely, on the Minnesota river, to help make brick and build houses for the Indians, and also a government warehouse there. In 1859 he made preparations to go to Pikes Peak, and proceeded to Leavenworth, Kans., but finding no wagon to haul his supplies to the Peak, he proceeded by boat to St. Louis, thence he returned to Henderson, Minn., and engaged in hauling goods from there to the Indian agency.

In 1861 Mr. Van Woert enlisted in the First Minnesota Regiment, which did gallant service in the Civil war. He continued with that command for twenty-three months, participating in the battles from first Bull Run to Antietam, and in the latter a bullet pierced his trousers near the left knee. On being mustered out he returned to Minnesota and engaged as cook to the Tenth Regiment, which, under command of Lieut. James Gorman, was engaged in fighting the Indians on the frontier. The following year he enlisted in Company I, 10th M. V. I., in which he served for more than a year, then returned to his Minnesota home. In 1866 he joined a wagon train, *en route* for Montana, and, after many hardships and trials, at length reached Helena. In that then wild western district he engaged in mining, and also acted as recorder at Pioneer Gulch. After a few years he sold his interest there and returned to Henderson, Minn., but finding that many of his old friends had moved away, he started on foot to Duluth, and from that place proceeded to Buffalo, N. Y., thence to Manassas, Va., to New York, and Hartford, Conn. He worked in Troy, N. Y., for a short time, then returned to the West, and after living in Cedar Falls, Iowa, for a short period, engaged with a surveying party that surveyed a large tract of land along the Red River of the North. When this was accomplished he made a trip to northern Michigan, and secured a soldier's homestead, but after a short time sold out.

In 1880 Mr. Van Woert took up his residence in Mifflin county, Penn., since which time he has lived successively in Philipsburg, Indiana county, Big Run and Sykesville. In politics he is a Republican, but has never sought or desired political honors. He is a very popular and highly esteemed citizen, and has a large circle of friends in his locality.

WILLIAM F. BEYER, M. D. The Beyer family in Pennsylvania is descended from Abram Beyer, who came to America from Holland in 1736. He was originally from Silesia, Austria, from whence the family were driven by religious persecution, going to Holland with some followers of Casper Schwenckfeld, who entered the Reformation with Martin Luther and were known as Schwenckfelders.

Our subject, a resident of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, one of the leading physicians of this section, was born in 1851 in Indiana county, Penn., where Samuel Beyer, his father, who is also a native of Pennsylvania, settled about 1850, and, after working for a time at the carpenter's trade, located upon a farm. Samuel Beyer followed agricultural pursuits until 1888 when he retired from active business, and is now living in Punxsutawney, in the enjoyment of excellent health, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, who was Caroline Feltwell, a native of Clearfield county, passed to the unseen life in 1869, leaving the memory of a character in which rare womanliness was exemplified. Dr. Beyer received his elementary education in the district schools near his early home, and subsequently took an academic course at Dayton, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he was prepared



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for college. Lack of means, however, prevented him from carrying out his plans in that direction, and he began the study of medicine with Dr. C. McEwen, as preceptor. In 1879 he completed the course in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and at once located at Punxsutawney, where he soon established an extensive practice. He has been the local surgeon for the P. & N. W. R. R. ever since its construction. He is still an ardent student of the science of healing, keeping well abreast of the advance of modern thought. In 1892 he took a post-graduate course upon the treatment of the eye. His progressive spirit is recognized among his professional brethren, who are best able to appreciate zeal. He is a prominent member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, of which he has been president, and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society; and of the American Medical Association. He has served as delegate from the first named organization. He is a past grand in the I. O. O. F., with which he has been identified for twenty-four years, and he has twice held the office of district deputy. Politically his sympathies have always been with the Republican party, and, while he is not an office seeker, he makes his influence felt on the side of protection and honest money. Notwithstanding his arduous professional labors, and the attention given to local affairs, the Doctor is prominent also in business circles. He is president of the Electric Light & Power Co., and of the Citizens Bank of Punxsutawney. He is president of the Board of Health of Punxsutawney. He was one of the organizers of Punxsutawney Water Company, and has been a director in the same ever since its organization.

In 1880 Dr. Beyer was united in marriage with Miss Maggie A. Mitchell, of Punxsutawney, and their home is brightened by three children: Samuel Meigs, Mary Elanor and Margaret Virginia. The Doctor and his wife are Methodists in faith, he being a trustee in the Church.

DAVID L. SMEYRES, a wealthy and influential resident of the borough of Big Run, Jefferson county, is prominently identified with the agricultural and lumbering interests of that locality, and is also a leader in the various progressive movements which mark the development of the community. As a citizen he is highly esteemed, and by his gallant service as a soldier during the Civil war, he did credit to an ancestry which was distinguished in Colonial days for courage and patriotism.

His grandfather, Philip Smeyres, served in the Continental army in the war of the Revolution, and also in the war of 1812. With such blood in his veins it is not strange that our subject should have been found among the defenders of the Union in the days of the Rebellion; three other brothers also fought for the old flag, one of them being severely wounded, and two having suffered the horrors of imprisonment, confined in Libby prison, Richmond, Virginia.

The Smeyres family is of German origin. The head of the branch under consideration settled in Maryland at an early day, where, in 1749, Philip Smeyres, our subject's grandfather, was born; he was also there reared and married. Late in life he moved to Cambria county, Penn., to pass his remaining years. Daniel Smeyres, our subject's father, was born in 1806, in Maryland, and, coming to Pennsylvania with his parents during boyhood, was reared in Cambria county. In 1827 he married Miss Annie Beringer, a native of the locality and a daughter of John Beringer, whose wife was formerly a Miss Lefler. In 1849 Daniel Smeyres located at Bells Mills, Jefferson county, and some years later moved to Big Run, where he purchased real-estate which he improved for a homestead, building a house and barn and otherwise developing the place. Afterwards he bought a tract of timber land on Big run, where, with two sons, Benjamin and George, as partners, he erected a saw-mill, run by water power, and for a number of years carried on the manufacture of lumber on an extensive scale for that day. He died at his home at Big Run, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, and the worthy wife, who had shared all the hardships of his early life, passed away in 1874, aged sixty-eight years. They had eight children, all but one of whom were born in Cambria county, Penn.: (1) John, born in 1829, married Miss Maggie Rinehart, of Jefferson county, and bought and settled up a farm in Bell township, in the same county, where he died in 1896. His wife died about twenty years ago, leaving four children—Scott, Benjamin, Reuben and Emeline (now Mrs. Stagerts, of Jefferson county).

(2) William, born in 1831, married Miss Caroline Rapine, of Indiana county, Penn., and after residing there for some time removed to Big Run, where he is now engaged in the shoe business. They have four children—Alphie, George, Etta and Haseltine.

(3) Philip, born in 1833, married (first) Miss Rinehart, of Jefferson county, and made his home in Bell township until her death. She left one daughter, Amanda (now Mrs. Christ Rupert), with whom the bereaved husband removed to Big Run. When the Civil war broke out he en-

listed in Company B, 206th P. V. I., and served in the Army of the James under Gen. Grant, participating in all the battles of his regiment. After he returned he followed lumbering at Big Run until his death. His second wife, Amelia Rhodes, with four children—Curtin, Viola, Jane and Alice—survives him.

(4) Benjamin, born 1835, was married in 1861 to Miss Cynthia Cupler, of Jefferson county, and, in August of the same year, enlisted in Company A, 62nd P. V. I., with Col. Black, of Pittsburg, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, under McClellan. During the seven-days' fight at Malvern Hill he was wounded in the right leg, and lay for eight days on the battlefield. He was then captured by the enemy and taken to Libby prison, where he remained two months. His wound was neglected during all that time, and when exchanged he was nearly dead. He came home where careful nursing restored his health; but nothing daunted by his previous experience, he re-enlisted in Company B, 206th P. V. I., and remained in the service until mustered out in July, 1865. Later he engaged in the lumber business with his father, continuing until his death. His first wife died soon after his return from the army, and left no children; but by his second wife, Eliza Crissman, who survived him several years, he had four children—David B., John D., Margaret E., and Andrew P.

(5) Lucinda J., born in 1837, married Balger Stiver, of Union county, Penn., and they now reside in Shellsburg, Iowa, where Mr. Stiver owns real estate. They have children—Webster, Emalin, John, James, Maude, and Lura.

(6) David L., our subject, is mentioned at length farther on.

(7) DANIEL J., born in March, 1843, enlisted, in 1861, in Company A, 105th P. V. I., with Capt. John Hastings, of Punxsutawney, and served in the Army of the Potomac under McClellan. They encamped on Lee's farm at Franklin Hill, Va., and were there for a month before they were uniformed and equipped. Their first engagement was a skirmish near Alexandria, Va., in April, 1862. Later they went by boat from Alexandria to Fortress Monroe and engaged the Rebels at Williamsburg, and again at Savage Station. They fought all through the seven-days' campaign near Charles City Cross Roads, and Mr. Smeyres was captured there and taken by way of Fort Darling to Libby prison. There he remained until September 25, 1862, having an attack of typhoid fever in the meantime; and on being finally paroled and released from the loathsome place, he, on reaching Baltimore, was discharged because of disability. He returned home in January, 1863, and, in February, was married to Miss Mary E. Kerr, of Big Run, who died in 1890. In 1891 he married his second wife, Elizabeth M. Henry, of Lock Haven. He has continued to reside in Big Run. In 1865 he built a cabinet factory and planing-mill there. Politically he is a Republican; he has served two terms as town councilman, one as assessor, and two or three as school director. He and his wife, in their religious belief, are both Protestants, being identified with the M. E. Church. By his first wife he had seven children—G. W., who married Miss Kelly and resides at Big Run; one whose name is not given, also of Big Run; Henrietta, now Mrs. Clark Brooks, of the same town; Laurence, who married Miss Ida Wheeler, of Indiana, Penn., and now a resident of Philipsburg, Penn.; Lucinda (Mrs. Joseph Williams, of Punxsutawney); Charles W., who is not married, resides at home; and Miss Nettie, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Williams. By this second marriage there is one daughter, Dudu Phœbe.

(8) George, born in 1847, at Pine Creek Furnace, in Armstrong county, Penn., is the only member of the family born outside of Cambria county. He married Miss Naomi Cupler, of Jefferson county, and, after residing for a time at Big Run, he settled at the old home in Henderson township, where he manages his father's mill. He has eight children — Clara, William, Lynn, Katie, Hassie, James, Minnie L. and Terry.

David L. Smeyres, the subject proper of this sketch, was born April 15, 1839, at the Cambria county homestead, and, accompanying his parents to Jefferson county, grew to manhood there. He received a common-school education. In 1863 he was married to Miss Maria Cupler, of Cambria county, Penn., daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Cupler, who later removed to Clearfield county, where her father died in August, 1866. After his marriage Mr. Smeyres settled in Big Run, purchased real estate and erected a fine residence. This he afterward sold, and in 1866 he bought sixty acres, a part of which is in Big Run borough, where he built a large two-story house and a bank barn and made many other improvements, his homestead being one of the best in the vicinity. He also owns a number of good houses in the same borough, which he rents, and has other property, including a tract of land in Indiana county.

The war record of our subject deserves especial mention, although he was fortunately spared some of the sufferings which befell two of his brothers. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B, 206th P. V. I., under Captain Neal, of Perrys-

ville, but, before going to the seat of war, was taken with typhoid fever at Camp Copeland, on the Monongahela river. On recovering he came home on a furlough, but later returned to Pittsburg, and from there was sent to Virginia in General Ord's division of the Army of the James to take part in the campaign under Grant. For about five months his regiment was on picket duty at the Chapman farm, and had daily skirmishes with the "Johnnies." Later they built Fort Brady while under a heavy fire from the enemy, some of the brave workers being killed each day. On April 3, 1865, orders came to march upon the Rebel forts about Richmond, where the Union forces were met by the mayor, who surrendered the city, and Mr. Smeyres' regiment was probably the first to plant their flag in the fallen capital of the Confederacy. They remained there on guard duty for six weeks, and then marched 147 miles up the James river to Lynchburg to relieve General Horner, but soon marched back again to resume guard duty at Richmond. On being mustered out of the United States service, the men returned to Pittsburg to receive their final discharge.

In politics Mr. Smeyres has always been a Republican. He has held numerous local offices, serving eight years as councilman. While he is not identified with any Church, he was reared in the Protestant faith, and takes a generous interest in religious advancement. His wife and family belong to the Christian Church at Big Run. To the marriage of Mr. Smeyres and his wife have come eight children, two of whom are married; (1) Cynthia, born June 15, 1864, died August 6, 1872. (2) B. Clarence, born March 29, 1869, married Miss Clara Gray, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and resides upon a portion of the old homestead at Big Run. They have three children—Nora, Ralph and Terry Emerson. (3) John L., born December 14, 1870, married Miss Annie Hillburn, of Bell township, Jefferson county, and also occupies a part of the old homestead, where he has built a comfortable and tasteful residence. He is now employed by the Rochester Coal & Iron Company at Big Run. He has three children—Byer L., Beatrice L. and Lala B. (4) James Henry, born January 10, 1875, was educated in the schools of Big Run, and, being still unmarried, resides at home. (5) Edgar B., born September 22, 1876, is unmarried. He attended the local schools, and is now employed by the Rark Glycerine Company, at Bradford, Penn. (6) Terry C., born June 17, 1878, died August 26, 1879. (7) Miss Ella May, born March 23, 1881, and (8) Marion D., born February 24, 1883, are at home.

DANIEL BREWER, one of the brave "boys in blue" during the dark days of the Rebellion, is now a highly respected and honored citizen of Perry township, with whose business interests he has long been identified. His entire life has been passed in this section of the State, where his parents took up their residence during its pioneer epoch, becoming important factors in its development and prosperity. They were Peter and Letitia (Work) Brewer.

Peter Brewer was born in Northumberland county, Penn., in 1790, during early manhood located near Richmond, on the Indiana and Jefferson county line, and after his marriage removed to East Mahoning township, Indiana county, where he took up a tract of government land and improved a farm. In connection with agricultural pursuits, he also followed surveying for a number of years. Upon the old homestead both he and his wife died, the former at the age of sixty-two, and the latter at the age of seventy-eight years. In their family were the following children: Mary, who was born on the home farm in Indiana county, married Nathaniel Dougherty, and died some years ago; Sarah died when a young lady; John died in early manhood; James died at the age of twenty-five; Daniel is next in order of birth; Margaret died on the old homestead in early womanhood; Elizabeth is the wife of Robert Stewart, a farmer living near Plumville in Indiana county, by whom she has two children; Christina A. is the wife of Thomas Wadden, also a farmer living near Plumville; and Samuel is married and has three children. He is a carpenter by trade, and for a number of years worked for John Du Bois, in Dubois, Penn. Later he made his home in Ridgway, Penn., but now lives in Centerville, N. Y., between Buffalo and Rochester.

Daniel Brewer, of this sketch, was born September 28, 1826, on the old homestead in Indiana county, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He remained on the home farm with his parents until 1857, but five years previous he had married Miss Annie M. Robinson, of Jefferson county, a daughter of Thomas Robinson. On leaving the parental roof he went to Perrysville, where he was a partner of William Lamson in the foundry and gristmill, the firm being Lamson & Brewer, until his enlistment in the Union army. In August, 1861, he joined Company A, 105th P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac under General McCellan, and his first engagement was at Savage Station in June, 1862. This was followed by the battle of Williamsburg and the Richmond

campaign, where he contracted the swamp fever, and for a time was confined at the hospital at Harrison's Landing. Rejoining his regiment he assisted in guarding the bridge near Manassas Junction, where an engagement was brought on with Lee's army, and the Union troops were driven back to Savage Station. Later followed the second battle of Bull Run, where half of Company A were killed or wounded, the remainder marching back to their old camp at Centerville, near Alexandria. On the retreat General Kearney was killed. The troops next marched to Camp Smith, where Mr. Brewer was elected second lieutenant of his company, and later proceeded to Poolsville, Md., to stop the advance of Stewart's cavalry. Here our subject was taken ill with ague which unfitted him for duty for some time, but finally he was able to rejoin the army at Leesburg, where they remained three weeks. They were next stationed near Warrington, and from there went to Fredericksburg, where a battle was fought, which lasted three days, with a heavy loss to both sides. After reaching camp Mr. Brewer was stricken with sciatic rheumatism, and was later discharged at Fredericksburg on account of disability. On his return to Perrysville, he resumed his business in connection with Mr. Lamson in the foundry until 1864, when he and George Blose bought out that gentleman and continued operations for four years. Our subject then sold his interest and purchased a wagon shop, and, subsequently, a planing-mill, which he has since successfully conducted. Having prospered in his undertaking he is now the owner of considerable real estate in Perrysville, and is accounted one of its representative and prominent business men.

Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brewer, but nine died in infancy. Those living are as follows: (1) Sylvester E., born in 1855, married Miss Amanda Jones, and with their five children reside in Reynoldsville, Penn. (2) T. B., born in Perry township, in 1861, makes his home in Perrysville, and is a partner of his father in the planing-mill business. He married Miss Annie Marsh, of Jefferson county, and has two sons—John and Edward. (3) Harry M., born in 1864, in Perrysville, where he still resides, married Miss Shields, and has two children—Ruth and Rellah. (4) King, born April 22, 1878, is at home with his parents. In early life our subject was an Old-line Whig, but espoused the principles of the Republican party on its organization, and has since been one of its most earnest advocates. For the long period of twenty-eight years he most efficiently served as justice of the peace, resigning in 1893 when elected commissioner of Jefferson county, a position he filled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. In religious belief he and his wife are Cumberland Presbyterians, belonging to the Church in Perrysville, and are well worthy of the high regard in which they are uniformly held. Their sterling worth and many excellencies of character are fully appreciated by their many friends.

FRANK J. BLACK. Among the young and energetic business men of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, as well as those who have been successful and whose efforts through life thus far, through their own perseverance, have borne ample recompense, is the subject of this personal history. He is now successfully conducting the "Hotel McConnell," in Reynoldsville, and cheerfully gives his aid to all interests which will in any way benefit the community.

Mr. Black was born in 1864 in Armstrong county, Penn., a son of Thomas and Marcella (Dougherty) Black, also natives of Pennsylvania, who for the past twenty-five years have made their home in Reynoldsville. He is the eldest in their family of eight children, and was provided with only a limited common-school education. Since the early age of thirteen years he has been dependent on his own resources, and, being ambitious and energetic, he has met with excellent success in his undertakings. He embarked in business for himself as a dealer in books, stationery, cigars, etc., and continued along this line for ten years. However, for four years prior to disposing of his stock, he also engaged in the newspaper business, publishing the *Reynoldsville Paper* for more than seven years. Owing to an injury which disabled him from actively attending to the business, he was compelled to sell out, and a year later he became interested in "Hotel Belnap," with which he was connected for two years. In 1891 he purchased the "Hotel McConnell," and has since satisfactorily conducted this popular hostelry, which is known as the "Commercial Men's Home." The building is steam-heated, lighted by gas, and in fact equipped with all modern appliances found in a first-class hotel of the present day.

In religious belief Mr. Black is a Roman Catholic; socially he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, also of the Sons of Veterans, his father having belonged to the 156th Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil war. Our subject takes an active and prominent part in political affairs, is a pronounced Democrat, and at one time was proffered the nomina-

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tion for assemblyman by his party, but declined the honor. He is a wide-awake, enterprising young business man, standing high in commercial and social circles, and has been a prime mover in every public undertaking connected with Reynoldsville. He was one of the projectors of and a stockholder in the water works; is a stockholder in the woolen-mills; also in the proposed silk-mills, and is one of the directors of the proposed street railway, the company having already been granted a charter and right of way. He is a director in the Reynoldsville Oil and Gas Co.; a shareholder in a plat of ground adjacent to the borough to be given to manufacturing industries as an inducement to bring them to Reynoldsville; also a stockholder and director in an independent telephone company. For fifteen years Mr. Black has been chief of the fire department of Reynoldsville. In fact, no worthy enterprise is ever undertaken in that place, that he does not become actively interested in, and he has therefore been an important factor in promoting the material welfare of the community, and deserves an honored place among its valued and representative citizens.

JOSEPH KEYS. No State in the Union can boast of a more heroic band of pioneers than Pennsylvania. In their intelligence, capability and genius they equalled the pioneers of New England, and in their daring and heroism were equal to the Missouri and California Argonauts. Their privations, hardships and earnest labors have resulted in establishing one of the foremost commonwealths in America.

From a very early day the Keys family has been closely identified with the development and progress of Jefferson county, and one of its prominent and worthy representatives is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. Here he has spent his entire life, his birth occurring in Washington township, November 14, 1827, and amid scenes of frontier life he was reared, beginning his education in an old log building with no windows. Light was admitted through a hole cut out of the logs, or came from the large fire-place at one end of the shanty; the seats were of puncheons, and the school was conducted on the subscription plan. The grandparents of our subject, Joseph and Susan Keys, were natives of County Derry, Ireland, and were the parents of three children: Henry, Mathew and Elizabeth, who died unmarried in 1848. In 1818, with his family, Joseph Keys sailed for the United States, and first located in Centre county, Penn., where for a time he was employed in the Curtin Iron Works, but in 1823 he took up his residence in Jefferson county, becoming one of the first settlers of Beechwoods, Washington township. Securing a large tract of land, he at once began its improvement, and also engaged in the manufacture of maple sugar and syrup which he took to other counties and exchanged for such supplies as were needed by the family. The first wheat he raised he was forced to haul to Curwensville to have ground. His wife died in 1840, aged seventy-five years, and he, in 1849, at the age of eighty-two. Both were earnest members of the Presbyterian Church and honored pioneers of this region. After the father's death the sons divided the property, and there reared families of their own.

Henry Keys, the father of our subject, married Catherine Wilson, also a native of Ireland, where her father died. About 1826, her mother with the family emigrated to America, and also became prominent early settlers of Beechwoods. Besides Mrs. Keys there were two sons, Galbreath and John, both of whom married and reared families. After his marriage Henry Keys remained upon his portion of the old homestead until 1848, and there our subject was born, being the second white child born in that settlement. At one time the father had to go fifteen miles to get his axe sharpened, and while on the way his dog discovered a bear sitting up against a tree. The bear being attracted by the barking of the dog did not notice Mr. Keys, who crept round the tree, and soon killed it with his axe. On leaving the old farm, Henry Keys removed to Warsaw township, Jefferson county, where he also improved a place, making it his home until 1875, when he took up his residence in Brookville. There he died, in 1880, at the age of eighty-five years, and his wife, in 1891, at about the same age. Both were faithful members of the Baptist Church, of which he served as deacon for many years, and which he helped to organize, it being the first Church of that denomination in the country. He was a director and stockholder in the First National Bank of Brookville, and for a time successfully engaged in speculating in lands, leaving at his death a large estate, of which our subject was administrator. Few men have left an example more to be desired than he, and his progressiveness, business ability, and the part he took in public affairs will long be felt in the community.

Joseph Keys is the oldest in a family of twelve children, the others being as follows: Wilson, who was wounded during his service in the Union army, and is now a farmer of Kansas; Mrs. Susan Suffold; Matthew, who laid down his

life on the altar of his country during the Civil war; Mrs. Mary A. Shaw; Mrs. Eliza Raught; Mrs. Rebecca Casper; Henry, who was seriously wounded, and taken prisoner during his service in the Union army, but is still living; Catherine, who died unmarried; William J., who died in childhood; and John and Martha, twins, the former of whom died in childhood, and the latter is now Mrs. Miller, of Virginia.

On attaining to man's estate Joseph Keys was united in marriage to Miss Margarie Patterson, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Wilson) Patterson, who came from Ireland to the United States, and after spending a few years in New York located in Beech Woods, Jefferson county, in 1834. There the father improved a farm which he later sold, and removed to Pittsburg, where both he and his wife spent their remaining days. Their children were John, deceased; Mrs. Mary J. Quillian; Margarie; Thomas, who died in Jefferson county; Catherine, who died in Pittsburg; Galbreath, a Union soldier; and Rebecca. The children accompanied their parents to Pittsburg, but all are now deceased. In that city was celebrated the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Keys, and they became the parents of five children: John R., who is now engaged in the lumber business in Alabama; Henry, who died at the age of eighteen years; Mathew; Frank M.; and Elmer M. The wife and mother, who was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, passed to the world beyond May 24, 1895, and her death was widely and deeply mourned.

After his marriage Mr. Keys remained upon the old homestead for two years, and then purchased his present farm—a valuable tract of 115 acres, of which he has placed seventy acres under cultivation. Besides the comfortable two-story frame residence he has erected, he has built good barns and outbuildings, set out an orchard and made many other useful improvements which add to its attractive appearance. The land was not only covered with a heavy growth of timber, including poplar, ash, etc., but he also had to cut a road to his place on locating there. Wolves often made the night hideous with their howling, and he would be compelled to frighten them away by discharging his gun in order to get sleep. As years have passed, however, the country has become thickly settled, all the comforts of civilized life have been introduced, and one by one the early settlers are fast passing away, leaving few to tell the story of their early experiences. Among these honored and prominent pioneers Mr. Keys stands pre-eminent, and during his long and useful career he has gained the respect and confidence of young and old, rich and poor, his friends being numerous throughout the county. In religious faith he is connected with the Baptist Church, and in political sentiment is a Republican. Although he has faithfully served in a number of township offices, he has never cared for political honors.

GEORGE AMENT BLOSE, Ex-County Superintendent of the schools of Jefferson county, and a teacher for years in this section of Pennsylvania, is of Revolutionary lineage, and has descended from ancestors who came to the State a century and a half ago.

Daniel Blose is the name of the first of the family that the descendants have been able to trace. He came from Germany, and was living in Northampton county, Penn., September 13, 1778, the date of the birth of George Blose, the grandfather of George Ament Blose. Daniel was the father of six children: George, Michael, Barney, Mary (married to Joseph Walton), Daniel, and Ann (married to Isaac Shuster). George Blose was married to Sarah Walton about 1800, and to them were born ten children: Polly and William (died in infancy), Josiah (died in youth), John George, Boaz, Emily (married to George Schrock), Sarah (married to Thomas Sharp Mitchell), Daniel and Elizabeth (twins). Rachel Maria (the only one now living, is married to John Niel). Of these, Elizabeth married Charles Redding, moved to near Elizabeth, in what is now West Virginia, where she lived till her death.

George Blose (grandfather of George Ament) had moved to Westmoreland county, and located about eight miles north of Greensburg, previous to the birth of his son, John George, father of the subject of this sketch, but in 1831 he moved to Perrysville, Jefferson county, and resided there till his death, August 31, 1849. His widow, who died in Jefferson county, July 10, 1860, was born in Northampton county, Penn., January 3, 1779. She descended from an old American family of Scotch origin. Boaz Walton, her father, was twice married, and had a numerous family: Obadiah and a brother, whose name is not recalled, and, perhaps, a sister, were children of the first marriage; and Joseph, Sarah (married to George Blose), Mary (married to William Martz), Rachel (married to Peter Wagaman), Martha (married to Daniel Blose), Elizabeth (married to George Ament), Emily (marrried to Isaac Martz), and Samuel, were children by the second wife.

John George Blose, who in the latter part of his life was know as George Blose, Sr., was born

in Westmoreland county, Penn., August 3, 1803. On April 20, 1826, he was married to Esther Ament. A few years after their marriage they moved from Westmoreland county to Armstrong county, where they resided a number of years. In 1834 they came to Jefferson county, and were residing on their farm in Perry township, at the time of their deaths. He died very suddenly on January 19, 1877—and she passed away April 6, 1881. She was a woman of more than average intelligence and superior management, and contributed largely to the support of the family by her industry and frugality. For about nine years before her death she was an invalid. She was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church from her thirteenth year; and was a most estimable woman, pious and upright, and bore her long and trying affliction with great patience and Christian fortitude. To George and Esther Blose were born eight children: Josiah, who lives near the old homestead; Rachel Mary Dennison, who married Nathan Croasmun, and lives near Whitesville, Jefferson county; Esther Markle, who married James Madison Haddan, and lives in Clayville, Jefferson county; Jeremiah, who died April 20, 1858, of consumption, at about twenty-four years of age; Susannah Catharine, who married John Henry Weaver, lived in Whitesville a number of years, and then moved to Altoona, Penn., where her husband studied medicine and became a practicing physician, and where she died in May, 1895; Sarah Jane, who married David Miner Postlethwait, and resides near Perrysville, Jefferson county; Darius, who resides in Clayville; and George Ament, the subject of this sketch.

George Ament, the father of Esther (Ament) Blose, was born December 2, 1758, in York county, Penn., a son of Philip Ament, who came from Germany. Philip died when George was young, and the son was bound out. He was badly treated by the family into which he went. At about the age of eighteen he joined the Continental forces, and was with General Washington during that terrible winter at Valley Forge. He had a brother who also was in the Patriot army, and was captured by the British, and died while a prisoner; and he had a half-brother who resided near Salem, Westmoreland county. On September 19, 1786, George Ament married Esther Markle, and nine children came to this union: Jacob (died in his youth), George, Susannah (married to John Hill), Elizabeth (married to Frederick Berlin), Philip, Esther (married to John George Blose), Mary (married to Jesse Walton), Sarah (married to Elias Berlin), and Catharine. The parents, after the birth of two of their children, moved to within two miles of the present site of Salem Cross Roads, on the head waters of Turtle creek in Franklin township, Westmoreland county, where the husband built a gristmill and a sawmill. Export, a mining town, has recently been built on the old farm. His death occurred December 11, 1843; and she died in Westmoreland county, September 10, 1854. She was born in Berks county, Penn., September 13, 1766. It is related of her, that after the removal of herself and husband to Westmoreland county, at such time as her husband was away from home in pursuit, or in search of Indians who had been committing depredations and killing the settlers, she would take her two children—Jacob and George—and go out into a little meadow that was cleared, and remain in the willows along the stream on which the mills stood, that she might be in a safer place and more readily escape with her children, if an attack was made by the Indians. At the mill the settlers had a block-house into which they gathered during perilous times for protection against the Indians.

The Markle family is a very old American family. Gasper Markle, the father of Esther (Markle) Ament, was a native of Holland. He was twice married, and had a large family, of which, Catharine, Mary, and Hannah, sisters, and Joseph, Gasper, and John, brothers, are all of those whose names are now known to the relatives in Jefferson county.

George Ament Blose, is a native of Jefferson county, and was born on his father's farm, November 13, 1842, where he was reared. At an early age he developed a desire for knowledge, and was a persistent inquirer for information before he could read, which he could do at five years of age. By the time he was eight he had read a large "History of the United States," and when a few years older he read Scott's "Life of Napoleon." He attended the country public school each winter for a term of three months, from the time he was five years of age; but during the fall of 1859 and early part of 1860, he went to Salem Academy, walking with his cousin to and from his uncle's, a distance of three miles. He also attended a select school at Whitesville during the summers of 1860, '61 and '62, under the principalship of Samuel Miller Davis. In the winter of 1861–62 he taught his first school at the Bath school house, in Perry township, Jefferson county; and was thereafter engaged in teaching through the winter, excepting the period he was in the army, until he entered college, in 1870. He enlisted in the United States service in 1863, and served as a member

of Company C, Second Battalion, Pennsylvania Infantry, and was discharged in 1864. During this service he contracted malarial poisoning, which came near causing his death. After his return home from the army he attended Covode Academy the latter part of the summer of 1864, and Glade Run Academy the summers of 1865 and '66. During the spring term of 1867, he was at the Edinboro State Normal School. In September, 1870, he entered the junior class of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Adams county, and was graduated in 1872 with the degree of A. B., and at the commencement of that college in 1875, he received the degree of A. M., conferred by the Faculty. He boarded himself during a part of the time when preparing himself for college, and while in college, because he had to practice the most rigid economy, to enable him to pursue his studies. From the spring of 1868 to the fall of 1870, when not engaged in teaching, he carried on the farm for his parents, who were old and poor. After his graduation he returned home and taught a part of the time in various places, and farmed some until 1875, when he was elected county superintendent of schools of Jefferson county. When he went into office he found a great many inefficient teachers employed, and deemed it necessary to raise the standard of eligibility to the position of teacher much higher than it had before been in the county. As a result of that he rejected many applicants, but the change proved very beneficial to the schools. He taught Normal Schools during each summer of his incumbency for the benefit of the teachers. He was engaged in teaching up to the fall of 1880, when, owing to failing health, he practically retired from the profession. As a teacher Prof. Blose has the reputation of being, at all times, a rigid disciplinarian, and a most thorough worker in the school-room. He did not teach for the purpose of keeping order, but it was impossible for him to teach without good order. He was always conscientious, eager to have his pupils learn, and spared no efforts to produce that result. Some of his former pupils are in the ministry; some practicing medicine, and some are in the legal profession.

On May 26, 1877, Prof. Blose was married to Louisa Jane Raybuck, and to the marriage have come eleven children: Esther May, Jeremiah Markle, Catharine, Samuel Bond, Seth Vivian, Mabel Clare, Clyde, Sarah Agnes, Hazel, Laird and Lilian Reuel. His wife was the daughter of Jonas and Catharine (Knarr) Raybuck, and was the youngest of thirteen children. Her mother died in August, 1871, and her father in October, 1880. Prof. Blose and family reside on the old homestead, where they cared for their invalid mother Blose until her death. In the fall of 1882 their house was destroyed by fire, and everything in it, including the Professor's library worth in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars. Prof. Blose was admitted to the Bar of Jefferson county in September, 1886, having prepared himself under the direction of Wm. M. Fairman, Charles M. Brewer and Hon. Wm. P. Jenks. Although he has never located as a practitioner, he has done some work in that line. His health failed him, so that since 1888 he has been able to do but little. In 1876 he prepared a historical sketch of Jefferson county for Dr. William H. Egle's "History of Pennsylvania;" and a history of the schools of Jefferson county, for the "School Report of 1877." He is the author of an article on the schools of Jefferson county that appeared in "Caldwell's Atlas." In 1887 he prepared a history of education in Jefferson county, which appeared in the "History of Jefferson County," edited by Miss Kate M. Scott. In October, 1892, he was admitted as an attorney to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

ANDREW P. COX, M.D., a prominent physician of Big Run, Jefferson county, is one of the representative citizens. He has not only displayed marked ability in professional and business life, but as a mere youth he demonstrated his courage and patriotism by his service as a soldier in the war for the Union.

Dr. Cox is of English descent, his grandparents having crossed the ocean early in this century to make their homes in Allegheny county, Penn. The Doctor's father, the late Robert Cox, was quite young at the time of this removal, and the greater part of his life was spent in Allegheny county, where he engaged in farming, being by disposition inclined to a quiet occupation free from the distractions incident to more public pursuits. His death occurred in 1882, and his wife, Caroline Fisher, who was a native of Allegheny county, survived him until 1894, when she, too, passed to the unseen world

The early life of our subject was spent at the old home in Allegheny county, where he was born in 1843. He made the most of the course of instruction offered in the local schools which with private study gave him an admirable foundation for his later intellectual work. In 1863 he enlisted in Company G, 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. His regiment took part in many important battles, and

was commanded by Col. George M. Covode, son Hon. John Covode, the famous Abolitionist, who represented his district in Congress as a member of the lower house and also as a Senator. Dr. Cox was neither captured nor wounded during his term of service, and for some time he was detailed as a clerk at General Sheridan's headquarters. On his return home he became bookkeeper at Pittsburg, and later went to Big Run to enter the employ of A. M. McClure & Co. In 1875 he began the study of medicine with Dr. Joseph Shields, of Punxsutawney, completing his preparation by courses in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, Cincinnati, Ohio, and a post-graduate course being taken later in the New York Post-Graduate College and Hospital. In 1877 he began the practice of his profession where he has ever since continued. His success in his chosen work has not prevented him from taking an active part in local affairs, political, business and social. He is a director of the Citizens Bank of Big Run, and has been its president, and he served two terms as postmaster of that town, having been appointed, as a stanch Republican, first by Grant and then by Hayes.

In 1872 Dr. Cox was married to Miss Anna E. Cochran, daughter of Joseph Cochran, Esq., a well-known citizen of Bell township, Jefferson county. Four children, Milo, Ethel, Walter and Raymond, brighten their home. Mrs. Cox is a leading member of the M. E. Church, and the the Doctor is identified with the I. O. O. F., G. A. R., and the Masonic Order, in which he has attained the 32nd degree. He is a member of Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, K. T. The Doctor has now retired from the active practice of medicine, and passes the greater portion of his time in travel, having visited Europe and the West Indies, spending one winter in Florida, and, the one just past, at Savannah, Georgia.

PHILIP W. MUTH (deceased). This State owes much to the indomitable energy and wise forethought of the hardy German race, of which so many worthy representatives have found homes among us. Unlike some of our other foreign-born citizens, they do not crowd into the already congested cities, and their homes, scattered about through the sparsely settled districts, speedily become centers of development for the forces of civilization. The subject of this sketch, who came to America as a lad of ten years, possessed in a high degree the excellent qualities of his people, and his history is most appropriately given here among those of other prominent men of this section.

It was in 1853 that his parents, Charles and Elizabeth (Echot) Muth, both natives of the province of Nassau, Germany, crossed the ocean with their little family to secure the wider opportunities which America affords. They located first at Catfish Furnace, in Clarion county, Penn., where Mr. Muth found employment. After a few years of hard work and close economy he purchased a tract of wood land in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, and established his home there, clearing and improving the place as time passed by, and rearing his children to habits of industry. His wife died in Clarion county, and when all his children were grown he returned to the Fatherland to spend his last years, his death occurring in 1875. Our subject was the eldest of a family of eight children. (2) Earnestina was born in Germany, and is now the wife of John Reiter, a farmer in Brady township, Clearfield county. They have children as follows: Charles, Lizzie, Willie, Samuel, Jessy, Frank, Aaron, Rosanna and George. (3) Philip C., born in Germany in 1844, was educated there, attending school only three months after coming to this country. He married Miss Mary Reiter, of Jefferson county, and located for a time on his father's farm in McCalmont township. They now reside on another farm in the same township, near Eleanor, and have had eleven children: Lydia, who married George Knarr, a farmer near Kreamer Station, Jefferson county; Magdalene F. L., who married Philip Pifer, of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, and has one daughter; Thomas W.; Ella; Daniel; Willis; Mina; Idella; Orphie; Nora and Charles. (4) Christian, who was born on the Atlantic, during the voyage from the Fatherland, is now the owner of one of the best farms in Henderson township, Jefferson county, situated about two miles north of Big Run. He married Miss Elizabeth Shepler, of the same county, and has had nine children: Isaac, William, Henry, Eva, Isala, Sarah, Ruth, Samuel and Oliver. (5) Henrietta was born in Clarion county, and grew to womanhood in Jefferson county. She married Jacob Heiburn, a farmer in Bell township, Jefferson county, where they resided for a few years. He then moved to Oil City to engage in mercantile business, but after some years he sold out and came back to his home in Jefferson county, where he has since remained. They have seven children: Emma, now Mrs. John Smeyres, of Big Run, James, August, Mary, Charles, Sarah and Irvin. (7) Adam, who was born in Clarion county, married Miss Maggie Weisgarver, and resides on a farm

near Curwensville. They have a large family. (8) Ludwig, who was born in Jefferson county, married Miss Sarah Twitheart, of the same county, and settled in Punxsutawney, where he engaged in the manufacture of birch beer. His wife died there, and he moved to our subject's neighborhood, where he made a purchase of the Charles Weber farm. For a few years he followed farming, and then engaged in lumbering, continuing until his death in 1887. He left one son, Martin I.

The late Philip W. Muth was born January 17, 1843 in Germany, and as he was old enough to be of assistance to his parents at the time of their removal to this section he took an active part in the work of clearing the old homestead. In early manhood he married Miss Magdalene Reiter, daughter of John and Mary Reiter, well-to-do agriculturists of Henderson township, and began to make a home for himself, purchasing one hundred acres of wood land in the same township, one mile north of Big Run. He first erected a log house and barn, but as he cleared the estate and brougnt it under cultivation he was able to make better improvements. In 1885 he built a large bank barn, and in 1889 a fine two-story frame residence was erected, and at present it is an attractive and comfortable home. He was held in high esteem throughout the community, and took an active part in local affairs, being one of the leading Democrats of the locality. For three years he served as school director, and for one term he held the office of township assessor. He and his estimable wife were prominent members of the M. E. Church, of Big Run, and their children were reared in that faith. Mrs. Muth passed from earth on May 1, 1892, and four years later, on April 8, 1896, Mr. Muth also breathed his last.

They had nine children, all of whom are living: (1) Mary E., born March 29, 1868, received a common-school education, and is now the wife of George W. Zufall, a farmer in Henderson township. They have four children—Charles, Cyrus, Miles and Luther. (2) Miss Minnie H., born May 19, 1869, was educated in the common schools, and is now at home. (3) ALBERT A., born June 15, 1871, grew to manhood on the homestead, and after attending the public schools during boyhood he entered Grove City College, in Mercer county, Penn., in 1892, and continued his studies for three years. He expected to graduate, but owing to the death of his father he was obliged to return home and take charge of the farm and family, being the administrator of his father's estate. He is a very worthy young man, talented and energetic, and is much respected by his associates. (4) William C., born September 18, 1873, married Miss Augusta Winslow, of Big Run, and resides in Henderson township, where he follows the sawmill business. They have one daughter, Bertha. (5) Lavina, born July 18, 1875, married John W. Zufall, a farmer of Jefferson county, Penn., and they have one son, Orval. (6) George, born April 18, 1877, (7) Miss Maggie I., born March 19, 1880, (8) Alice M., born June 29, 1882, and (9) Priscilla, born June 6, 1885, are all residing on the homestead. Martin I. Muth, the son of Ludwig Muth, deceased, is at present living with his uncle on the homestead.

JOSHUA RHOADES (deceased) was for many years one of the prominent and highly esteemed citizens of Knox township, Jefferson county. His entire life was spent on the old family homestead, where his birth occurred on the 1st of April, 1843.

Daniel and Rebecca (Doverspike) Rhoades, his parents, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Schuykill county, Penn., were married near New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Penn., and in 1835, came to Jefferson county, locating in Knox township, where they spent their remaining days. They were members of the Evangelical Church, and in politics Mr. Rhoades was a Republican. He died in August, 1852, at the age of fifty-five, and his wife died in 1878, at the age of seventy-five. Their children were: Lavina, deceased wife of Fred Gillhouse, who was killed in the army; Rev. Henry, a retired Evangelical minister of Tionesta, Penn., who was in the army; Catherine, who died in childhood; George Washington, a farmer of Knox township, Jefferson county; Mary (deceased); Susan, wife of George Horner, an oil driller of Pennsylvania; Rachel, deceased wife of Daniel Upplinger, a farmer of Knox township; Daniel, also a farmer, of the same township; David, who was killed in the army; Joshua; and Amelia A., wife of David Gould, a farmer and lumberman of Coolspring, Jefferson county, who served in the Civil war.

Joshua Rhoades, of this review, assisted in the labors of the home farm until August 26, 1863, when, at the age of twenty years, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company A, 76th P. V. I. In a skirmish he was wounded by a sharp shooter, a ball passing through his cheek and lodging in his right arm. This piece of lead is now in the possession of Mrs. Rhoades. Mr. Rhoades remained at the front until the close of the war, although his injury rendered

him a cripple for life. He followed farming and lumbering as a lifework, and by the careful conduct of his business interests accumulated a comfortable competency. He was the owner of the Rhoades homestead, comprising 140 acres of valuable land underlaid with coal.

Joshua Rhoades was married, May 12, 1870, in Indiana county, Penn., to MISS SARAH PIFFER, who was born in that county September 24, 1848. Her paternal grandparents were John A. and Margaret (Bishop) Piffer, natives of Germany. The latter came to America, and lived with her children in Indiana county. The maternal grandparents, George and Eve (Winning) Peffer, natives of Germany, came to the United States in 1829, and located on a farm in Indiana county. The parents of Mrs. Rhoades, Rev. John and Eve (Peffer) Piffer, were also born in the Fatherland, and in 1835 crossed the Atlantic, establishing a home in Indiana county, where they remained until 1885, when they became inmates of the home of Mrs. Rhoades. The father died April 24, 1887. For many years he was a prominent minister of the Evangelical Church, and also carried on a mercantile establishment at Marchand, Penn., until 1885. He was married in January, 1842, to Miss Peffer, whose birth occurred January 10, 1824. Their children were: Elizabeth, who died in early life; Mary, wife of John Hoop, a farmer of Indiana county; Mrs. Rhoades; John, who died at the age of thirty-nine years and six months; Maggie, wife of William Steffy, a farmer of Indiana county; Lydia, wife of John Zener, an agriculturist of Marchand, Penn.; Samuel, who operates a tannery at Du Bois; and Susan, wife of John Nolph, a farmer and carpenter of Brookville, Pennsylvania.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Rhoades are: Mary A., wife of George Ishman, a lumberman of Knox township, by whom she has four children—Mina L., Birgie O., Orrel O., and Iva V.; Nora L., who died December 11, 1875; Sadie C., wife of M. J. Walters, a lumberman of Cambria county, Penn., by whom she has one child; J. William P., who died December 25, 1879; Cora M., of Patton, Penn.; and Emma S., an accomplished young lady at home.

Our subject was an industrious and energetic man whose business methods were above question, and who commanded the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He supported the Republican party, and held a number of local offices, discharging his duties in a most prompt and commendable manner. He held membership with the Evangelical Church, was one of its active workers, and held among other offices those of class leader and Sunday-school superintendent. He had a host of warm friends who esteemed him most highly. He met his death by drowning, while bathing near Fuller's Station, August 30, 1881, and all who knew him mourned his death. He left his family in comfortable circumstances, and, more than all, transmitted to them an untarnished name.

MARION M. DAVIS, a prominent attorney of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, was born February 10, 1843, in Indiana county, Penn., of which county his father, William T. Davis, was also a native, and there spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1890. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Ansley, was born in the State of Indiana, and is still living at the age of seventy-five years.

The primary education of our subject was received in part in the common schools of Indiana county, and at Glade Run Academy. When the Civil war broke out, responding to his country's call for troops, he enlisted in Company A, 61st P. V. I., and went to the front, and, at the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., he received a very severe gunshot wound. After a year and three months in active service with that regiment he was honorably discharged, but later enlisted for a six-months' period. On his discharge from the United States service he returned to Indiana county, where he attended the previously mentioned academy, completing a course of law. After this he went to Kansas, where he practiced law for one year, then returning to Pennsylvania he went from there to West Virginia, where he taught school for a time; thence he moved to Pennsylvania, and taught there two years prior to commencing the practice of law in Reynoldsville, in 1872, since which time he has been one of the leading members of the Jefferson County Bar. A man of progressive ideas, fine attainments, high minded, one who has made the most of his opportunities, Mr. Davis has risen to a formost place among the representatives of the local legal fraternity.

In 1869 Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Martha Le Bowser, of Indiana county, Penn., and four children have blessed their union, namely: Althea M., wife of J. W. Stephenson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles S., a mining engineer, now of Michigan; Marie, wife of Dr. De Vere King, a dentist of Reynoldsville, Penn., and Elizabeth. The parents of these are consistent members of the Baptist Church; socially, Mr. Davis affiliates with the Masonic fra-

ternity; in politics he is an ardent Republican but has never cared for office, though he has filled a number of local positions. The community finds in him one of the most valued and highly respected citizens, the Bar one of its most able members, and his associates a most loyal friend.

EDWARD CRAWFORD. Comparatively few men can attain the highest offices in civil or military life, but commerce offers a broad and almost limitless field in which one may exercise his powers unrestrained, and gain a leadership as the head of a chosen calling. Drawing the lessons which we do from the life of Mr. Crawford, we learn that the qualifications necessary for success are a high ambition and a resolute, honorable purpose to reach the exalted standard that has been set up.

Mr. Crawford is one of the leading and successful lumber dealers of Jefferson county, owning a lumber yard at Falls Creek, in Washington township, where he resides, and also one in Pittsburg, Penn. He was born in Washington township, Jefferson county, in 1852; a son of Samuel M. and Elizabeth (Osburn) Crawford. The father was born in 1829 in that county, and the grandfather, Samuel Crawford, was a native of Indiana county, Penn., coming of Scotch ancestry. At an early day the latter located in Jefferson county, where he cleared and improved a good farm, and there continued to make his home until his death. He is supposed to have been murdered. His wife departed this life in Washington township, Jefferson county.

Upon the old homestead Samuel M. Crawford grew to manhood, and throughout his active business life he has followed lumbering and farming; he now resides at Rockdale Mills, Washington township. The mother of our subject died in 1865, in that townsnip, leaving one child—Edward, of this review. The father was again married, in Clearfield county, his second union being with Miss Amanda Reischel, by whom he has eight children: Mrs. Nancy Calhoun (of Washington township), Jackson (of Washington township), George, J. E,; Elizabeth, Samuel R., Lafayette, and Walter.

In his native township, Edward Crawford spent his boyhood and youth, and since attaining to man's estate he has turned his attention to the lumber business, in which he has met with remarkable success. He at one time owned the property where the Osburn & Schaffer mill is located, and now has 440 acres adjoining Falls Creek, to which village he platted an addition in 1895. In 1882 he removed to Pittsburg, where he opened a lumber yard, and later engaged in the same business in Sharpsburg, Penn., remaining at the latter place until 1894, when he returned to Falls Creek.

In 1880 at Pittsburg Mr. Crawford was married to Miss Mary R. McBride, a native of Ireland, who became a resident of Pittsburg when quite young, and there died in 1892. Subsequently Mr. Crawford was again married, this time at Sharpsburg, his second union being with Miss Nellie M. Richards, of Sharpsburg, daughter of M. H. and Judith (McClean) Richards. Her grandfather, George B. McClean, built the second house in Sharpsburg, and there died.

Formerly our subject was a Republican in politics, but he now gives his support to the men and measures of the Prohibition party as he is a pronounced enemy of the liquor traffic. In religious faith he is a consistent and active member of the Reformed Presbyterian or Covenanters Church, and his exemplary Christian life has won for him the confidence and esteem of all who know him. Progressive, enterprising and public-spirited, he is justly entitled to an honored place among the representative and prominent citizens of Jefferson county. Mrs. Crawford is a member of the M. E. Church of Falls Creek.

NATHAN CROASMAN is one of the most prosperous lumbermen and farmers of Perry township, Jefferson county, and as the result of his untiring labors, his ambition, his energy and well-directed efforts, he is to-day the possessor of a handsome competence, and a beautiful home, where he spends his leisure hours, enjoying the society of his family and friends in the midst of all the comforts that go to make life worth the living.

Asa Croasman, his grandfather, was born in Boston, Mass., about 1770, and on leaving that State first located in southwestern New York, whence he later removed to Indiana county, Penn., and there purchased the John Drummond tract of land. Later he sold and bought what what is known as the Isaac Carmalt farm, near Punxsutawney, in Jefferson county. His next purchase consisted of 1,200 acres near Cherry Tree, of which he sold 400 acres to Mr. Newman, but from the remainder developed a good farm, on which he made his home until his death, in 1828. His wife died on the same place at the age of fifty-three years, leaving six children, four sons and two daughters. Of this family, Asa Croasman, our subject's father, was second in order of birth. He was born near Boston, Mass.,

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and accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana county, Penn., where he wedded Miss Mary, daughter of James and Elizabeth McHenry, well-to-do farming people of that county. After his marriage he purchased land one mile south of Perrysville, in Indiana county, which was still in its primitive condition, but he at once began to clear and improve the place, his first home being a hewed-log house. This was afterward replaced by a comfortable frame dwelling, and the land transformed into one of the finest farms of North Mahoning township. There his death occurred in 1864, and his wife passed away about five years later.

The children born to this couple were as follows: (1) Mary, born on the old homestead in North Mahoning township, in 1822, was educated in the common schools, and married W. Crissman, who died on his farm in Indiana county, near Smicksburg, leaving a widow and one child —Eliza, now Mrs. Michael Lance, of Indiana. The mother died a few years ago. (2) Isaac, born in 1824, married Mary A. Mutersbaugh, of Indiana county, and located on a farm adjoining his father's, where he followed lumbering and farming for a number of years. His wife died in 1864, and the following year, he removed to Falls Church, Fairfax Co., Va., where he purchased real estate and still resides. (3) Nathan is next in order of birth. (4) Asa, born in 1828, wedded Mary Robison, of Jefferson county, and lives near the old homestead where he is also engaged in lumbering and farming. He was a Union soldier during the Civil war. His children are Hetty, wife of Daniel Syler, of Franklin Mills, Jefferson county; James A., who married Miss Oberland, and is clerk in the commissioner's office in Indiana, Penn.; Mrs. Lizzie Enterline, of Jefferson county; Everett Lincoln, who married Miss Fetterhoff, and lives in Indiana county; Isaac, who married Annie Oberline, and lives in Big Run, Penn.; Anna C., wife of H. Smith; Augusta H., wife of a Mr. Oberline; and Susan J. (5) Miles, born in 1831, married Margaret Beck, of Armstrong county, and lives on the old homestead. His children are—George A., who died in 1872; Mary and Margaret (twins); William C.; and Nathan and Asa (twins). (6) James, born in 1834, married Julia A. Sutter, of Indiana county, and lives on a farm near Whitesville, in Jefferson county. His children are—Jennie, wife of Albert Wallace, of Forest county, Penn., who is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and by whom she has one daughter, Fay; and Henry and Adda (twins), the former of whom married Effie Malk, and resides on his father's homestead, and the latter now Mrs. Moss, of Chicago, Ill. (7) Elizabeth J. is the wife of James M. Chambers, a farmer of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, and to them were born eight children—Harry, who married a Miss Sprankle, of Indiana county, and now resides at Red Cliff, Forest county; Dora; Inez, who died in childhood; M. Blanchard and Effel (twins); Julia; James Garfield; and Maud.

The birth of Nathan Croasman occurred in 1826, on the old homestead in Indiana county, where he grew to manhood, obtaining a very limited education. In 1852 he was united in marriage with Miss Rachel M. D. Blose, of Jefferson county, and they began their domestic life upon his present farm, where he had located the year previous, having purchased 180 acres of partially-improved land. To its further development and cultivation he then devoted his time and attention, erected a large and comfortable residence in 1873, has built good barns and made many other excellent improvements, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. In connection with farming he has also been extensively interested in lumbering, and several years ago purchased a tract of timber land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, which he cleared, rafting the lumber down the Mahoning and Allegheny to western markets for a number of years. Later he bought 100 acres on Elk run, converted the timber into square lumber, and in 1884, in company with George Putney & Sons and others, purchased 2,400 acres of timber land on Maple creek in Forest county, where they erected a large sawmill and extensively engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Croasman: (1) Cyrus G., born at their present home, in 1853, died at the age of two years. (2) William A., born in 1855, was educated in the schools of Whitesville, and is now successfully engaged in lumbering in Forest county, having purchased land of the company to which his father belonged. He married Elizabeth Neal, of Jefferson county, and has three children—Dale F., Max and Lulu Bell, all at home. Since 1885 they have resided in Forest county. (3) John D., born in 1858, graduated at Allegheny College, Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., later studied law, and is now successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Punxsutawney. In 1888 he married Annie Coalter, of Cairo, Ill., by whom he had four children: Iris, Edith R. and Jorel D., all living, and John, who died at the age of two years. (4) Iola J., born in 1860, is at home. (5) Ina M., born in 1863, married H. D. Dafibaugh, of Huntingdon county, and they live in Whitesville, Jefferson county. They have

one child—Nathan C. (6) Darius M., born in 1866, was educated in the schools of Whitesville, in which place he is now living, engaged in the planing-mill business. In 1889 he married Miss M. M. Henry, of Perrysville, and had two children—Mary N., still living; and Harry, who died in infancy. (7) S. Ralph, born in 1869, graduated at Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburg, and is at present engaged in lumbering in Forest county.

Reared as an Old-line Whig, Nathan Croasman became a pronounced Republican on the organization of that party, and has held the offices of school director two terms, and supervisor one term, but has never cared for political preferment. He and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Valier, Jefferson county, and are people whose sterling worth has gained for them a large circle of friends and acquaintances. As a business man Mr. Croasman is honorable and straightforward, gaining the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and in promoting his own interests he has done much to advance the material prosperity of the community. Churches and schools have always found in him a stanch supporter, and he contributes liberally to the same, being especially interested in the building of the new Methodist church in Whitesville. Although his early advantages were limited, he has ever made the most of his opportunities, and justly merits the high degree of success that he has achieved.

DAVIS K. THOMPSON, a military veteran, who served for three years in defense of the Union during the Civil war, is now a prominent resident of Big Run, Jefferson county, where he owns valuable real estate. His life has been a busy one.

The Thompson family has been prominent in this section from pioneer times, several settlers of that name having located years ago in Centre, Clearfield and Jefferson counties, where they left numerous descendants. Honesty and uprightness have characterized their conduct in all the relations of life, and several members of the family have attained distinction in public affairs. D. K. Thompson, our subject's grandfather, a native of Ireland, was an early settler in Centre county. Among his children was a son, James L., who was born and reared in Centre county and was married there to Miss Catherine Gearhart. He afterward located at Philipsburg, where he was employed for a few years as a charcoal burner for the Philips factory. He then went to Strattonville, Clarion county, and followed the same business at the Madison Furnace for about two years. In 1839 he went to Wayne township, Armstrong county, where he was engaged in carpentering for a time and then spent a year at his former occupation of burning charcoal. Later he moved to Milton, Armstrong county, where for some time he built coal boats for the Pittsburg market. In 1860 he removed to Blue Ball, Clearfield county, where he died in 1876. His first wife died in Armstrong county on January 28, 1850, and later he married Rebecca A. Layton, who survived him. He had thirteen children, of whom twelve are living, and, excepting our subject, are as follows: (1) George W., now residing in Westmoreland county, Penn., is not married. (2) John B., a resident of Graham county, Kans., is married. (3) Mary J. married Robert Martin, and now resides at Siegel, Jefferson county. (4) Sarah A., the widow of Stephen Travis, lives in Cloud county, Kans. (5) William T., a resident of Blue Ball, married Mary Gearhart, and has several children. (6) James C. married Miss Nancy Deviney, of Clearfield county, and located first in Iowa, but after a few years settled at Morrisdale, Clearfield county, Penn., where he was killed, in 1861, while engaged in logging. (7) Ellen B. married Perry Kahle, a farmer near Siegel, Jefferson county, and they have a large family. (8) Anna E. died in infancy. (9) Peter N., a resident of Duke Centre, Penn., married Miss Mary Stannard, of New Washington, Clearfield county, and has a large family. (10) Catherine E., who was born in Armstrong county, married David Kahle, a farmer residing near Siegel, Jefferson county. They have three daughters—Virnie, Maude and Nettie. (11) W. C., born in Armstrong county, is now a resident of South Dakota. He married, and has ten children. (12) Narcissa L., born in Armstrong county, married Frank Flick, formerly of Jefferson county, and they now reside near Scotch Hill, Clarion county, Penn. They have several children.

Davis K. Thompson was born November 20, 1828, in Clearfield county, but grew to manhood in Armstrong county, where he learned the carpenter's trade with his father. In 1854 he married his first wife, Miss Lavina Coleman, daughter of Rev. Elijah Coleman, of Indiana county. The young couple located at Milton, Armstrong county, where Mrs. Thompson died in 1859. On August 14, 1861, Mr. Thompson enlisted from Armstrong county, in Company B, 78th P. V. I., under Capt. James Hilberry, and joined his regiment at Pittsburg, where they were equipped and sent forward by boat to Louisville, Ky., having been assigned to the forces under Gen. Buell,

with James S. Negley as brigade commander. Two months were spent in drilling at Camp Nevin, fifty miles from Louisville, and in November, 1861, they marched to Camp Negley, and from there, on December 11th, they proceeded to Green river, where they had a battle with the Texas Rangers. While in winter quarters Mr. Thompson was taken sick, and in January, 1862, he was sent to the barracks hospital at Louisville. He reported for duty in April, in time to take part in the summer campaign, his regiment marching to Pulaski, Tenn., and down to Alabama. On May 21st they returned to Pulaski, and later marched to Rogersville, Ala., but after a short time was sent to Columbia, Tenn., for garrison duty. In September, 1862, they joined the forces under Gen. Thomas, passing three months in Nashville, and, in December, they marched to Murfreesboro and participated in the battle of Stone River. There Mr. Thompson was wounded in the left arm by a minie ball, necessitating a stay in hospital at Nashville until February 26, 1863, when he rejoined his regiment at Murfreesboro. They lay in camp recruiting until June 24th, when they started after Bragg's army, their first engagement being at Hoover's Gap, where the Rebels were driven back with considerable loss. A number of skirmishes followed, but after Bragg crossed the Cumberland Mountains the Union forces moved on to Chattanooga. In September, Mr. Thompson and his comrades took part in tne battle of Chickamauga, where the losses were very heavy on both sides. Later, at Chattanooga, they threw up breastworks and held their position until Sherman's army reinforced them, and they were in the famous charge at Mission Ridge. They remained at Lookout Mountain until May, 1864, when they joined Sherman's army and marched to Graysville, Ga., and from there to Kenesaw Mountain, fighting the Rebels all the way. The regiment was then sent back to Chattanooga as a train guard, and they afterward marched on various errands to Decatur, Ala., Stevenson, Ala., to Nashville, to Franklin, Tenn., to Nashville again, to Pulaski, Tenn., back again to Nashville, to Franklin, to Columbia, to Florence, Ala., and again to Nashville. Their term of service had expired on August 14, but they remained on duty until the latter part of October, when they returned to Pennsylvania, receiving their discharge at Kittanning on November 4th. Mr. Thompson remained in Clearfield during the winter of 1864, following the wagonmaker's trade. In the fall of 1865 he married his second wife, Miss Caroline Colemand, of Armstrong county, Penn., and located at Blue Ball, where he remained until March, 1866. He then returned to Armstrong county, where he purchased property and continued to follow his trade until 1870, when he sold out and bought real estate in Big Run. He formed a partnership with M. J. Smith, and built a foundry, which they conducted for four years, and then, selling out, he bought more real estate, and in 1880 built a large house. This he afterward sold, but he built another on lots adjoining his first purchase, and since 1888 he has made his residence there.

His second wife died in Armstrong county, in August, 1870, and on September 5, 1875, he formed a third matrimonial union, this time with Miss Eva Jenkins, daughter of James and Christiana Jenkins, well-to-do agriculturists of Indiana county. Mr. Thompson had two children by his first marriage: (1) Edwin H., who resides in Armstrong county, is married and has three children—Charles, Lottie and George B. (2) Alice L. died in infancy. There were no children by the second marriage, but by the third there were three: James M., Dora L. and Sarah A., all at home. Mr. Thompson has always taken an influential part in local affairs. Politically he is a Republican, and he has held a number of offices, including that of councilman. He and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are helpfully identified with various worthy movements.

JAMES H. MAIZE, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Punxsutawney, one of the leading financial institutions of Jefferson county, is a self-made man whose history will afford an encouraging lesson. He was born in Indiana, Penn., July 3, 1846, and is a descendant of two well-known families of the Keystone State. His father, James C. Maize, was a prominent merchant and although quiet and unassuming in disposition was a man of influence. His death, in 1857, at the early age of forty-four, cut short a promising career. His wife, Elizabeth Clark, who died in 1851, was an aunt of the late Judge Silas Clark, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Orphaned in childhood, Mr. Maize experienced the hardships incident to the modern "struggle for existence," at an age when other boys are in school. At fourteen he was apprenticed to learn the printer's trade, and the better part of his education was gained while thus employed. At the age of twenty-two, he was called from the compositor's desk by an appointment as deputy prothonotary of Jefferson county, and he was connected with official life at Brookville for about nine years. Mr. Maize is a man whose

character and personality inspire confidence, and when once known he became a popular candidate for local office. He was twice elected, and once appointed, by Gov. Pattison, justice of the peace of Brookville borough, but in 1883 during his third term, he resigned to accept the position of cashier in the First National Bank of Punxsutawney, the institution having just been organized. He resigned this post in November, 1895, having discharged its duties ably and faithfully for twelve years. In April, 1896, the directors of the Citizens Bank, a State bank, organized in 1890, offered him his present position in their institution without any effort on the part of Mr. Maize, or even a previous consultation with him, a compliment which his record fully justified.

In 1877 he was united in marriage with Miss Edith Chevalier, of Waterford, Erie Co., Penn., and five children have blessed their union—Ella F. died at the age of three years, and four sons survive: Fred S., William R., James H. Jr., and Norwood P. Mr. Maize and his wife are leading members of the M. E. Church, of which he is a trustee, and both are popular socially. He belongs to Hobah Lodge, F. and A. M., at Brookville, in which he is a past master, and to the Royal Arcanum. Politically he is a Democrat of the old-fashioned sort, being a steadfast supporter of sound money and national honor.

JOHN CAMDEN COCHRAN, M. D., of Big Run, Jefferson county, is one of the leading physicians of his locality, and at present holds the responsible office of county coroner. The scientific spirit is, in him, united with unusual business acumen, and, in addition to his professional work, he also conducts a prosperous drug store at Big Run.

Dr. Cochran was reared upon a farm in Bell township, Jefferson county, where he was born in 1856. The late Joseph Cochran, his father, was a well-known citizen of the county, having settled in that locality at the age of eighteen years, on removing from his native place in Mifflin county. He was a successful agriculturist, and was prominent in local affairs, holding various offices of trust. His death occurred December 15, 1865, but Mrs. Eliza A. (Carey) Cochran, his wife (our subject's mother), who was born in the vicinity of Wilkesbarre, Penn., is still living. Dr. Cochran's early education was not sacrificed to the demands of farm work, as is too often the case with country lads. After attending the local schools he pursued the studies in the High School of Indiana county, Penn. However, much of his time was spent on the farm, and it was not until the age of twenty-two that he left home to engage in teaching. Later he became a clerk in a mercantile house at Big Run, where he began to read medicine with Dr. A. P. Cox. His first course of lectures was taken at Burlington, Vt., at the State University, and from that school he went to Dartmouth Medical College, at Hanover, N. H., where he took his degree of M. D. He then entered the senior class at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and in 1890 received a diploma from that institution also. Returning to Big Run, he began the practice of his profession, in which he has ever since been successfully engaged. In 1892 he took a course at the New York Post Graduate Medical School, and he is constantly on the alert to note the advances in medical science. He is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association; is also a member of the International Association of Railway Surgeons. He is the surgeon for the B. R. & P. R. R. Socially he is popular as a member of the K. of P.; of the Order of American Mechanics; of the I. O. O. F., in which he is a past grand of the local lodge, and a member of the Grand Lodge of the State; of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue Lodge, the Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 225, Brookville, Penn., and of Knapp Commandery, No. 40, K. T., of Ridgeway, Penn. He is one of the proprietors and also one of the originators of the Big Run *Tribune* (neutral politically), the first issue of which appeared December 14, 1897.

ABNER REED is one of the substantial citizens of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and his pleasant home near Sykesville is among the best of that locality. The fertile and well-managed farm which surrounds it gives evidence of the thrift and industry of the owner, who also owns an estate in Winslow township, in the same county. For many years he has been a leading lumberman of the section, having located in Jefferson county in pioneer times and engaged in clearing off the heavy forests and in manufacturing lumber.

The Reed family is of Massachusetts stock, and our subject's grandfather, who was a soldier and officer in the Revolutionary war, came from that State to Luzerne county, Penn., at an early period. Hezekiah Reed, the father of our subject, was born in May, 1791, in Massachusetts, but accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania when a boy, and on attaining manhood went to Ohio, where he followed surveying for some time. He

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served in the war of 1812 under Gen. William Henry Harrison, and not long after the close of that struggle he removed to Westmoreland county, Penn., to engage in lumbering on the Red Bank and Allegheny rivers, the product being rafted to various markets and even as far as New Orleans. He also engaged in boring for salt on the Conemaugh river, the enterprise proving successful and profitable. Purchasing a home in Westmoreland county, he remained there until his death, which occurred in January, 1874. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Julia Shrum, a granddaughter of Dr. Marchand, who was one of Gen. LaFayette's surgeons during the war of the Revolution, died in 1847. They had a large family of children, all of whom were born in Westmoreland county: (1) George married Miss Cassandra Matthiat, of the same county, and located at Ebensburg, Penn., where he practiced law. He died in 1893, leaving one son, Matthiat, who is still residing in Ebensburg, Penn. (2) Hezekiah married Miss Barbara Detweiler, of Westmoreland county, and resided upon a farm there until his death in 1861. His widow survived him with two children: Susan, now Mrs. Marshall, of Somerset county, Penn., and Phineas, who died in childhood. (3) Phœbe married William Hare, of Westmoreland county, and both died there leaving a large family, as follows: Lucretia, now Mrs. Romb; Jennie, Mrs. Thomas Hall; Kate, the wife of Rev. Albert Cameron, of West Virginia; Jessie, Mrs. McCluster, of Conemaugh, Penn., now deceased; Melissa, wife of R. W. Wright, of East Conemaugh; Reed, who is married and resides at Wall, Penn. (near Pittsburg); Edwin married Miss Mamie Hull, of New Florence, Penn., and now resides there, and Stephen, a railway engineer, is married and lives in Texas. (4) Lucretia died at the age of nineteen. (5) Nathaniel married Rebecca Haire, of New Florence, and resided there until his death, which was caused by an accident upon a railroad on which he was employed at the time. He left a widow and four children, all of whom are married and reside in Indiana county—Lewis; Catherine, now Mrs. Lute; Ella, now Mrs. Alfred Wood, of Marion Centre; and Emma, Mrs. Sowers. (6) Abner, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (7) Rebecca, who was born in 1827, married Smith Beryhill, of Blair county, Penn., and now resides in Westmoreland county. They have three children living: Frank, Jennie and Alberta. (8) Jacob married Miss Barbara O'Hara, of Clearfield county, Penn., and after making their home there for some time they moved to South Dakota, where both died. They left three daughters all of whom have since married. (9) Phineas, who was born in 18—, married Miss Mary Jane McKee, of Westmoreland county, and afterward moved to Lucas county, Iowa, to settle upon a farm. They have four children: Lutetia, who is married; Watson; Loa, now Mrs. Lung, of Iowa; and Lizzie, who married George Weaver, of the same State. (10) Catherine, who was born in 18—, married Ebenezer Deeker, and now resides in St. Joseph, Mich. They have six children. (11) Thaddeus died in childhood.

The subject of this sketch was born April 11, 1826, and was reared at the old home in Westmoreland county. On October 2, 1849, he married Miss Harriet Rutter, of the same county, who was a granddaughter of General Gamble, of Revolutionary fame, and for a few years they resided in Indiana county. He then purchased, from Judge White, a tract of one hundred and twenty-four acres of land in Winslow township, Jefferson county, and after building a log house on the place he moved there with his family and spent seven years, engaging in the meantime in getting out square timber, and rafting down the Allegheny river to Pittsburg. In 1866 he bought the old Fox farm in Henderson township, where he has ever since made his home. In 1881 he built the large two-story-and-a-half frame residence, with all modern improvements, and no pains have been spared to make the place a comfortable as well as a beautiful home. At his other farm in Winslow township he has a sawmill, built in 1886, where he manufactures lumber. Having been in the trade for so long, he is thoroughly familiar with all its details, and is well known as a dealer along the Allegheny and Mahoning rivers and their tributaries.

Mr. Reed is a man of strong convictions, and reserved in disposition; his honesty wins him friends wherever he goes. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Republican, but his vote and influence are now given to the Prohibition party. He is always interested in religious work and in the various progressive movements of his community, and he and his family are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Sykesville.

Eleven children have brightened his home, four of whom were born in Indiana county: (1) Miss Juliet accompanied her parents to Jefferson county, and after acquiring a public-school education attended Covode Academy at Indiana, Penn., for two terms. She taught school successfully for twenty years, and at present is at home. (2) Margaret also completed her education in Covode Academy, and, after teaching for a few terms, was married, in 1876, to Rev. J. B. Neff,

D. D., formerly of New Washington, Clearfield Co., Penn., who is now a prominent Methodist minister at Erie, Penn. They have three children: Abner, a graduate of Randolph Institute, and is now in the office of N. T. Arnold, an attorney of Ridgway, Penn.; Grace and Bertha, who are at home. (3) Orlando, who came to Jefferson county in boyhood, is now a resident of Uniontown, Fayette Co., Penn., where he is engaged in business as a real-estate and lumber dealer. He married Miss Barbara Ruffner, of New Florence, Penn., and has five children—Clarence, Nettie, Elsie, Earl and George M. (4) Alice, the youngest of the four children who were born in Indiana county, was educated in Jefferson county, and taught nine years there and in Clearfield county. In 1881 she married James A. Brown, of Jefferson county, and after residing for three years at Stanton, in the same county, they removed to Colorado, where Mr. Brown died in March, 1894. Later Mrs. Brown returned to the home of her parents with her two children, Roy and Rosaline, and they now reside there. (5) Clara, who was born after the removal of the family to Jefferson county, was educated in the local school and in the Normal School at Curwensville, and then taught school one year. In 1884 she married Samuel Painter, of Clarion county, and now resides at Fairview, Butler Co., Penn., where Mr. Painter is employed as a telegraph operator, and is also engaged in the oil business. They have three children: Bessie, Edna and Roland. (6) G. Annie received a public-school education in Jefferson county, and married William McKnight, of the same county. She has no children, and now resides with her parents. (7) Hezekiah died when eleven years of age. (8) PHINEAS, who was born in Winslow township, Jefferson county, received his elementary education in the local schools there and at the present homestead. Later he pursued the higher branches in the State Normal School at Lock Haven, and in Spring Garden Institute at Philadelphia. He is not married, and now resides at home, relieving his father of the cares which passing years have made somewhat burdensome. (9) Lot was born on the present homestead, and was educated in the public schools of the locality and in Pittsburg at the Iron City Business College. At present he is the manager for a lumber firm in West Virginia. (10) Samuel I. was born and reared in Henderson township, Jefferson county, and after receiving a common-school education engaged in business on his own account elsewhere. (11) Catherine attended first the schools of Henderson township, and later took a course in the Meadville Conservatory of Music. In October, 1896, she married Charles E. Couch, of Jefferson county, a graduate of the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal School, and they now reside at Cumberland, Md., where Mr. Couch is employed as bookkeeper for a law firm, and is himself a student of law.

WILLIAM E. BELL, who in his lifetime was a progressive and enterprising farmer of Bell township, Jefferson county, was born January 27, 1829, in Armstrong county, Penn., but when only two years old was brought to the former county by his parents, Hon. James H. and Anna (McConaughy) Bell, who became honored pioneers and prominent citizens of this region.

James H. Bell, the father, was born October 2, 1800, in Walton, N. Y., of Scotch ancestry, but emigrated with his family to Armstrong county, Penn., a short time previous to the war of 1812. There he was married in 1826, and in 1831 removed to what is now Bells Mills, Jefferson county, which was named in his honor. Although he began life here in limited circumstances, he soon became one of the most substantial and well-to-do citizens of the community, as he was enterprising, persevering and industrious. In the midst of the forest he secured a tract of land, and after paying for the same, he erected a saw and grist mill on the Mahoning, which became known as Bells Mills. There a post office was subsequently established, bearing the same name, and he was made the first postmaster. He was one of the leading business men of the locality and was an active politician, but always refused to accept official honors, though for many years he served as a delegate to the county, senatorial, legislative and congressional conventions of the Democratic party. In 1853 Governor Bigler appointed him associate judge to fill a vacancy, and during the following campaign he was compelled to accept the nomination to the same office, to which he was triumphantly elected. As a conscientious Christian, he was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, and died in that faith in September, 1877. His wife had passed away some time previous, her death occurring March 12, 1866. They had two sons: Capt. John T. and William E., both now deceased, and several daughters, all living, except one.

During his boyhood our subject attended the public schools of Punxsutawney, but his educational advantages were rather limited as he had to walk quite a distance to school. Later his father, with two other gentlemen, erected a

small house, in which short terms were taught by private teachers. He grew to manhood amid scenes of frontier life, and early became quite familiar with farming and lumbering in their various departments. For a few years he assisted his father in his lumbering and milling operations, but later devoted his time chiefly to agricultural pursuits. He was married, in 1858, to Miss Hannah M. Barclay, who was born in Indiana county, Penn., April 20, 1839, a daughter of James Barclay, a native of Scotland. They had five children, namely: Kate, now the wife of F. A. Hill, of Kansas; Nancy J., postmistress at Bells Mills; John R., a resident of Punxsutawney; and James I. and Fannie C., both at home.

In his political views, Mr. Bell affiliated with the Democratic party, in the success of which he took an active interest, and he did all in his power to secure its victory. For ten years he acceptably served as justice of the peace of Bell township. Socially he was a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and had filled all the chairs in the latter order, having been past grand. He was highly respected and esteemed by the entire population of the township, and was looked up to as a man truly honorable and upright in all things, and one whom they could depend upon as a friend. Like her husband was, Mrs. Bell is held in high regard, and is a consistent member of the Baptist Church of Punxsutawney.

PROF. THOMAS TELFORD MILLIN is one of the successful educators of Jefferson county, and is also a leading farmer and cattle dealer of Oliver township. He resides on the old Millin homestead, where his birth occurred, March 20, 1853.

Prof. Millin is a son of John and Ann J. (Hanthorn) Millin, the former a native of Lancaster, Penn., and the latter of Shippensburg, Penn. The paternal grandparents were Hugh and Esther (Wilson) Millin, and their children were: Charles (deceased); Nancy, who became the wife of Jacob Steele (both now deceased); Joseph L. (deceased); John, father of our subject; James, of Jefferson county; Mary (deceased wife of McKee Newcomb); Barbara, wife of Charles E. Temple, of Brockwayville, Penn.; Esther, wife of James Gailbreath; Esther (deceased); and Hugh W., a farmer of Jefferson county. Of these, John Millin was born March 5, 1821, and was married, in Knox county, Ill., to Ann J. Hanthorn, who was born April 14, 1826. She was a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Hawthorn) Hanthorn, natives of Ireland, who, on emigrating to America, took up their residence in Jefferson county, Penn. In 1847 they removed to Knox county, Ill. The grandfather of our subject was engaged in business as an iron master, contractor and farmer. He had also operated a sawmill in Oliver township, Jefferson county, before going to the West, and was the owner of 500 acres of land there. He was a capable man, and prosperous in his business undertakings.

In 1847 John Millin and his wife returned to Jefferson county, Penn., locating on the farm where our subject now resides; and which continued to be their home throughout the remainder of their lives. He always followed agricultural pursuits, and by his well-directed efforts accumulated a comfortable competence. He was a prominent citizen of the community, held a number of township offices, and for forty years served as ruling elder of the United Presbyterian Church. He died in May, 1891, and his wife passed away in November, 1890, their remains being interred in Beaver Run cemetery, in Rose township. They had eight children, namely: Thomas H., born July 3, 1849, died at the age of two years; Rev. H. Wilson, born March 26, 1851, is a minister of the United Presbyterian Church, now located in Beaver county, Penn.; Thomas T. is the next of the family; Rev. James R., born November 25, 1854, is now a professor in Knoxville College and Theological Seminary in Knoxville, Tenn.; Joseph A., born October 21, 1858, died at the age of a year and a half; Rev. John C., born July 8, 1860, died at the age of twenty-nine; Mary L., born April 13, 1862, a school teacher, died at the age of twenty-eight; and Anna O., born July 9, 1864, is the wife of Dr. David B. Best, a physician of Wheeling, West Virginia.

Prof. Millin, whose name introduces this review, was born and reared on the farm which is now his home, and which has continuously been his place of residence with the exception of five years which he spent in the West. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, and has since followed that pursuit. In 1877 he went to Knox county, Ill., where, in addition to his educational labors, he engaged in farming and dealt in cattle. After three years he returned to Pennsylvania, but a year later again went to Knox county, where he remained for two years. In 1884 he located on his present farm, purchasing the interest of the other heirs. He has been especially successful in his school work, having the faculty of imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he has acquired. His

farming interests have also been managed with skill and ability, and his various enterprises have brought to him a well-merited success. In politics Prof. Millin has long been a stanch Republican, and has been very active in the work of the party, probably doing as much for its interests as any other young man in the county. For about ten years he has served as township auditor. He is recognized as one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the community, his business ability and strong intellectual endowments gaining him prestige in all circles.

On September 4, 1883, Prof. Millin was united in marriage in Punxsutawney with Sarah K. Startzel, who was born in Ringgold township, Jefferson county, April 25, 1856. They now have three interesting children: Florence G., born May 26, 1884; Edith M., born March 28, 1887; and Mary O., born April 27, 1892. It may be interesting in this connection to note something of the family history of Mrs. Millen, the mother of these children. Her parents, George and Charlotte (Postleweight) Startzel, are now residents of Oliver township. Her paternal grandparents, Jacob and Catherine (Weary) Startzel, were natives of Berks and Northumberland counties, Penn., respectively. In 1839 they became residents of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, and afterward removed to Oliver township, where the grandmother died March 18, 1852, at the age of forty-eight years. The grandfather, who was born February 22, 1807, is now living retired in Brookville. He was a contractor, builder and farmer. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican. His children were: George; Daniel (deceased); Eliza (deceased wife of Joseph Mooney, of Guthrie, Okla.); Alvin, a carpenter of Falls Creek, Penn.; Mary M., wife of Jerry Hemminger, of Northumberland county, Penn.; Henry, a miller of Kansas; John, a merchant of Brookville; Rushann (deceased wife of Charles Boyer, of Northumberland county); Lucetta, wife of Samuel Buzzart, a lumberman of Jefferson county; Amandus, a stock raiser and banker; and William (deceased).

George Startzel was born in Northumberland county, March 17, 1829, and remained on his father's farm until twenty-two years of age, when he rented that place for five years. He then rented an adjoining farm in Ringgold township for two years, then his present place for three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased the property for $3,200, and two years later was offered $5,000 for it. He was married February 12, 1852, in Ringgold township, to Charlotte T. Postleweight, who was born in Indiana county, Penn., November 10, 1830, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Neill) Postleweight, natives of Jefferson county. The father was a farmer and died in 1864, at the age of fifty years. Her mother died in 1850, at the age of forty-three. Their children were: Mrs. Startzel; John, a farmer of Nebraska; William and James, farmers of Ringgold township, Jefferson county; Mary (deceased); Watson; and Henry, who was killed in the army; and Susanna (deceased).

The children of Mr. and Mrs. George Startzel are Franklin P., a farmer of Oliver township, who married Martha J. Hawthorn; S. Kate, wife of T. T. Millin: James, an agriculturist of Oliver township, who married Sarah Isenhart; Mary L. and Daniel A. (both deceased); Laura A., wife of Edward Thompson, a merchant of Milton, Penn.; John W., a lumber dealer; Mira J., wife of Morris R. Schaffner, and Belle, at home. Mr. Startzel has filled a number of township offices and has been an active factor in the administration of public affairs. He is a very active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was class leader for twenty years, Church steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He has done much to promote the best interests of town and county, and his services in behalf of the public welfare have been most effective and beneficial.

GEORGE G. SPRAGUE, president of the Seely & Alexander Bank, of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, is a man whose long and useful life has brought ripe experience and clear insight without the physical weakness which too often attends advanced years. Born February 2, 1818, Mr. Sprague has already passed the allotted limit of life, yet his vigorous mentality and sound health promise many more years of activity.

He comes of good New England stock, and is himself a native of Caledonia county, Vermont. Samuel B. Sprague, his father, was born in New Hampshire, but went to Vermont in youth, where he met and married Miss Hannah Farley, a native of that State. In 1824 they removed to New York State, and eight years later they came to Pennsylvania, and made their permanent home in Jefferson county. Samuel B. Sprague was a quiet, unassuming citizen, his attention being devoted to his own affairs, and for the greater portion of his life he followed farming as an occupation. He died in 1845, but his estimable wife survived him many years, passing away in 1880.

George G. Sprague's early education was ob-

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tained with difficulty, the school which he attended in boyhood being three miles from his father's farm, while the work at home often deprived him of the opportunity to go at all. The instruction of that day was inferior to that afforded under our present improved system, and Mr. Sprague's experience has made him an earnest supporter of improvement, his interest being shown by a service of nearly a quarter of a century as a school director. In early manhood he engaged in agriculture, which he followed continuously until 1886, when he retired from business and moved to Reynoldsville to spend his remaining years He was not allowed to remain in idleness, however, as he was chosen in 1892 to the position of president of the Seely & Alexander Bank. whose affairs he has ever since administered with ability and faithfulness.

Mr. Sprague was united in marriage, in 1844, with Miss Prudence Broadhead, a native of England, who had come to America with her parents in 1832. Eight children were born to this union, of whom seven are yet living, viz.: Angeline, wife of Samuel Bailey; Edwin; Albert; Walter; Charles; Mary, who married Asa Phillipi, and Edith, widow of Milan Phillipi. Mrs. Sprague is a member of the Baptist Church, in which she was reared. As is her husband she is well preserved, and at the age of seventy-one enjoys excellent health. In 1894 they expected to celebrate their golden wedding, but the death of their son-in-law prevented the occasion. Their pleasant home in Reynoldsville reflects in its hospitable atmosphere the kindliness and good cheer with which its owners have brightened life's pathway for themselves and others.

Mr. Sprague has always taken keen interest in public affairs, his efforts in the cause of better education having been already noted. In politics he is a Democrat, first, last and all the time, and he is thoroughly opposed to monopolies and special privileges. Official distinction has no charms for him, and, although he has been many times chosen to positions of trust in his locality, he is not a politician.

CLARENCE ALEXANDER STEPHENSON. One of the prominent representatives of journalism is the gentleman whose name introduces this brief notice, the well-known editor and proprietor of *The Star*, of Reynoldsville. A son of Josiah Augustus and Elizabeth Stephenson, he was born October 1, 1857, in Milton, Armstrong Co., Penn., and in that place received his primary education, but later pursued his studies in the schools at Worthington, Parker and Reynoldsville, this State.

In 1876, Mr. Stephenson entered a printing office as an apprentice, in the last named place, where he remained for two years, and then secured a position in a first-class job office in Pittsburg, Penn., where he worked for the same length of time. For the following year he served as foreman of the *St. Mary's Gazette*, and then turned his attention to a different line of work, being fireman on the Allegheny Valley railroad for two years. Returning to the printing business, he was made foreman of *The Paper*, of Reynoldsville, of which Frank J. Black was editor, and held that position for five years. Subsequently he served for three years as foreman of *The Volunteer*, W. C. Elliott being editor. On May 11, 1892, Mr. Stephenson began the publication of *The Star* in Reynoldsville, of which he has since been editor and proprietor, and has met with a fair degree of success in his undertaking, the paper having now a large and constantly increasing circulation.

On May 21, 1884, at the home of the bride's brother, Dr. S. Reynolds, of Reynoldsville, Mr. Stephenson was married to Miss Laura Gilson Reynolds. Our subject is a man of much force of character, strong individuality, and his pleasant social manner has won him a host of warm friends. For seven years he was superintendent of the Reynoldsville Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school, and has ever taken an active part in advancing the moral, educational and material welfare of the community.

FRANCIS A. WEAVER. America owes much of her progress and advancement to a position foremost among the nations of the world to her newspapers, and in no line has the incidental broadening out of the sphere of usefulness been more marked than in this same line of journalism. Jefferson county has enlisted in its newspaper field some of the strongest intellects among the statesmen of broad mental grasp, cosmopolitan ideas and notable business sagacity. Prominent among these is Mr. Weaver, who for many years has been the popular editor of the Brookville *Republican*.

Born on January 22, 1842, in Westmoreland county, Penn., Mr. Weaver is a son of John and Eliza (St. Clair) Weaver, the former of German parentage, and the latter of Scotch-Irish descent. The parents were also natives of Westmoreland county, and throughout life made their home in Unity township, where the father fol-

lowed the occupation of farming. There Francis attended the public schools during each winter term after arriving at school age until he had attained his seventeenth year, when he entered the office of the *Herald*, of Greensburg, Penn., of which D. W. Shryock, Esq., was editor and proprietor. Three years were spent in acquiring a knowledge of the "art preservative," and like most apprentices in those times, he made his home with his employer, and, besides his "boarding and washing," received $2 per month for the first year, $3 per month for the second, and $4 per month for the third.

Mr. Weaver's apprenticeship was ended early in 1861. When the President called for 75,000 volunteers to suppress the Rebellion, two companies were formed in Greensburg, and six days after the first gun was fired on Fort Sumter the subject of this sketch enrolled himself in what was soon afterward Company I, 11th P. V. I., under the command of Capt. Richard Coulter, who later became lieutenant-colonel, and afterward general. Mr. Weaver served with his company until the close of his three-months' term of enlistment, and then re-enlisted in the same regiment for three years, or during the war. During the last two years of his service he was a non-commissioned officer of Company I, Ninth Ohio Cavalry, and participated in all the active engagements of that branch of the army of the West, under Gen. Kilpatrick. On July 20, 1865, at Lexington, N. C., he was honorably discharged, and returned home.

He obtained employment at his trade in the Brookville *Republican* office, John Scott being the editor and proprietor. After holding that position for one year, he purchased a half interest in the office and publication, and the paper was then conducted under the name of Scott & Weaver, the junior member of the firm being the editor and having charge of the business for about six years. The firm then became Weaver Brothers, and under the several changes in name that have since taken place our subject has continued to edit the paper, his name appearing at the head of the editorial page for more than thirty continuous years.

In 1879, Mr. Weaver was elected by the Pennsylvania State Senate one of the transcribing clerks of that body, and for two terms satisfactorily filled that important position, receiving the thanks of that body upon retirement for efficient and faithful service. In 1884 he was appointed postmaster at Brookville, by President Arthur, a position which he filled to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of the office until relieved by President Cleveland for "pernicious political activity." In 1886, he was a candidate before the Republican convention for the Assembly, Dr. William Altman being his leading opponent, and the latter was nominated by the peculiar rules then governing the party nominations, although he did not receive a plurality of the popular vote. Two years later, 1888, our subject was nominated and elected, and was a prominent member of the House in 1889. At the close of the session, he was appointed chief of the division of lands and railroads, in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, and assumed the duties of that position May 25, 1889. For nearly four years he continued at the head of that important division of the public service at the National Capital, but upon the accession of Hoke Smith as Secretary of the Interior, he promptly resigned and returned to Brookville.

Mr. Weaver has since given his undivided attention to the editorial work of the *Republican*, with the exception of a short time in 1894, when he sought the Republican nomination for Congress in the Twenty-first Pennsylvania District. Although he had the support of the Jefferson county delegates, he withdrew from the district conference in session in Brookville, in order that a nomination might be made on the last day and nearly the last hour in which a legal nomination was possible. Editing the only Republican paper in Jefferson county, he has acquired a recognized influence in the affairs of his party, but has never used this influence for his own selfish purposes, and his course on this occasion was but one instance in which self was subordinate to the interests of the many.

On January 1, 1867, Mr. Weaver was united in marriage with Miss Libbie S. Scott, a daughter of John Scott. They began life together in Brookville, and have since lived at their pleasant home at the corner of Barnett and Jared streets, excepting the four years Mr. Weaver was officially employed at Washington, D. C., and made the National Capital his place of residence.

WILLIAM M. LAMISON, a well-known citizen of Perry township, has for many years been prominently identified with the industrial and agricultural interests of Jefferson county, and has taken an active part in its upbuilding and progress. He has ever cheerfully given his support to those enterprises which tend to public development, and is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of the community.

Thomas Lamison, his father, was a native of the Cumberland Valley, where he grew to manhood and married Nancy Ann Heller. There he

continued to work as a molder until sixty-five years of age, when he removed to Cambria county, working in the Cambria furnace for many years, but spent his last days in Kittanning, where he died in 1870. His wife passed away at the same place a few years later. Their children were as follows: (1) Adam, like the other members of the family, was born in Cumberland county, Penn. When a young man he removed to Armstrong county, where he worked at the molder's trade, and still resides near Kittanning, that county. He married Margaret Benton, of Cumberland county, and reared a family. (2) Jane was married in Cumberland county to David Hess, and later removed to Cambria county, where she died in 1892, leaving a family. (3) William M. is next in order of birth. (4) Martha is the widow of William Daugherty, who died some years ago on his farm in Butler county, Penn., near Worthington, where she and her family still reside. (5) John went with his parents to Cambria county, where he was married and still lives, making his home in Johnstown. He was a soldier of the Union army, and was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness. (6) Joseph married a lady of Armstrong county, Penn., and moved to East Liberty, where he died in 1896, leaving a widow and children who still reside at that place. He was also a soldier of the Civil war. (7) Israel is married, and with his family lives in Kittanning, Armstrong county. (8) Samuel, who was one of the boys in blue, is married and resides in Somerset county, Penn. (9) George died in Armstrong county, leaving a wife but no family. (10) Mary Ellen is the wife of Alfred Row, of Kittanning, and has a family of children.

In Cumberland county, Penn., William M. Lamison was born in 1820, and when a young man went to Bedford county, Penn., where he worked as a molder in the Hopewell furnace until coming to Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, but after a year spent in the Jacob Hoover Foundry, he returned to Bedford county, remaining there some years. He then came again to Jefferson county, where he was married, in 1843, to Miss Caroline Robison, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Robison, the former a prominent lumberman of Jefferson county. They began their domestic life in Punxsutawney, where Mr. Lamison worked as a molder for some years, and then purchased a small farm in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, but two years later he sold out and went to Woodbury, Bedford county, working in a foundry there for Keagy & Son for three years. On his return to Jefferson county, he located at Perrysville, where he started a furnace for F. S. Mitchell, father of Senator Mitchell, and worked in the same for six years. He then carried on the business for himself for one year, and the following year owned and conducted a hotel in Perrysville, selling out at the end of that time to Robert Paterson. He next bought the foundry and gristmill of Mr. Mitchell, and engaged in the manufacture of plows, stoves, etc., for about eight years, when he sold the property to Brewer & Blase. Purchasing the John Caniday farm, on the line of Perry and Porter township, he removed to the same in 1864, and has there continued to make his home ever since. His present fine two-story residence was erected in 1887, and he has made many other useful and vauable improvements upon the place.

Twelve children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lamison, namely: Thomas, born in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, in 1844, was educated in the public schools, and in 1861 enlisted in the three-months' service. Later, he re-enlisted, and faithfully served his country until the close of the war. He has since wedded Mary Holt, of Punxsutawney, and now resides in Horatio, Penn. His children are—William, who is married and lives in Horatio; Clara, wife of John North, of Punxsutawney; Sallie, who died in early womanhood; Walter; Ella; and Alexander. (2) William I., born in Bedford county, in 1846, married Miss A. Neal, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and now lives in Perrysville. His children are Harlan, Melvin S., Ruth and Helen. (3) David A. died in childhood. (4) Nancy E., born in 1850, is the wife of George Gamble, of Blairsville, Indiana Co., Penn., and has six children—Annie J., wife of Richard Graham, of Apollo, an engineer on the Western Pennsylvania railroad; Mina, wife of Joe Turney, of Glass City, Ind., by whom she has one son, Harry; Maggie, wife of John Hickey, of Armstrong county, Penn., by whom she has a son, Leonard; Samuel; Rose and Helen. (5) Alfaretta, a native of Jefferson county, is the wife of Samuel Barrett, a stone-mason and farmer of Indiana county, and they have nine children—Minnie, Sharp, George, Lizzie, Cora, Joseph, Virgie, Walter and M. S. Quay. (6) Martha, born in Jefferson county, married Alexander Campbell, and lives in Brookville. (7) John H., a hotel-keeper of North Point, Indiana Co., Penn., married Annie Stear, of that county, and has three children, Frank C., Dolly G. and Maxie M. (8) Susan M., born in Perrysville, is the wife of Frederick Crissman, of East Liberty, Penn., and has six children—Charles, who died in childhood; Louella; Caro-

line; Jennie; William; and Gertrude, who died in childhood. (9) Laurence died at the age of five years. (10) Joseph M., born on the old homestead, is still with his parents. (11) Candarissa died at the age of five years. (12) George died in childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Lamison are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are most estimable people. His father was an Old-line Whig in politics, and since the organization of the Republican party our subject has been one of its most earnest supporters. During the Civil war he manifested his loyalty by enlisting in Company B, 74th P. V. I., and served through the last six months of that terrible struggle. While in West Virginia he contracted rheumatism, and was confined in the hospital for a short time, but with that exception was always found at his post of duty. His wife's brother, Thomas Robison, was a commissioned officer, and was killed during the battle of the Wilderness. The Lamison household is noted for its hospitality, the many friends of the family always being sure to find a hearty welcome, and the poor and needy are never turned away from their door empty-handed.

JUDGE WILLIAM P. JENKS, of Brookville, is the oldest and one of the most honored and able members of the Jefferson County Bar. His birth occurred in the same county in 1821, and with its interests he has been prominently identified. He is of Welsh descent, his paternal grandfather having come to the New World from Wales in 1690.

John W. Jenks, the father of our subject, was a native of Bucks county, Penn., was reared at Newtown, and in early life studied medicine. For a time he engaged in practice, and also carried on mercantile pursuits for many years. He was a highly educated man, having graduated with honor at the University of Pennsylvania prior to the war of 1812. Though quiet and unassuming in manner he made many friends, and had the respect of all who knew him. He married Mary D. Barclay, whose father with himself purchased the land on which the city of Punxsutawney now stands. Mr. Jenks departed this life in 1850, and his worthy wife, who was a native of New Jersey, died sometime later.

William P. Jenks was provided with excellent advantages for securing an education, as the Quakers about his home in Punxsutawney employed the best teachers, and he subsequently attended for a time Washington College. At the age of twenty-two he began the study of law, and two years later was admitted to the Bar. A man of sound judgment, he won recognition at the Bar of Jefferson County, and for many years he had practically one side or the other of almost every case tried in the county. He successfully engaged in general practice until in 1871, when he was chosen to preside over the Eighteenth Judicial District, comprising Jefferson, Clarion and Forest counties. That responsible position he held for ten years, during which time his decisions proved generally satisfactory to the Bar as well as to the people. He is the only surviving member of the legal fraternity who started out with him on his professional career, and is now engaged with his brother, Hon. George A. Jenks, as associate counsel for the immense estate of John E. DuBois, of which they have had charge for the past ten years.

In December, 1845, our subject was married to Miss Sarah C. Corbett, a daughter of James Corbett, a pioneer of Brookville, and five children were born to this union, three of whom still survive. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1894.

Judge Jenks has witnessed almost the entire development and progress made by Jefferson county, as he well remembers when it contained only about 600 souls, and was almost an unbroken wilderness. Here he spent an eventful and useful life, taking a prominent part in public affairs, and no man in central Pennsylvania is more widely or favorably known. He has always been conscientious in his political views; he started as an Old-Line Whig. In 1856 he identified himself with the Douglas wing of the Democracy, and since that time has been a conservative Democrat, voting for whom he considers the best and most competent man. Being elected to the Legislature he faithfully discharged the duties of that office during the sessions of 1867 and 1868. After retiring from the Bench, on January 1, 1882, he resumed the practice of law. There are few abler attorneys or jurists in the State.

In 1837 the Judge associated himself with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Punxsutawney, but on coming to Brookville in 1843, he united with the Presbyterian Church, of which he has ever since been an active and consistent member.

SAMUEL NIEL is a wide-awake, progressive business man, who for many years has been prominently connected with the lumber interests on Mahoning creek. He lives in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and owns there a good farm.

Born March 2, 1822, in Indiana county, Mr. Niel is a son of John and Deborah (Pearce) Niel. His father was born in Indiana county, and after his marriage purchased a tract of land on the border line between Indiana and Jefferson counties. There he erected a grist and saw mill, which he continued to operate until his death, at the age of fifty-four years. His wife passed away some years later. Their children were: Samuel; David; Thomas; George; Margaret, who married Samuel Adamson, and after his death became the wife of Harvey Rager, who was killed in the Civil war; James; Mary, deceased wife of John Drummond, of Indiana county; and Benjamin, who was married and lived in Indiana county. He enlisted in the Civil war, and was killed at the second battle of Bull Run.

Samuel Niel is indebted to the common schools of Indiana county for his educational privileges. He worked on the farm and in the sawmill until he attained his majority. After his marriage he assumed the management of his father's mill, which he operated for a number of years, and in 1844 purchased 190 acres of land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, which he transformed into a good farm, and erected thereon a large house and substantial barn. In connection with agricultural pursuits, he has through the greater part of his life followed lumbering, rafting square timber down the Mahoning to the Pittsburg markets. He has also dealt largely in real estate, buying and selling timber lands, and by the careful management of his business interests he has accumulated a handsome competence.

On June 20, 1841, our subject was married to Miss Ellen Lindsey, of Indiana county, daugher of William and Martha Lindsey. Seven children have been born to this union: (1) Cassie, born in Jefferson county, in August, 1844, is the wife of Israel MacIlwain, a farmer residing near Punxsutawney, and they have four children—Orin, Mina, Lizzie and Frank. (2) Elizabeth, born in October, 1846, is the wife of Daniel Peace, an agriculturist of Indiana county, by whom she has one daughter, Effie. (3) John, born on the old homestead in 1849, and now employed in a tannery in Du-Bois, married Annie Keller, of Jefferson county, and has had five children—Orin, Charles, Effie, Joseph (who died in childhood), and Clarence (who died at the age of eight years). (4) James, born in 1851, and now an agriculturist of Indiana county, married Cassie Bowers, of that county, and has six children—Lane, Samuel, Lemon, Homer, Clay, and one whose name is not given. (5) David died at the age of twenty years. (6) Robert C., born in November, 1856, is employed in a tannery in Du Bois. He married Catherine Keller, twin sister of his brother John's wife, and they have six children—(a) Flora, wife of John Wagoner, of Du Bois, by whom she has two daughters—Maud and Lula Wagoner; (b) Susan, wife of James Ausburn, of Falls Creek, Penn., by whom she has two children—Zelma and Blanche Ausburn; (c) Etta, (d) Esther, (e) Earl, and (f) May, all at home with their parents. (7) Sarah E., born in September, 1860, is the wife of David Bender, a representative farmer of Indiana county, and their children are—Jane, Burton, Maud and Annie. (8) Sevilla, born in 1868, is an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Niel. She married George Bair, and with their two children—Carrie and Clare—they reside on a farm in Bell township, Jefferson county.

In early life Samuel Niel gave his political support to the Whig party, and on the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks. He has served as supervisor for four years, and has ever been true and faithful to the duties of citizenship, doing all in his power to promote the best interests of the neighborhood. He and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Niel is a genial, Christian gentleman, warm-hearted and generous, who has been a liberal contributor to the Churches, and he has led an exemplary life.

JAMES C. ANDERSON, one of the energetic and progressive citizens of Clover township, Jefferson county, and a man of good business ability, is now devoting his time and attention to general farming. He was born May 30, 1829, in Westmoreland county, Penn., a son of James and Rebecca (Carson) Anderson, also natives of that county, where his paternal grandfather, David Anderson, a native of Ireland, spent his last years. His children were: James, Samuel, David, John, Thomas, Mary, Ann, Sarah and Eliza.

The father of our subject was reared to agricultural pursuits, but in early life became connected with a number of different enterprises, being employed in salt works, on a canal and railroad. Later he engaged in farming and the manufacture of salt in Westmoreland county, and on coming to Jefferson county, in 1843, established the first salt works in this section of the State. He operated the same for a number of years, and sold his product at from three to four dollars per barrel. For three years our subject carried on the business, and also assisted his father and brothers in clearing and improving the farm. They purchased a tract of one thousand

acres of timberland, which still belongs to the estate. The father died at the age of eighty-two, and his wife the year previous, at the age of eighty-one. They were widely and favorably known throughout the county, and were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. They had eight children, as follows: Mrs. Ann Nicholson; Mrs. Elaretta Holden; S. P., a prominent citizen of Clover township; James C.; Watson H., who is living at the old salt works; Silas R., of Brookville; Violet, wife of P. A. Fleming; and Margaret J., now Mrs. Fowler.

James C. Anderson obtained a practical education in the common schools, which has well fitted him for the duties of business life. For thirty years he successfully engaged in lumbering, and one of his most profitable sources of income was the buying and selling of live stock. He bought cattle, horses and sheep, which he fattened for the markets. His farm, which is a part of the old homestead, comprises 108 acres, of which he has placed ninety under a state of cultivation, and improved the same with substantial buildings. The place is pleasantly located two miles from Summerville, and is underlaid with three veins of coal and limestone. In 1853 he was married to Miss Eliza Simpson, a daughter of George and Margaret Simpson, who were natives of Ireland, and came to this country at an early day, locating in Jefferson county, Penn., where the father developed a farm. He and his wife, who were Presbyterians in their religious belief, died in Clover township, leaving nine children: Martha, Ellen, Rebecca, Samuel, John J., Elizabeth E., Mrs. Mary S. Ross, David, and Lucinda. The mother of these died November 15, 1892. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which our subject belongs; she was a most estimable lady. Politically, Mr. Anderson is unswerving in his support of Democratic principles.

STEPHEN OAKS is one of the most enterprising and successful business men of Brookville, who for over half a century has been prominently identified with the industrial and agricultural interests of Jefferson county. To trace the history of a successful life, be it in the electrical world of business, where competition is rife; in the intellectual field, where devotees open up the wider realms of knowledge; in a public sphere, where is directed the source of government and the policies formed that sway nations; or in the calm and peaceful pursuits which have to do with the source of all supplies—the calling forth from earth her benefices and good returns—must ever prove profitable and satisfying indulgence, for the history of the individual is the history of the nation; the history of the nation that of the world.

Mr. Oaks was born July 22, 1823, in Maine, and when about thirteen years of age accompanied his parents, Stephen L. and Sarah J. (Ames) Oaks, on their removal to Pennsylvania. They were also natives of Maine. In early life the father learned the carpenter's trade, but on coming to this State worked for some time as a millwright, and also engaged in farming for many years. He passed away May 1, 1874, at the age of seventy-nine years and three months, and his good wife died in Clearfield county, Penn., in 1885. The education of our subject was principally obtained in his native State, as after coming to Pennsylvania he had very little opportunity to attend school. He worked in a sawmill with his father until nineteen years of age, and then went to the Clarion river, where he was similarly employed for five years and eight months, practically having charge of the mill for most of this time. He next purchased a farm in Eldred township, Jefferson county, where he located in February, 1848, and there made his home until May, 1880, when he removed to his present handsome residence in Brookville. In that year, at the earnest solicitation of his friends, he made the race for associate judge, was triumphantly elected, and acceptably served for five years. During this time, however, he was also engaged in the lumbering and sawmill business, and is still actively interested in lumbering and farming, owning a mill in Eldred township. He is also one of the directors and president of the Brookville Manufacturing Company.

On July 3, 1845, Mr. Oaks was married to Miss Christina McManigle, of Jefferson county, who died in December, 1872. Ten children were born to this union, namely: Nathaniel; James C.; Sarah C. (deceased); Esther Ann, wife of Hansey Ferguson; Martha Jane, wife of Charles Steele; Mary Melissa, widow of James Caldwell; Edwin (deceased); Abel; Stephen D.; and Cordelia (deceased). On October 12, 1875, Mr. Oaks was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary (Cochran) Stewart. Two children bless this marriage: Everett Blake and Bessie Pearl. The mother of these died November 13, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Oaks were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. His political support is given the Democratic party, and, aside from being associate justice, he has also held other local positions of honor and trust. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, genius for devising and executing the

right thing at the right time, joined to every-day common sense, guided by resistless will power, are the chief characteristics of the man, and have been important factors in bringing about his success. As a citizen he stands deservedly high in the estimation of all who know him, and holds an enviable position in business circles.

JOHN EVANS, who has for many years been identified with the industrial interests of Punxsutawney, is the owner and proprietor of a planing-mill at that place, and has taken an active part in the upbuilding and progress of the city. Upon the business activity of a community depends its prosperity, and the men who are recognized as leading citizens are those who are at the head of extensive business enterprises.

Mr. Evans was born in 1825, in Centre county, Penn., a son of Ellis and Rebecca (McMullen) Evans. The birth of the father occurred in Morristown, Penn., but the grandfather, William Evans, was a native of Wales, whence he emigrated to the New World when about twenty-one years of age. He married Rachel Bonner, a sister of the grandfather of Robert Bonner, of the New York *Ledger*. Ellis Evans, who was a farmer by occupation, departed this life in 1878, having long survived the mother of our subject, who died in 1838. She was born in Centre county, of Irish parentage.

Amid frontier scenes John Evans was reared to manhood, his educational advantages being only such as the public schools of that early day afforded. The terms were very short, and the schools were of an inferior grade. His training at farm work, however, was not so meagre, and he continued to assist his father until he reached the age of twenty, when he began learning the carpenter's and cabinet maker's trades, which he successfully followed for many years. In 1875 he embarked in the planing-mill business in Punxsutawney, and although now seventy-two years of age, he is still well-preserved and able to look after his business interests. In 1848, he was married to Miss Mary J. Drum, daughter of John Drum, an honored pioneer of Jefferson county. Of the eleven children born to them, two died in infancy, but the others are still living, namely: Martha R.; Emma, wife of W. P. Hastings, proprietor of a publishing house at Milton, Penn.; Carrie, wife of Rev. H. W. Millan, of New Sheffield, Penn.; Mary M., wife of John Clawson, of Punxsutawney; Sallie, wife of A. B. White, who is engaged in the railroad business; J. Harry, a resident of Punxsutawney; John D., deputy recorder of Jefferson county; Anna, wife of James Dinsmore, of Pittsburg, Penn.; and Charles Ellis, of Punxsutawney. The children were all born and reared at the home which the parents still occupy, it being built by our subject a short time after his marriage.

During the Civil war, Mr. Evans manifested his patriotism by enlisting, in 1865, in Company B, Seventy-fourth P. V. I., and serving for six months, when hostilities ceased. For many years he was identified with the Democratic party, but now lends his support to the Prohibition party, whose principles he stanchly advocates. Both himself and wife are consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he is a ruling elder, and they have reared their children in that belief. For almost half a century they have traveled life's journey together, sharing its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity, and as they pass down the sunset hill of life enjoy the esteem and confidence of their neighbors and affection of their children and friends.

HORACE G. MILLER, editor of that bright paper, the *Punxsutawney News*, is a man, if one may judge of the future by the past, who is destined to increasing prominence in his chosen profession.

Mr. Miller was born March 1, 1859, in Punxsutawney, where his father, the late A. B. Miller, a native of Centre county, was for many years a leading business man (a tailor), and held a prominent place in local affairs, serving fifteen years as justice of the peace. He died in 1888, but his wife, Mrs. Margaret (Bender) Miller, an estimable lady, is still living. Our subject is the eldest of four children, the others being: Mrs. Harry F. Sprankle, of Punxsutawney, and the Misses Lunetta and Grace Miller, who are now trained nurses in Philadelphia, Penn. Horace G. Miller secured his elementary education in the public schools of his native place, and at seventeen entered upon the wider and more practical course which a printing office gives to a clever youth. He spent two years at the printer's desk, and then returned to school for two terms, before continuing his trade. Later he went to New York City and worked for two years as a stenographer, but in 1885 he established the *News*, and has since resided at Punxsutawney. His paper is a six-column quarto, devoted to general and local news, and is constantly increasing in popularity.

In August, 1893, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Lenore Stockdale, daughter of P. A. Stockdale, of Punxsutawney. She is a lady of fine

social gifts, and is prominent in the work of the M. E. Church, of which Mr. Miller is also a member. They have one child, a daughter, Margaret Jane, who, at this writing, is fifteen months old. Mr. Miller is identified with the Order of American Mechanics, and the I. O. O. F., being a past grand in the latter organization. He is naturally interested in all problems of the day, and in politics, as in all other lines, does his own thinking. On national questions he favors the policy of the Republican party, but when local affairs only are involved he votes as occasion may require in order to secure the "best man." Mr. Miller invented and secured a patent for a Perforator to be used on a printing press. This has proven to be a valuable addition to the printer's outfit. Of the Perforator, the Charles H. Binner Co., of Boston, Mass., who purchased two, after one week's trial say: "They do all you have claimed for them. Have saved the price of them already." The Bingham Paper Box Co., of New London, Conn., say: "Gives us satisfaction, and does all you claim for it." The Marion Centre (Penn.) *Independent* says: "We perforated the ballots for the general election and found it to be a decided success. Just the thing to fill a long-felt want." Mr. E. Goeth, of Schulenburg Texas, says: "A very handy thing, and would pay any one to buy. Has paid for itself a dozen times over." Orders for the Perforator have been received from England and other foreign countries. Mr. Miller has disposed of his patent to the F. Wesel Manufacturing Co., of New York, and has made an arrangement with that company for their manufacture on a royalty.

JOHN PATTERSON MURDOCH, a representative breeder of live stock in Jefferson county, proprietor of the Murdoch Stock Farm, and a justice of the peace of Oliver township for nearly fifteen years, has probably done more to secure a better grade of stock in the county than any other man, and has been a prominent factor in the promotion of agricultural interests. He was born July 23, 1836, in Murdochsville, Washington Co., Penn., a son of John and Agnes (Crawford) Murdoch.

The Murdoch family is of Scotch origin, the paternal grandfather being a native of Scotland, whence he emigrated to Ireland, where John Murdoch (the father of the subject of this review) was born. John Murdoch was married April 25, 1816, at Articlave, County Derry, Ireland, to Miss Crawford, a daughter of James Crawford, who spent his entire life there. He was an Orangeman, and took an active part against the rebels in the "rising of 1798." During his absence from home, Mrs. Murdoch, who was then an infant, was carried from the house by some of the rebels, who intended to burn the place.

In 1816, after a voyage of six weeks on the Atlantic, John and Agnes Murdoch landed at Philadelphia, and located near Wilmington, Del., where they resided until 1830. They then moved to Washington county, Penn., and in 1837 to Armstrong county, where the father died in 1841, at the age of sixty-nine years. In 1853 the mother came to Jefferson county, and ten years later went to Pittsburg where she spent twelve years. She then returned to Jefferson county and died in Knox township in 1884, at the age of eighty-eight years, and was buried in Beaver Run Cemetery. The father was a weaver in his early life, but later engaged in merchandising in Murdochsville, which place was named in his honor. He served as its first postmaster, and took a very prominent part in its development. He belonged to the Seceder Church, and in politics was a Democrat. He was very prominent in public affairs, and impressed his name indelibly on the history of the community with which he was connected.

John Patterson Murdoch, the subject of this review, when only nine months old was taken by his parents to Armstrong county, Penn., where he remained until December, 1847, when, at the age of eleven years, he started out to make his own way in the world. For a year and a half he worked for his board in Westmoreland county, Penn., and then returned to his home, where he continued for three years. He afterward went to Pittsburg, Penn., where he was employed at house painting during the summer, and in a glass factory during the winter for one and one-half years, at the end of which time he took up his residence in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he followed farming, house painting and lumbering. In the spring of 1859 (the year of the frost) he came to his present farm, comprising 135 acres of land in the dense forest. There was an old log cabin upon the place, which had a clapboard roof and no floor. Into this he moved with his wife, making it his home for sixteen years, when it was replaced by a more substantial residence. During this entire period he industriously engaged in the development of his land, which is now under a high state of cultivation. He is especially prominent as a stock dealer, and, in 1873, introduced the first thoroughbred Cotswold sheep into Jefferson county and, shortly after that, some Berk-

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shire hogs. In 1877 he commenced to breed grade Jersey cattle, the first in the locality. In 1890–91 he imported from Connecticut and New Jersey the foundation of his present herd of registered, and about the same time invested in some Hampshire and Shropshire sheep. He has since carried on stock raising, and has done much to improve the grade of stock of his county. From 1880 until 1886 he also dealt in farm implements, and brought the first full carload to the county. He also sold steam-power engines. For the past thirty years he has been widely and prominently known as an auctioneer, and has conducted some of the most extensive sales in Jefferson county, although he has never solicited but two. He has settled many estates, and has carried on a successful business which has not only proved of benefit to himself, but has also been of incalculable benefit to the community with which he is connected. For some time during the Civil war he was enrolling officer. He has also served as special detective and deputy provost, but was never mustered into the regular service. He was instrumental in getting School District No. 8, Oliver township (now Coolspring, where there is now a graded school), organized, and in having the first school built.

On October 12, 1858, Mr. Murdoch was married in Rose township, Jefferson county, to Eliza J. Millin, the only daughter of Joseph Millin, Sr., a native of Ireland, who came to America, when very young. He wedded Mary Brown, a native of Armstrong county, Penn,, and both died on the old homestead in Rose township, Jefferson county, Penn., and were buried in Beaver Run cemetery. Mrs. Murdoch was born December 16, 1831, and died January 15, 1892 her remains being interred about two hundred feet from her birthplace, in Beaver Run cemetery. She was the first white child born in the southern part of Rose township. The children born to Mr. Murdoch and his wife are as follows: Mary E. is at home; James A. married Alice Keister, a dealer in agricultural implements, of Mt. Pleasant, Penn.; Ida M. is the wife of B. R. Kline, an attorney of New Kensington, Penn.; Ella M. is the wife of Curtis Blakesley, a bookkeeper, of Bradford, Penn.; John B. G. is a school teacher: Clara J. also teaches school, and is now located at Bradford, Penn.; Ralph C., too, follows that profession; and Maynie is at home. In this family there have been six school teachers who successfully followed the profession and done much for the advancement of education. The family is one noted for its intellectuality and culture, and the household is celebrated for its hospitality.

Our subject was one of the organizers and the first chairman of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club. His political support is given the Republican party, but, aside from his faithful performance of the duties of citizenship, he now takes no active part in public matters, his attention being devoted to his business cares, in which he has met with a well-deserved success. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the county, and his pleasant manner and genuine worth have gained him high regard.

JOSEPH B. MORRIS, Esq. Few men have wielded a more potent influence for good in a community than has this well-known resident of Young township, Jefferson county, whose seventy years have been mainly spent in that locality. Prominent in business and political life, Squire Morris has also been a leader in the various religious and philanthropical movements by which the spiritual progress of a community is measured. The Morris family has, in fact, been notably active in the promotion of religious interests, and our subject's parents, Obed and Mary (Bowman) Morris, were among the little band, numbering about a dozen, who, in 1826, founded the first Presbyterian Church in that locality. In 1836, they, with others, dissolved their connection with the old Church and organized the C. P. Church, Obed Morris presiding over the meeting. It is interesting to note that the one person living, who was a member of the new organization during the first year of its existence, is James M. Morris, our subject's brother, now a ruling elder in the Olive congregation. Squire Morris is himself a member of the C. P. Church at Punxsutawney, and has been a ruling elder since 1882. Obed Morris and his wife were born, reared and married in Northampton county, Penn., and in 1820 he located in Jefferson county near the present residence of our subject. He followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life, and while taking an influential part in local affairs, seemed always to find pleasure in a quiet life. His wife passed from earth in February, 1859, and he survived her until September, 1882. Four sons are living: James M., born February 14, 1815; Theodore, born in March, 1819; Charles R. B., born in August, 1821; and Joseph B., our subject, born August 11, 1827; Moses A., another son, born January 29, 1830, is deceased. Also those living own and conduct fine farms in Jefferson county, and are honored for their sterling qualities of character.

Squire Joseph B. Morris was born on the old homestead, and as he grew to manhood he

learned the practical details of farm management under his father's instruction. His schooling was limited to that ordinarily enjoyed by country boys of his day, the terms being short and the methods of instruction old-fashioned. At twenty-one he engaged in the lumber business, which he continued for twenty years, and then he spent three years in mercantile business at Punxsutawney. In 1848 he opened a vein of coal on the old homestead, and as it has proved extensive and profitable he has continued to operate it ever since. In 1854 he purchased the farm, and has made his home there ever since, the neat, comfortable appearance of the place displaying the systematic management of its owner. In the spring of 1853 he married his first wife, Miss Julia Murray, a native of Ireland, who died in 1857, leaving no children. In 1858 he married Miss Catherine Crissman, a native of Indiana county, Penn., and a daughter of Enoch Crissman, of Huntingdon county, this State. Five children were born to this union: Malvern H., of Punxsutawney, a dealer in men's furnishing goods; Ida, wife of J. Clayton North, also of Punxsutawney; J. Lindsay, who is in partnership with his brother, Malvern H.; Clarence O., a graduate of Waynesburg College, and is now studying law; and Lucy A., a trained nurse. The mother of this family passed away in 1887, and, on January 2, 1890, Mr. Morris formed a third union, this time with Mrs. Margaret Miller, of Bloomington, Illinois.

The Squire's political influence has been given to the support of the Republican party, and his fellow-citizens have not been slow to call upon him to serve them as an official. For thirty years he has held the position of justice of the peace, in which his sound and impartial judgment makes his services invaluable. He has held other local offices, and has also served as county auditor and jury commissioner. For many years he was connected with the State Militia, and for some time he was captain of the State Guards.

THOMAS CRAVEN. The world instinctively pays deference to the man whose success has been worthily achieved, who has acquired a high reputation in the calling to which his energies have been directed, and whose social prominence is not less the result of an irreproachable life than of recognized natural gifts. Among the prominent and representative business men of Jefferson county our subject occupies an enviable position. He is the pioneer merchant of Westville, where he still conducts a general store, and by courteous treatment of his patrons and fair dealing, he commands a fine trade.

Mr. Craven was born November 4, 1828, in Indiana county, Penn., a son of James and Jane (Blakely) Craven. Thomas Craven, his grandfather, was of Irish descent, and a farmer by occupation. The father of our subject was reared in Indiana county, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until 1844, when he came to Jefferson county and purchased a tract of wild land. He engaged in lumbering upon his place, and also improved and cultivated it, but later in life sold out and removed to Minnesota. His last years, however, were spent in Jefferson county, where his death occurred in 1885. The mother of our subject having died in 1842, the father was again married, and his second wife survived him until 1888. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and in religious belief he was a Methodist, while his first wife was a Presbyterian. Their children were: Forgus, a retired farmer; Mrs. Eleanor Ostranger; Thomas; Mrs. Mary Heath; John, an agriculturist of Minnesota; Mrs. Julia A. Kirkpatrick; Mrs. Nancy Bartlett; Mrs. Martha Gilbert; Catherine, who died unmarried; and Milton, a resident of Kane county, Penn. There were no children by the second marriage.

Reared upon the home farm, Thomas Craven acquired his education in the public schools of the neighborhood, and continued to remain under the parental roof until his marriage, which occurred in 1850, Miss Mary J. Man becoming his wife. Her birth occurred in 1832 in the State of New York, but when young she was brought to Jefferson county, Penn., by her parents, George and ——— Man, who had four children: Mary J., Franklin, John and Loretta. The father improved a farm in Jefferson county, but later sold out and removed to Michigan, where he spent his remaining days; both he and his wife held membership in the Baptist Church.

Of the nine children born to our subject and his wife, two died in childhood, and the others are as follows: Mrs. Frances Shapner; John, who is engaged in the livery business; Mrs. Emma Steel; James, who is operating the old homestead; Mrs. Annie Kooncilman; Mrs. Jennie Tibbits, and Mrs. Maud Hamilton. For a few years after his marriage the father of these worked at the carpenter's trade, and then purchased a farm which he conducted until 1884, when he came to Westville and erected his store building and residence. For two years previous he had engaged in merchandising in Richardsville, and, on the completion of his store, moved his stock of goods to Westville, where he soon secured a liberal share

of the public patronage. The coal company had just commenced the operation of their mines here, and the railroad was not completed until the following year. Although the company has since established two stores a mile distant each way, he still holds some of the miners' trade, and his customers come for many miles throughout the surrounding country. He is not only the pioneer merchant of the place, but he also erected the second house there, and has since been identified with every enterprise tending to advance its interests. He was instrumental in getting the post office established, and is the owner of six or eight dwellings which he rents. An energetic, progressive man, he has met with excellent success in his business ventures, is numbered among the prosperous and substantial citizens of Washington township, and at the present time, in company with others, he owns 10,000 acres of valuable timber land in West Virginia (this land is is divided into ten shares, our subject owning two, several others owning shares and parts of shares), but they have not yet begun the manufacture of lumber there.

In August, 1864, during the Civil war, Mr. Craven enlisted in Company B, 211th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war. He was a sergeant; he participated in all the battles of his regiment, and received an honorable discharge from the service. He is a prominent member of the Republican party in his locality, and for ten years served as justice of the peace, holding the office half of the time since coming to Westville. He is a recognized leader in business circles, and his life demonstrates what may be accomplished through energy, careful management, keen foresight and the utilization of the powers with which nature has endowed one, and the opportunities with which the times surround him. In religious faith he and his wife are Presbyterians.

JAMES B. NEALE, M. D., is engaged in the practice of medicine in Reynoldsville, and has won by meritorious effort marked prestige in his chosen profession. He was born in Jefferson county, November 5, 1859, a son of Winfield Scott and Rebecca (Piper) Neale. His father was born in Indiana county, Penn., near the Jefferson county line, and almost his entire life was spent in the latter county. At an early age he was thrown upon his own resources, and followed various pursuits whereby he might earn an honest living, but was principally engaged in lumbering and farming, and by his steady industry, close application and good management he accumulated a comfortable competence. While landing a fleet of timber, in 1863, he met with an accident which resulted in his death in June of the same year. His estimable wife was born in Indiana county, Penn., and is still living at the advanced age of seventy-five.

The Doctor received his primary and academic education in Jefferson county, and subsequently pursued his studies in the National Normal University (also known as the Holbrook Normal University), at Lebanon, Ohio, where he completed the scientific course, and was graduated with the class of 1882. His choice of a life work falling upon the medical profession, at the age of twenty-three years he began its study under the direction of Dr. William B. M. Gibson, of Reynoldsville. He pursued a three-years' course in the Cincinnati Medical College, where he was graduated in the spring of 1885, and on the 6th of April, that year, opened an office in Reynoldsville, where he has since successfully engaged in practice. The very fact that this is termed one of the "learned professions" is indicative of the effort that must be put forth to win a place of prominence among the representatives of the calling, for wealth and influence avail little or naught in such a calling, and the practitioner must depend upon his skill and merit. A close student of the science and of marked ability, Dr. Neale has steadily worked his way upward, and to-day occupies a foremost place in the ranks of his professional brethren. He is a member of the State and County Medical Associations, served for one term as president of the Jefferson County Medical Society, and has been medical inspector of the board of health for two years. The has held the position of R. R. surgeon since the death of Dr. Gibson, ten years ago.

Our subject was married May 16, 1882, to Miss Joanna R. North, daughter of Daniel North, of Jefferson county. They have two children: N. Nilson and Fay. The mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Doctor belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum. He votes with the Democracy, and is a stanch advocate of the free and unlimited coinage of silver, but he has never sought or desired political preferment, giving his undivided attention to his profession, in which he has met with signal success.

GEORGE H. KENNEDY. As an enterprising, wide-awake business man of Brookville, Jefferson county, and one who, through his own efforts, has established himself among the prominent and successful men of the city, we take pleasure in giving a brief biography of the gen-

tleman whose name opens this sketch. He was born in 1831, in Brookville, a son of Samuel D. and Jane (Slack) Kennedy, also natives of Pennsylvania.

Until ten years of age the father lived in Philadelphia, where his father, Henry Kennedy, engaged in hotel keeping. The former came to Jefferson county about 1825, where for many years he engaged in lumbering, and subsequently turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which honored calling he continued to follow until old age compelled his retirement. His death occurred in 1882, at the age of eighty-one, and his wife died a few years previously. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are yet living, namely: Elizabeth Wallace, wife of Joseph Garvin, of Troy, Penn.; Amelia, wife of S. P. Barnes, of Bethlehem, Penn.; and Mary A. and George H., of Brookville. Those deceased are: William, Jane, Ann and Susan.

About 1841 George H. Kennedy accompanied his parents to Clarion county, Penn., and in the public schools of this State he acquired his education. At the age of eighteen he began working at the cabinet-making trade, serving a four-years' apprenticeship, and for five years followed that occupation at Corsica, Penn., where for two and a half years he later engaged in merchandising in partnership with Dr. Rogers. He then came to Brookville, clerking in the store of Dr. Rogers at this place for eighteen months, when he returned to Corsica, and there followed merchandising for a year and a half. Coming again to Brookville, he has since been prominently identified with its commercial interests. He is the senior member of the firm of G. H. Kennedy & Son, dealers in dry goods, notions and shoes, making a specialty of the latter, and conducting one of the principal establishments of the kind in the city. In 1857 he was married to Miss Nancy Jane Rogers, a daughter of Hugh Rogers, of Kittanning, Penn., a hatter by trade. Six children have blessed this union, as follows: Amelia, wife of Prof. J. H. Hughes, for some years superintendent of schools of Jefferson county; Agnes M.; Henry H., who married Adda, daughter of Dr. W. J. McKnight, of Brookville, and is now a merchant of that place; George R., who married Sarah J. Thompson, of Brookville, and is engaged in business with his father; Jennie V.; and Nannie M., wife of Samuel Barton, of Brookville. The parents and children are all earnest members of the Presbyterian Church.

For many years Mr. Kennedy has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has arisen to the Grand Encampment degree, and in politics he is a stalwart Republican, a strong advocate of sound money, but has never aspired to political distinction. He has, however, faithfully served as a member of the school board and in other minor positions.

WILLIAM FRANK GEIST, proprietor of the Geist sawmill, is prominently identified with the industrial interests of Oliver township, Jefferson county. He deserves great credit for his success in life. He has made the most of his opportunities, and by a thorough understanding of the business, and by straightforward, honorable dealing, has secured the public confidence and the public patronage. He has accumulated a handsome property, and his life illustrates what can be accomplished through industry, perseverance and good management.

Mr. Geist was born October 22, 1863, in Oliver township, about two miles from his present home, and traces his ancestry back to Germany. George Geist, his great-grandfather, a native of that land, came to America at an early day and took up his residence in Schuylkill county, Penn., where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. The grandparents, George and Barbara (Kessler) Geist, were natives of Schuylkill county, and were married there. In 1850 they removed to Jefferson county, locating in Ringgold township, where the grandfather followed farming until his death in 1853, when aged fifty years. His widow afterward married Michael Boyer, with whom she removed to Beaver township, Jefferson county, where he died in 1882. A few years later Mrs. Boyer came to Oliver township, where she died February 15, 1895, at the age of seventy-three years. She was buried in Worthville cemetery, and her husband in Ringgold township. In politics he was a Democrat, and both were members of the Evangelical Church. Their family numbered the following—Rebecca, wife of Isaac Shaffer; Pansy, a farmer of Jefferson county; Cornelius C., who operated a sawmill and farm in Oliver township; Henry and Andrew, both of whom died in Schuylkill county, in early life; Catherine, wife of Jacob Slagel, a farmer near Freeport, Ill.; George D., who operates a flouring mill and farm at Cool Springs, Penn.; G. Washington, who died in Kansas at the age of forty-five; John A., a farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, a twin brother of G. Washington; and Franklin, who died in Kansas.

Cornelius C. Geist, the father of our subject, was born on August 30, 1835, in Schuylkill county, Penn., and followed farming and lumbering throughout his entire life. At an early

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day he removed to Jefferson county, and in 1860 removed from Porter township to Oliver township, where he was extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1870 he built a saw and planing mill, and carried on a large and successful business along that line for a number of years. His well-directed efforts brought him a handsome competence and at his death he was regarded as one of the wealthy and prominent men of the county. In September, 1868, in Jefferson county, he was married to Mary J. J. Hice, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Martin Zirkle, of the Evangelical Association. Mrs. Geist was a native of Jefferson county, born March 26, 1841, her parents being Robert and Catherine (Gillhousen) Hice, natives of Westmoreland county. After their marriage they removed to Jefferson county, where Mr. Hice carried on farming until his death in 1846. His wife, who was born in February, 1821, died in March, 1896. They were buried in the Rounds cemetery in Oliver township. Both were members of the Evangelical Church, and Mr. Hice was a Democrat in his political views. Their family included the following named: John, who operatesa sawmill in Pinecreek township, Louisa E., wife of John Evans, a farmer of Ringgold township, Jefferson county; Elias, a carpenter of Ringgold township; Robert, deceased; Mrs. Geist; Frederick, who died at the age of twenty-six years; Samuel, who died at the age of five; and Margaret A., who died in infancy. The parents of Mrs. Hice were Elias and Elizabeth (Brown) Gillhousen, natives of Germany, who came to Jefferson county at an early day and spent their remaining days as farming people of Oliver township.

Cornelius C. Geist, father of our subject, died November 16, 1894, at the age of fifty-nine years, one month and sixteen days, and was buried in Worthville cemetery. The members of his family are Elias, a farmer of Knox township, who was born June 14, 1859, and married Amanda Klontz; Rebecca E., born February 27, 1861, now the wife of Daniel Geist, a farmer of Oliver township, Jefferson county; John B., who was born October 26, 1862, and died in infancy; William F.; Barbara C., born February 13, 1866, wife of John Thompson, of Oliver township; Samuel T., born May 6, 1868, and married Susan Cochran; Robert E., who was born October 9, 1870, and is at home; Minnie B., born February 6, 1873, wife of Daniel Smith, a farmer of Oliver township; Bertie A., born February 11, 1875, wife of Charles Buzzard, a blacksmith of Cool Springs; Louise E., born August 28, 1877, is the wife of McKane Wonderling, who is a day laborer residing on the old homestead; Dorsie A., born January 6, 1879; Cornelius, born February 15, 1881; Rosanna; born August 28, 1882, and Mary J., born December 15, 1885, are all at home.

William Frank Geist, whose name opens this review, was reared on his father's farm and there remained until his marriage, when he located upon a farm that has since been his home. He continued to work for his father until 1884, when he purchased a quarter interest in the mill, and on his father's death became sole owner of the same. This is one of the leading industries in his section of the county, and he is successfully operating it, turning out about 14,000 feet of lumber daily. The mill is finely equipped with all modern machinery and improvements for first-class work, and Mr. Geist now enjoys a large trade. In addition to this, he owns some landed property.

On June 17, 1884, at Ebenezer, Jefferson county, William Frank Geist was married by Rev. Samuel Millison to Miss Ellen C. Wonderling, who was born February 11, 1865, in Oliver township. Her father, Charles F. Wonderling, is a retired farmer of Oliver township. He was born February 1, 1827, in Northampton county, Penn., a son of Frederick and Sabina (Billman) Wonderling, natives of Switzerland, who, on coming to America in 1807, located in Northampton county. In 1839 they removed to Clarion county, where Frederick Wonderling died in 1860, at the age of eighty years. His wife died in Jefferson county ten years later, at the age of seventy years.

Charles F. Wonderling, father of Mrs. Geist, was married April 5, 1845, in Clarion county, to Catherine Klontz, and their children are William H., who died in the war; Reuben, a farmer of Oliver township, who married Lavina Reitz; John, deceased; Simon, a farmer of Oliver township, who married Beckie Harmon; Mary, wife of George Dobson, a farmer of Oliver township, and Joseph W., who died in childhood. Mrs. Wonderling, the mother of this family, was born in Clarion county, and died in 1863, at the age of thirty-five years. The following year Mr. Wonderling married Mary E. Fike, and their children are: Ellen, wife of William Geist; Silas, a farmer of Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Byerly; Miles, of Oliver township; Theodore M., a farmer of Oliver township, who married Louisa Geist; Wilford, Garfield and Mina C., at home. The father of this family is one of the leading farmers of Jefferson county, and the many excellent improvements upon his place stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He is identified with the Evangelical Association,

and takes a very prominent part in Church work; he has served as an officer in the Church for the past forty years.

The children of William Frank Geist and wife are: Florence, born February 12, 1885; Stella M., born January 14, 1887; Max, born March 5, 1889; Nellie, born December 16, 1893, and Ernest, born February 21, 1895, died on January 28, 1898. The family circle yet remains unbroken, and the parents hold a leading position in social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society. Mr. Geist is a member of the Lodge at Worthville of I. O. O. F., is a trustee in the Evangelical Association, and aided in building their present church edifice. In politics he is a Republican, and has served for three years as school director, but has never been an aspirant for office. He is highly esteemed as a man of sterling worth, and is a prominent representative of the best citizenship of his native county.

WILLIAM DICKEY, who resides in Brookville, belongs to that class of representative citizens whose sterling worth and fidelity to duty make them valued acquisitions to the community in which they reside.

Born December 14, 1832, in Jefferson county, Mr. Dickey is a son of Matthew and Elizabeth Ann (Templeton) Dickey. His father was born in County Derry, in the North of Ireland, in 1800, and came to America in 1817. For ten years after his arrival he engaged in school teaching, and in about 1831, he took up his residence in Jefferson county, where, in connection with his educational work, he also followed farming and merchandising. Every trust reposed in him was faithfully performed, and he was honored by all who knew him. He died in 1884, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. His estimable wife was a native of Armstrong county, Penn., and died in 1890.

William Dickey acquired his primary education in the old-time log school house, where he mastered the elementary branches of learning. Subsequently he pursued his studies in the academy in Brookville, and still later attended a select school at that place. His initiation into business life was through clerking in his father's store. After working in that way for about five years, his father established him in a mercantile business in Dowlingville, where he remained for two years, after which he went to Troy, where he was engaged in merchandising for a similar period. Returning then to Brookville, he conducted a store here for a quarter of a century, and since that time has devoted his energies to the lumber business, being one of the leading lumber merchants of Jefferson county. He is the president of the Brookville National Bank, and is a man of excellent business and executive ability, of keen discernment and tireless purpose.

In June, 1856, he was married to Miss Mary A. Douthett, a daughter of Rev. William Douthett. They have six children living, namely: Matthew W., a lumber merchant of Tennessee; William W., who is engaged in the same business in Pittsburg, Penn.; Maria A., wife of John Means, a prominent merchant of Brookville; Lula M., wife of Frank K. Brown, of Brookville; Myrtle H., wife of L. B. Long, of the same town; and Mary E., at home. Our subject and his family are faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church. Since casting his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont, in 1856, Mr. Dickey has been a stalwart supporter of the Republican party, and is heartily in sympathy with its present policy, and is the advocate of sound money and protection to American industries. The world instinctively pays deference to the man who has won prosperity by honorable methods and untiring industry. Such has been the career of Mr. Dickey, and he well deserves mention among the leading citizens of Jefferson county.

JACOB ZEITLER is one of the most reliable and active business men of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county. Success comes not alone by taking advantage of surrounding opportunities, but from creating them, and our subject has achieved prosperity in this way. Garfield said: "We must not wait for things to turn up, we must turn them up." With such a view of life acting as a motive power, Mr. Zeitler has steadily and persistently worked his way upward, attaining the goal of his hopes.

He comes from across the sea, his birth having occurred in 1832, in Germany, of which country his parents, John Conrad and Margaret (Weiss) Zeitler, were also natives, but in 1847 the family emigrated to America, and for a short time made their home in Pittsburg, Penn. The following year, however, they came to Punxsutawney, where both parents died in 1876, at the age of eighty-four years. In early life the father had learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed in connection with buying and selling real estate, and also engaged in mercantile pursuits. An earnest, Christian gentleman, he was an active worker in the Lutheran Church, and was very instrumental in building up that denomination in Punxsutawney.

Jacob Zeitler is the seventh in order of birth in the family of eight children. While still a resident of the Fatherland, he attended school from the age of six to twelve years, and then worked on a farm until coming to this country. Here his father apprenticed him to the saddler's trade, and during the four years he was learning the trade received only his board, washing and $20 per year, out of which he had to clothe himself. At the end of the time, however, he had comfortable clothes and $3.50 in money. After working a short time for his employer, he had earned enough with which to come to Punxsutawney, and establish himself in the saddlery business, which he has now successfully carried on since 1852. He also conducts a large insurance business, representing some of the leading life, fire and accident insurance companies in existence.

In 1857, Mr. Zeitler wedded Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel B. Hughes, a native of Jefferson county. Ten children blessed their union, six sons and four daughters, of whom four sons and one daughter are now deceased. Those who still survive are Jennie E., wife of Joseph H. Armstrong, of St. Paul, Minn.; Thaddeus and Lee, both residents of Punxsutawney; Zula Z., wife of Carroll McA. Fee, a prominent merchant tailor of Punxsutawney; and Dora B., at home. The father of these was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and his wife in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They are people of prominence in the community, holding a high position in social circles. Since 1861, Mr. Zeitler has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, now holding membership in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, and is past master. His political support has ever been given the Democratic party, and on that ticket he has been elected to a number of local positions, the duties of which he ever discharged in a prompt and able manner.

FREDERICK HUMMEL, the well-known proprietor of the "Washington House," is one of the most progressive and energetic citizens of Punxsutawney. It is said that biography yields to no other subject in point of interest and profit, and it is especially interesting to note the progress that has been made along various lines of business by those of foreign birth who have sought homes in America—the readiness with which they adapt themselves to the different methods and customs of America, recognize the advantages offered, and utilize the opportunities which the New World affords.

Mr. Hummel comes from the German Fatherland, where his birth occurred in 1833, his parents being George Jacob and Catherine (Wagner) Hummel, also natives of Germany. Coming to America in May, 1846, they located in Clearfield county, Penn., where the father engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He was a quiet, unassuming man, attending strictly to his own affairs, and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him. His death occurred in 1893, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years, four months and twelve days, and his estimable wife passed away in 1886, at the age of seventy-seven years and eight months. The family on starting for America was comprised of parents and six children—four boys and two girls; one child died on the ocean en route, and another was born to the parents after coming to the United States. These children were: George, Jacob, Frederick (our subject), Henry, Jacob (2), Charlotte, and Catharine. Of these George, died about one year ago, leaving a widow and three sons and three daughters; Henry is married, and has eight children; Charlotte married John Clouser, and they have one boy and four girls; Jacob died en route to America, leaving a widow and three daughters; Catherine married John Blatt, and has a son, Frederick.

Frederick Hummel received the benefits of the schools of his native land until he attained the age of thirteen years, when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States. His father having entered a tract of wild land, he assisted him in the arduous tasks of clearing and improving the farm, and therefore had no chance to attend school until after reaching the age of twenty-one, when he again pursued his studies for three months. At the age of nineteen he served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he followed in connection with farming until 1869, when he came to Punxsutawney and purchased the present site of his hotel. He has met with misfortune by fires, losing his first hotel in that way in 1879, and after rebuilding had the second structure destroyed in the same way in 1886. With his characteristic energy, however, the following year he erected his present splendid three-story brick building, containing forty bedrooms, two parlors, as well as the other necessary rooms. It is well furnished, is convenient and comfortable, and the cuisine is unexceptionable. Notwithstanding his losses by fire, he has been very successful, for his courteous, genial manners have gained him a liberal share of the public patronage.

In 1858, Mr. Hummel was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Ellen Rupert, of Bell township, Jefferson county, and to them were born eleven children, those living being: Henry, James, Christ, Reuben, Rubert, Barbara and Mary. Our subject's grandchildren are: Mama, Perle, Willalla and Frederick. The parents of Mrs. Elizabeth Ellen (Rupert) Hummel were born at Howard, Centre Co., Penn., and in 1847 came to Jefferson county.

Politically, our subject is a stalwart Democrat, and at all times and under all circumstances is strongly opposed to monopolies. He is one of the representative citizens and solid and reliable business men of Punxsutawney, who has the respect and confidence of all who know him, and has been called upon to serve in a number of local positions. For the past twenty-seven years he has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is serving as past grand. His estimable wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, but he rather inclines to the faith held by the German Reformed Church.

WILLIAM M. FAIRMAN. Whatever else may be said of the legal profession, it cannot be denied that members of the Bar have been more prominent factors in public affairs than any other class of the community. This is but the natural result of causes which are manifest, and require no explanation. The ability and training which qualify one to practice law, also qualify him in many respects for duties which lie outside of the strict path of his profession, and which touch the general interests of society. Holding a marked precedence among the members of the Bar of Jefferson county is Mr. Fairman, of Punxsutawney, who is numbered among the most noted criminal lawyers of the State. He has defended every homicide in the county since entering practice, and but one of the number has been convicted. He has not only been very successful professionally, but financially as well, and now ranks among the most prosperous citizens of the community.

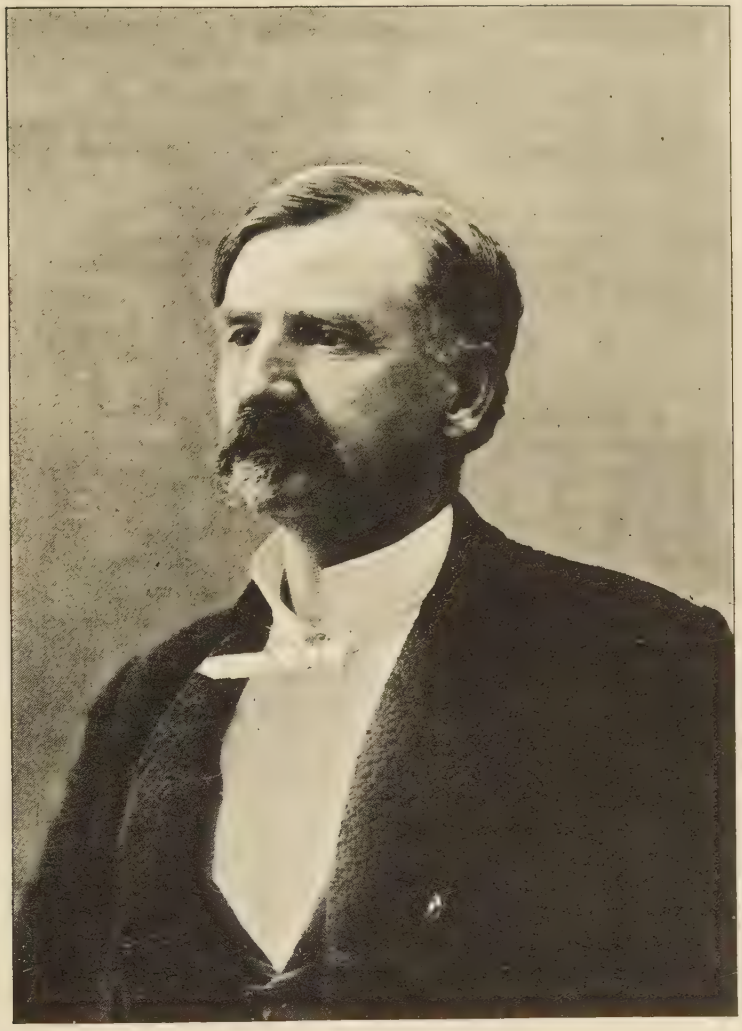
Mr. Fairman is a native of Jefferson county, born in Brookville, October 31, 1836, and is a son of James and Catherine (McConnahey) Fairman, both natives of Indiana county, Penn., who located in Brookville in 1832. For some time the father engaged in the sawmill business, but subsequently taught school. He died of consumption in 1839. The mother, who survived him many years, was again married, and died in February, 1885.

Our subject was reared by his paternal grandfather, David Fairman, whom he accompanied to Illinois when ten years of age, and for four years attended school in Decatur, that State. Later he was sent by his uncle to a school in Jacksonville, Ill., where he completed an academic course, and then engaged in teaching in Macon and Shelby counties, that State, until 1861. On the outbreak of the Civil war, he returned to Pennsylvania, and enlisted in Company I, 62nd P. V. I. Although he was in the service throughout the war, and participated in many hotly-contested engagements, he was wounded only once, that being at Gaines Hill, Va., in 1862. His term of service having expired, he was mustered out at Pittsburg, Penn., in 1864, and came to Punxsutawney. Until 1870 he engaged in lumbering during the summer and teaching during the winter season; then entered the law office of Jenks & Winslow. He was admitted to the Bar in 1874, and has since been actively engaged in practice. His fellow citizens, recognizing his ability, elected him district attorney in 1876, which office he creditably filled until 1880, when he resumed private practice. Possessing a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the fundamental principles of law, he has had no trouble in securing a large and lucrative practice, and to-day takes front rank among his professional brethren.

In St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Fairman was married to Miss Lizzie Jefferson, a native of Delaware. She is a most estimable lady, and a faithful member of the Christian Church. The Democratic party finds in Mr. Fairman a stalwart supporter, but he has never aspired to official distinction, preferring to devote his entire time to his profession. He has, however, twice received the nomination for Congress, and the second time declined to accept.

JAMES McGEE, an intelligent and progressive agriculturist of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, owns a homestead of 222 acres. This estate is, however, but one of several tracts which he has acquired from time to time, as he holds at present the titles to 515 acres of choice land in Jefferson and adjoining counties.

Mr. McGee comes of good North-of-Ireland stock, James and Hannah (Warden) McGee, his grandparents, having been the first to come to America. They settled in what is now Clinton county, Penn., then Centre county, at a very early period, and made a home in the wilderness, clearing and improving a farm. Their son, Sam-



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uel, our subject's father, was born and reared there, and married a native of the same locality, Miss Jane McBride, a daughter of John McBride. In 1820 the young couple moved to Jefferson county, locating for a time in Perry township, and finally in 1833, settled in McCalmont township on a farm adjoining our subject's homestead. In politics the father was a Republican. The mother in religious faith was a Cumberland Presbyterian. Their children were: James, who died in infancy; John, who was drowned in Mahoning creek in 1842; Samuel, who died in 1844; James, our subject; William, who died in July, 1893; Isaac, a farmer in Young township, Jefferson county; Thomas, who died at an early age; and Hannah J., now the wife of Jacob W. Means, a farmer near Georgeville, Indiana Co., Penn. The mother of these died in 1862, and was buried in the Presbyterian graveyard in Perry township, Jefferson county, and the father died in 1878, aged eighty-three years, and was buried in the Mt. Tabor United Brethren graveyard in McCalmont township, Jefferson county.

Our subject's birth occurred August 30, 1829, while his parents were living in Perry township. He remained at home until the age of twenty-six, when he married Miss Susannah Newcomb, and settled on his present farm. His first purchase consisted of 100 acres of land, for which he paid $1,000, giving $400 down and the balance in six years. At that time there were but forty acres cleared, and at this spot he has ever since had his residence. While conducting his farm he has dealt extensively in real estate, and at present he has a large tract of land in Armstrong county, Penn., and 137 acres of farming land in Indiana county, which is occupied by his son Samuel, and 102 acres of farming land in Indiana county which is occupied by his son, Lawrence S. McGee. The homestead is underlaid with coal, and in 1888, when he had 277 acres in the estate, he sold the mining rights for $75 per acre. On the surface everything is kept in perfect order. Mr. McGee has the faculty of managing large enterprises successfully without undue exertion on his part. He takes a prominent part in local affairs, and is one of the leading Republicans of his locality. For three years he served as jury commissioner, and for twenty-two years as school director, his keen interest in educational progress making the latter office a most congenial one. Being himself fond of the best literature, he believes in securing to all the possibility of entrance to the paths of knowledge. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Punxsutawney.

Mr. McGee's marriage to Miss Newcomb took place July 15, 1856, in Perry township, and their union has been blessed by children, as follows: (1) Jane E., died at the age of eleven years. (2) John lived to the age of only nine years. (3) Samuel G., a farmer in Indiana county, married Miss Ora Tiger, and has four children—Susie, James, Effie and Milton. (4) Lawrence S. is a farmer in East Mahoning township, residing on one of his father's farms. He married Miss Nettie Buhite, and they have two daughters—May and Hellen. (5) Lydia Emma married H. W. Smith, a farmer in Armstrong county, and they have three children—Grover, Earl and Floyd. (6) Melvin C. married Anna Jordan, and they are residents of East Mahoning township, Indiana county. (7) Maggie C. married Philip T. Smith, and resides on a part of her father's homestead. (8) James Harvey is at home. In 1889 the parents took to raise Rebecca Green, born May 25, 1888, in Blair county, Penn. John and Rachel (Cochran) Newcomb, Mrs. McGee's parents, were among the early settlers of Perry township, Jefferson county, and continued to reside there throughout their lives, her mother passing away in 1863, at the age of sixty-three years, and her father in 1876, at eighty-three. The remains of both now rest in the cemetery at Perry Church. Mrs. McGee, who was born May 19, 1837, was the youngest of nine children; Sallie (deceased) married Robert Hannah, who is now living in retirement in Winslow township, Jefferson county, with his son, William; Isaac and Samuel are deceased; Nancy (deceased) married the late Samuel Green; Elizabeth is deceased; Lydia is the wife of Joseph Swisher, a lime and coal merchant in Punxsutawney; George W. and Joseph both reside upon portions of the old homestead in Perry township.

HENRY I. WILSON, a prominent young attorney at Big Run, Jefferson county, is an illustration of the advantages gained in intellectual lines by an "all-round" development, which includes physical and social life within its scope. As a beginning in life he spent his first ten years upon a farm near Wellsboro, Tioga county, Penn., where he was born April 10, 1869, and it was in that wholesome environment that he began his education.

His parents, Daniel M. and Lydia (Stickley) Wilson, are both natives of that county, still residing at Wellsboro, the father having given up agriculture some years ago to engage in clerical work. He was a soldier during the Civil war, in Company A, 187th P. V. I., and is a man who

is highly esteemed by his acquaintances for his sterling qualities of character, although his retiring disposition has kept him from public life. Henry I. Wilson continued his literary studies in the Wellsboro High School, graduating in 1887, and then entered a business college at Elmira, N. Y., where he completed his course and received a diploma. The following summer was spent at Watkins, N. Y., as a clerk in a popular hotel, and while there his remarkable ability as a musician, which had been carefully cultivated from the time he was fifteen, was brought into service in teaching a band. His success led to offers of similar employment elsewhere, and for a time he was kept busy in arranging orchestras and giving instruction. At the age of twenty, he returned to Wellsboro, where he began the study of law with Elliott & Watrous, and in the fall of 1892 he was admitted to the Bar in Tioga county. In the following year he went to Brookville, and on being licensed to practice in Jefferson county, opened an office at Big Run, and has since continued his professional work there. In 1895 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the State. Politically he is a Republican, and is active and influential in the work of the party. In August, 1897, he was a delegate from Jefferson county to the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg, to place in nomination candidates for State Treasurer and Auditor General. Mr. Wilson's many Republican friends are urging him to consent to be a candidate for Representative to the General Assembly. As a member of the school board he has done much to advance the cause of education in his locality. His fine physique, which has been strengthened by practice in athletics, enables him to engage in various enterprises, political or social, aside from his regular vocation. While at Wellsboro he was a member of the "Alert Hose Team," which enjoyed the reputation of being the swiftest in the State. Mr. Wilson is a composer of music and an accomplished performer on both the horn and violin. On April 4, 1893, he was united in marriage with Miss Blanche Bacon, a daughter of Seth Bacon, a leading citizen of Wellsboro.

GEORGE L. SANDT, a prominent pharmacist of Brookville, Jefferson county, belongs to that most useful of citizens, who, while taking a hearty interest in all public questions, give their influence to their solution and settlement in a quiet and disinterested way, never seeking the honors and emoluments which the professional politician considers his due.

Mr. Sandt was born at Easton, Penn., in 1852, and his parents, William G. and Saluma (Frankenfield) Sandt, are both natives of this State. They are still living in Northampton county, in excellent health. The father has always devoted his attention to agriculture as an occupation, and is an unassuming but highly esteemed citizen. Our subject received his literary education in Easton Academy, and on leaving school began his work in the drug business with C. Lawall. After a time he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1876, and in 1879 he went to Brookville as clerk for Dr. McKnight & Brother. Two years later he and his father-in-law, Bernard Verstine, established a business which has been continued successfully since that time. In 1893 Mr. Sandt became the sole proprietor, and now conducts the enterprise alone. His store is always neat and inviting, and his fine business judgment has won for him a place among the leading druggists of Central Pennsylvania.

In 1880 Mr. Sandt was married to Miss Mary T. Verstine, daughter of Bernard Verstine mentioned above, one of Brookville's well-known citizens. Four children have blessed this union: Valletta, Hattie, Walter, and Earle, all of whom are at home. In religious faith Mrs. Sandt is a Roman Catholic, but our subject is a member of the Lutheran Church. Politically, he is a Republican, and he belongs to the fraternal order of the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN LANG, JR. History no longer finds its material in a record of wars and conquests; the public annals are formed of the account of business activity and progress along the lines of both trade and mental development. Mr. Lang, of this review, is an honored representative of the industrial interests of Jefferson county, being now proprietor of a large woolen-mill, which has been in successful operation since 1860. He is also engaged in general merchandising, and is proprietor of a valuable farm.

Mr. Lang was born at Shavers Creek, Huntingdon Co., Penn., January 7, 1833. His grandfather, Henry Lang, a native of Scotland, emigrated to America at an early day, and served as a private in the war of 1812. He settled on a farm in Cambria county, Penn., and while he was in the war, his son, John Lang, Sr., father of our subject, would thresh wheat for a tenth share in order to support the family. John Lang, Sr., was born in Cambria county, and served an apprenticeship in a woolen-mill at Croft creek.

When twenty-one years of age he went to Huntingdon, Penn., where he was employed in a woolen-mill for four years. He then married Nancy Moore, and purchased land at Shavers Creek, where he engaged in farming and in the manufacture of woolen goods. In 1852 he came to Jefferson county, and settled on the present site of Langville, which town is named in his honor. In 1852 he established the woolen-mill now owned by our subject, and in addition to this property he owned three farms. He was a self-made man, who started out in life with a cash capital of fifty cents, but through his own efforts became quite wealthy. His death occurred in 1883, at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother of our subject died in 1841, at the age of forty years. Their children were: Mary, wife of William Stewart, who is living retired in Jefferson county, Iowa; Jane, who became the wife of John L. Barr, of Philipsburg, but both are now deceased; Ann, who married Samuel Gorley, and both are now deceased; Charles, a mechanic living in Iowa; John; William, who died in 1897; Catherine, deceased wife of Robert Simpson, an extensive farmer of Illinois; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Green, and both are now deceased; James, who served in the Civil war, and now has large farming interests in Lucas county, Iowa; and Jerusha, deceased wife of William Trout, of Leechburg, Penn. She was a twin sister of James. After the death of Mrs. Lang, the father of this family married Polly Work, and she became the mother of the following children: Aaron, of Marion county, Penn., who was for eleven months incarcerated in Andersonville prison; Baxter, who died in infancy; Rebecca, wife of Alvin Davison, a miller of Johnsonburg, Penn.; Juniata, wife of David Procious, a farmer of Beaver township, Jefferson county. The mother of this family died and was buried at Ringgold, Penn., and for his third wife Mr. Lang chose Lucretia Eaton, of Massachusetts, who is now living in Langville.

On the home farm John Lang, Jr., spent his youth, working in the fields through the summer, while in the winter he attended the public schools and worked in his father's woolen-mill. When twenty-three years of age he rented a woolen-mill in Blairsville, Penn., and a year later admitted his brother, William, to a partnership in the business. Three years later he sold out and came to Jefferson county, where he worked for his father until purchasing his present mill in 1868. This plant was erected at a cost of $6,000, and has since been improved with new machinery. His business is profitable, and in addition to this interest he has a good general store and a farm of 135 acres, from all of which he derives a good income.

On April 3, 1861, Mr. Lang was married to Miss Caroline Barkley, who was born in Indiana county, Penn., May 7, 1835, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rankin) Barkley. Her father was born in Westmoreland county, and died September 23, 1879, aged seventy-eight years. He removed to Indiana county at an early day, became quite wealthy, and was the owner of three farms. For more than half a century he was a member of Ebenezer Church, and was buried in the churchyard there. His wife, who was born in Indiana county, died in 1838, at the age of thirty-nine. Their children were: Martha, widow of William Erhart, of Blairsville; Mrs. Mary A. Brecken (deceased); Alexander Y., a farmer of Indiana county; Elizabeth R., wife of John McIntosh, a real-estate dealer of Wilkinsburg, Penn.; James M., an agriculturist of Indiana county; Mrs. Lang; William R., superintendent of a coal mine at Turtle Creek. After the death of his first wife Mr. Barkley wedded Mrs. Anna Clark, widow of Finley Cameron, who was a farmer of Brush Valley, Indiana Co., Penn. She died in June, 1895, and was buried in Ohio. The children of the second marriage are John C., a retired merchant of Baltimore, and Thomas B., a farmer of the State of Indiana.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Lang, Jr., has been born a daughter, Anna, now the wife of Dr. Ross Speer, of Greenville, Penn. Our subject and his wife are very prominent and influential people, who command the high regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact. They are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as elder for the past twenty-five years. He was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows Society and the Grange at Brookville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lang are genial, pleasant people, whose well-spent lives commend them to the confidence of all.

SAMUEL STEEL, who with his wife was for seven years a leading and successful merchant of Sandy Valley, Jefferson county, where he served as postmaster four years, is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and his executive ability and excellent management have secured for him a comfortable competence.

Mr. Steel was born July 14, 1834, in Indiana county, Penn., and comes of a family that has long been prominent in the affairs of the State. His early ancestors were

from Ireland, and on coming to the New World first located in eastern Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Westmoreland county and engaged in agricultural pursuits. The birth of William Steel, the father of our subject, occurred in Fayette county, but he was reared in Westmoreland county, where he married Experience Hill, a daughter of George Hill, a prominent farmer, and a minister of the Presbyterian Church, being one of twelve who organized the first Church of that denomination in Westmoreland county. Of his sixteen children, the following grew to years of maturity: John, Alexander, William, James, George, David, Elizabeth, Sarah, Deborah, Mary, Ann, Nancy and Experience.

In 1832 William Steel removed to Indiana county, Penn., where from the wilderness he developed a farm, and was later employed in the construction of the old Pennsylvania canal, serving as foreman on a division for eleven years. He also owned several flat-boats which he used in transporting iron to Pittsburg down the Conemaugh river, but later he gave his attention to farming. He died in 1857, his wife in 1866, both earnest members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Carnahan; George (deceased); Mrs. Esther Finley; John, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war; Sarah, who died unmarried; Mrs. Nancy J. Benchoof; James, a carpenter by trade; Samuel, of this review; and Joseph, who also served his country during the Rebellion.

Samuel Steel, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared amidst rural scenes upon his father's farm, and attended the common schools near his home. On coming to Jefferson county, in 1858, he located in Brookville, where he was living when the Civil war broke out. He then offered his services to the government, enlisting in 1861, at Brookville, in Capt. E. R. Brady's company, Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves. The regiment, which was commanded by Col. Thomas Gallager, was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and during its three-years' service participated in many important battles. Mr. Steel was never wounded, but on May 5, 1864, at the battle of the Wilderness, he was taken prisoner with eighty-two others, including Gov. Edward Scofield, of Wisconsin, and was transferred to Gordon, Lynchburg and Danville consecutively. Later he was incarcerated in Andersonville prison, and still later taken to Florence, S. C., where he remained until February, 1865, when he was transferred to Wilmington, N. C. During the siege at that place he was removed to Goldsboro, in the same State, and a week later returned to the Federal lines twelve miles from Wilmington, Gen. Scofield then being in command at that place. By boat our subject went to Annapolis, where he landed March 4, 1865, and after recuperating was returned to Pittsburg, where he was honorably discharged and paid off on the 16th of the same month.

Returning to Brookville, Mr. Steel engaged in lumbering, after his marriage locating on a farm, but continued to follow lumbering in connection with agriculture. At the end of sixteen years he disposed of his farm and removed to DuBois, Penn., where he made his home until coming to Sandy Valley in 1888. He purchased the property where he yet lives, and for a short time operated a planing-mill, but subsequently bought the store mentioned above, which he stocked with a choice assortment of general merchandise, and until recently carried on business there, receiving from the public a liberal patronage. From July, 1893, he served four years as postmaster of the place, and proved a most popular and capable official.

In 1867, Mr. Steel was married to Miss Nancy J. McGee, a daughter of William and Rachel (Cathers) McGee, honored pioneers of the county, who were natives of Jefferson county, Penn., and New Jersey, respectively. Her father, who was of Scotch-Irish extraction, was the first white child born in the Beech Woods settlement, Washington township, Jefferson county, and he improved a farm in that township, where his death occurred in 1861. He was a Baptist in religious belief; his wife, who died in 1875, held membership in the Presbyterian Church. They were parents of five children: Nancy J., wife of our subject: Mrs. Rose M. MacIntosh; Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson; and John T. and Robert, both residents of San Francisco, California.

Nine children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Steel, namely, George who died at the age of two and a half years; Minnie J., who died at the age of ten; Mrs. Sarah M. Hilderbrand; William, who died at the age of four; John, Samuel, Joseph G., Loren A. and Charles B., all five yet at home. The mother is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a most estimable lady. In his political affiliations, Mr. Steel is a Democrat; socially, he is identified with the Veteran Legion. He is a courteous, affable gentleman, and wherever he is found, whether in public or private life, his integrity is above question and his honor above reproach. Sandy Valley owes much to him, and numbers him among her valued citizens.

FREDERICK BONNETT. The lives of our self-made men give a convincing rebuke to the believer "in luck," for when they are analyzed it is seen that, underlying all the differences of environment and endowment, there is to be found a set purpose and a firm will to which obstacles are made to yield. The history of this well-known resident of Henderson township, Jefferson county, is an admirable illustration of this, as he came to this country when a boy, and, beginning his career without either friends or capital, has accumulated a handsome competence, and gained an honorable standing among his fellow-citizens.

The Bonnett family is of French origin, but our subject's father, Charles Bonnett, was born in Germany, and spent his life there, his death occurring in 1838. His wife, Elizabeth Priester, was of German ancestry. In 1849, our subject, then a lad of sixteen, came to America with an elder brother, Ludwig, and located in Clarion county, Penn., where he worked for about eleven years in the iron works of Duff, Lawson & Company. In 1853 his mother came to Clarion county with three of the children who had been left in Germany; Six children in all came to this country. (1) George, who was born in Germany in 1817, accompanied his mother to Clarion county, and was employed in the iron works until a few years ago. He then bought a small farm in the same county, where his last years were spent, his death occurring in 1896. His wife, whom he married in Germany, died in 1893, leaving no family. (2) Ludwig, who was born in Germany in 1819, worked at the Duff & Lawson mills for a number of years, and then bought a farm in Madison township, Clarion county. His wife, Elizabeth Borrell, whom he married in the Fatherland, is also living, and they have a large family. (3) Jacob, who was born in 1826, came to Clarion county with his mother, and was employed in the iron mills for a number of years. In 1859 he bought ninety acres of land in Henderson township, Jefferson county, which he cleared for a homestead. He died in 1883. His first wife, Elizabeth Priester, whom he married in 1854 in Clarion county, died some years ago, leaving three children—Philip and Elizabeth, both now deceased, and Caroline, the wife of Henry Fritchard, a farmer in Henderson township. His second wife, Catharine Conrad, survives him with six children. (4) Henry A., born in 1835, was employed in the iron works in Clarion county for some years after his arrival. He now owns a farm in that county, but resides in Brookville, where he follows the gunsmith's trade. He married Elizabeth Gibbs, of Clarion county, and has five children. (5) Caroline E., born in 1838, was married after coming to Clarion county to Adam Schoup, a German by birth, who now resides upon a farm in Madison township, Clarion county. She died some years ago, leaving five children: Louis and Lizzie, who are married; George and Henry, who are single; and Catherine, who is married.

Frederick Bonnett was born in 1833, and after coming to Clarion county was employed, as has been said, in the iron works. In 1857 he married Miss Caroline Priester, daughter of Ludwig and Sophia Priester, who came to this country in 1854 from Germany, and in 1859 he purchased a tract of wood land upon which some improvements had already been made, six acres being cleared. A small log house and barn were on the place, and on removing there he continued the work of clearing, and in time secured a fine homestead. In 1862 he built a hewed-log house, and in 1874 a large bank barn. In 1891 a large two-and-a-half-story frame house was built with all modern improvements; and in this he now resides. In 1892 he purchased the Godfrey Keller farm of fifty acres, in Winslow township, Jefferson county, and two lots in Sykesville, where he erected a store building and dwelling house. Later he bought a number of lots in Sykesville, and in 1893 he purchased a house and lot in the town of Mahaffey. Mr. Bonnett has seen many changes since he came to this section, much of Jefferson county being then a wilderness, and when he settled at his present home there were but two school houses in the township. In the improvement that has taken place he has done his full share, taking especial interest in educational affairs, and serving two terms as school director. He has held other offices in the township, serving as justice of the peace for two terms, assessor two years, and supervisor two terms. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is active in religious affairs as a member of the Reformed Church at Paradise.

He and his wife have reared a large family to useful lives: (1) Elizabeth, the first-born, died in 1858, at the age of four months; (2) Philip L., born in 1860 in Clarion county, died at the present homestead at the age of nineteen years; (3) Mary I., born at the present homestead in 1862, married Alexander Lydick, a merchant at Mahaffey, and has three daughters—Esty, Laura and Daisy. (4) F. C., born in 1864 at the homestead, is now engaged in mercantile business in Sykesville. He married Miss Laura Dickey, of Clearfield, and has two children—Rachel and Lucy. (5) C. A., born in 1868, now has charge of the Keller farm. (6) Bertha M., born in 1866,

married Daniel Wise, a hotel keeper in Sykesville, and they have one son—Frederick. (7) Catherine, born in 1871, died in infancy. (8) Jacob J., born in 1872, is single, and has charge of the homestead. (9) Caroline W., born in 1875, and (10) Henry A., born in 1878, are still at home. (11) Estie L., born in 1881, died in infancy.

JACOB KUNTZ, Esq., supervisor of McCalmont, Jefferson county, is one of the most popular men in that locality, and when he consents to lend his name to the Democratic ticket his election is a foregone conclusion. He is the owner of two fine farms, both of which are now rented to other parties, and he has also been for many years successfully engaged in lumbering.

Squire Kuntz was born October 15, 1835, in Brady township, Clearfield county, where his parents, Jacob and Catherine (Yockey) Kuntz, natives of Germany, settled on coming from the Fatherland in 1829. His father was engaged in agriculture for some time and then built the Eastbrand gristmill; but after operating it four years he sold out and went into mercantile business at Troutville. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were both devout members of the Lutheran Church. His last years were spent in retirement, his death occurring April 28, 1892, at the age of ninety-four, and his remains were interred in the Union cemetery in Brady township, Clearfield county, beside those of his wife, who passed from life May 27, 1891, aged ninety years. Of the early generations of his family but little is known as he was but a boy when his father died. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Casper Yockey, came to America in 1837, and died here two years later. To Jacob and Catherine (Yockey) Kuntz nine children were born, viz: Frederick, who was drowned in Sandy Lick at the age of twenty-eight; Catherine, wife of Amos Bonsel, a farmer at the old homestead in Clearfield county; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Grube, a farmer in Bell township, Jefferson county; Sarah, who married Daniel Rishel, a farmer; Lewis, who died in infancy; Jacob, our subject; Susannah, wife of Rev. A. C. Limberg, pastor of the Reformed Church, at Butler, Penn.; Caroline, widow of George Weber, of Troutville, and Samuel, a resident of Troutville, now serving as a justice of the peace.

As a farmer's son the Squire gained full knowledge of agricultural work in boyhood. He was thirteen years old when his father began to build his mill, and for two years he helped to haul materials, driving a yoke of oxen. After the completion of the mill he was employed there for four years, but when it was disposed of he began working for other people, the two years following being spent in the lumber woods. He then engaged in teaming, and continued four years, when he was married to Miss Susannah Grube, and settled down to farming. He purchased a fifty-acre tract of woodland in Clearfield county, paying $600, but a year later fire destroyed his household goods. On August 7, A. D. 1862, he sold the title to that for $200. He next bought 104 acres in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, his present homestead, of which all but three acres was at that time in the primitive state. The price was $1,200, and he borrowed the first payment of $400, paying six per cent. interest. He paid $100 of this on October 1. By cutting the timber from this tract he met his obligations without difficulty, paying $350 the next June, 1863, $350 on June 1, 1864. Possessing such energy and sagacity, it is not strange that Squire Kuntz should have soon gained a place among the substantial citizens of his locality.

The same admirable qualities are most useful in a public official, and notwithstanding his own indifference to political honors he has held every office in his township except that of overseer of the poor. During his first year in office he held three positions, serving as constable, collector, and assessor. He was auditor for six years, and has three times been elected justice of the peace. His first term of five years began in 1869, and on being re-elected in 1874, he declined to serve. In 1875 he was again chosen, and held the office four years and eleven months. He is now serving his third term as supervisor. For many years he has been identified with the Lutheran Church, in which he has for twelve years, at different times, been an elder.

J. B. MEANS, a well-known merchant of Fordham, has been an important factor in business circles of Jefferson county, where his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabated energy and industry that never flags. He is public spirited, and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community.

Edward Means, his father, was born in Snow Shoe, Centre Co., Penn., in 1810, but when only nine years of age was brought to Jefferson county by his parents, John and Elizabeth Means, natives of Ireland, who came to America at an early day. They located in the village of

Whitesville, where their sons purchased 200 acres of land lying in Perry township, Jefferson county, and built a hewed-log house. The place was soon cleared and transformed into good farms. In the family were ten children, namely: James, Edward, John, Thomas, Foster, Joseph, Jackson, Eliza, Margaret and Caroline.

In Jefferson county Edward Means was reared to manhood and married Miss Sarah Hopkins. He then located at what is now the viliage of Fordham at the terminus of the Pennsylvania & Northwestern railroad on Mahoning creek, and here cleared and developed a farm, following lumbering in connection with agricultural pursuits. For a number of years he also engaged in merchandising, but his last days were spent in retirement upon his farm, where he died January 2, 1889. His wife, who had shared his early hardships and privations, died in 1853.

To them were born nine children, as follows: (1) W. A., born in 1837, studied medicine, and located in Big Run, where he engaged in practice for a few years. He next spent a number of years in Luthersburg, and on selling out removed to DuBois, where he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice for the remainder of his life, dying in 1890. He left a wife and family. (2) Jane, born in 1838, is the widow of M. A. Morris, of Punxsutawney, who died in 1882. (3) Thomas, born in 1840, was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in the 105th P. V. I., and participating in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged until taken ill after the battle of Fredericksburg, Va. He died in hospital, and was buried in the National cemetery at Washington, D. C., his death occurring in 1862, when he was in his twenty-second year. (4) Edward T., born in April, 1842, grew to manhood in Perry township, Jefferson county, where he was educated in the common schools. He enlisted in the Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves and served for three years, during which time he was twice wounded, first in the leg at the battle of Antietam, and later in the face while bearing the colors of his regiment at South Mountain. After his return home he married Abbie Elliot, and resided in Whitesville, Penn., until his death in 1872. His wife survived him only a few years. He was attending the Waynesburg College in Greene county, Penn., when stricken with his last illness, but was brought home, where his death occurred. He left two children—(a) M. Rush, born in September, 1864, began his education in the common schools of Whitesville, and subsequently graduated from the Dayton Soldiers' Orphan School, of Pennsylvania, the Indiana State Normal, and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He is now successfully engaged in the drug business in Punxsutawney. In 1894 he married Elizabeth McKelvy, of that city, a daughter of P. H. McKelvy. (b) Isa, is now the wife of William Ake, of Jamestown, N. Y. (5) Sarah A., born in May, 1844, married W. E. Simpson, of Perry township, and located on his farm near here, where she died in 18—, leaving a husband and four children—James C., who is married and resides in Galesburg, Ill.; Etta J., who is married and resides in Davenport, Iowa; Wade M., who is married and also resides in Galesburg; and Frank C., who still resides in Perry township. (6) Silas M., born in December, 1846, grew to manhood on the old homestead, obtained his early education in the select schools of Whitesville, and later graduated at the Iron City College of Pittsburg. He successfully followed teaching in the public schools for a number of years, and was also one of the brave boys in blue in the Civil war, enlisting in 1864, and serving until hostilities ceased. After the close of the war he obtained a position as bookkeeper for a Chicago firm, but at the end of six months enlisted in the United States Navy. While in the service he was taken ill, and died at Vera Cruz at the age of twenty years. (7) Mary L., born in December, 1848, married T. J. Morris, of Jefferson county, and located on his farm in Young township, where she died some years ago, leaving a husband and three children—John, who is married and resides in Punxsutawney; Carrie, wife of Lesley Kuisel, of Kane, Elk Co., Penn.; and Mintie, who married, and died some years ago. (8) Charlotte, born April 29, 1851. (9) George T., born in May, 1853, received a good common-school education, and successfully engaged in teaching in Jefferson county, Minn., and in other western States for a number of years. He now resides in Michigan.

After the death of his first wife Edward Means was again married, this time in January, 1855, his union being with Miss Rachel Elliot, of Indiana county, Penn., and of the five children born to them our subject is the youngest. (1) Martha, born in November, 1855, died March 3, 1857. (2) Jessie C., born in December, 1857, died in infancy. (3) Laura, born in December, 1859, was drowned in Mahoning creek in May, 1863. (4) Enoch, born in August, 1861, attended the public schools and later the Covode Academy, after which he engaged in teaching for two terms. He commenced the study of medicine under Dr. A. P. Cox, of Big Run, but died of consumption October 13, 1880, at the early age of nineteen years. (5) J. B. Means, our subject, is referred to in what follows:

Mr. Means was born December 21, 1863, and has spent his life mostly at his present home, it being the place his father first purchased on coming to Jefferson county. After pursuing his studies for some time in the common schools he attended the Covode Academy of Indiana county, and then engaged in teaching in the public schools for three years. In 1890, in company with W. E. Simpson, he embarked in merchandising in Whitesville, where he remained for some time. On selling out he platted some of the old homestead, has erected thereon fifteen houses, which he has sold to other parties, and also built a store, where he has since successfully engaged in general merchandising. He has thus become the founder of the village of Fordham, and as a public-spirited, enterprising citizen he has done much to promote the material interests of the community and advance the general welfare. In 1881 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Crebs, a daughter of Rev. W. E. Crebs, of Cumberland Valley, and they now have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Homer B., in August, 1882; Edward B., in September, 1884; Bessie I., in August, 1891, and Alta G., in May, 1896. The parents are both consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

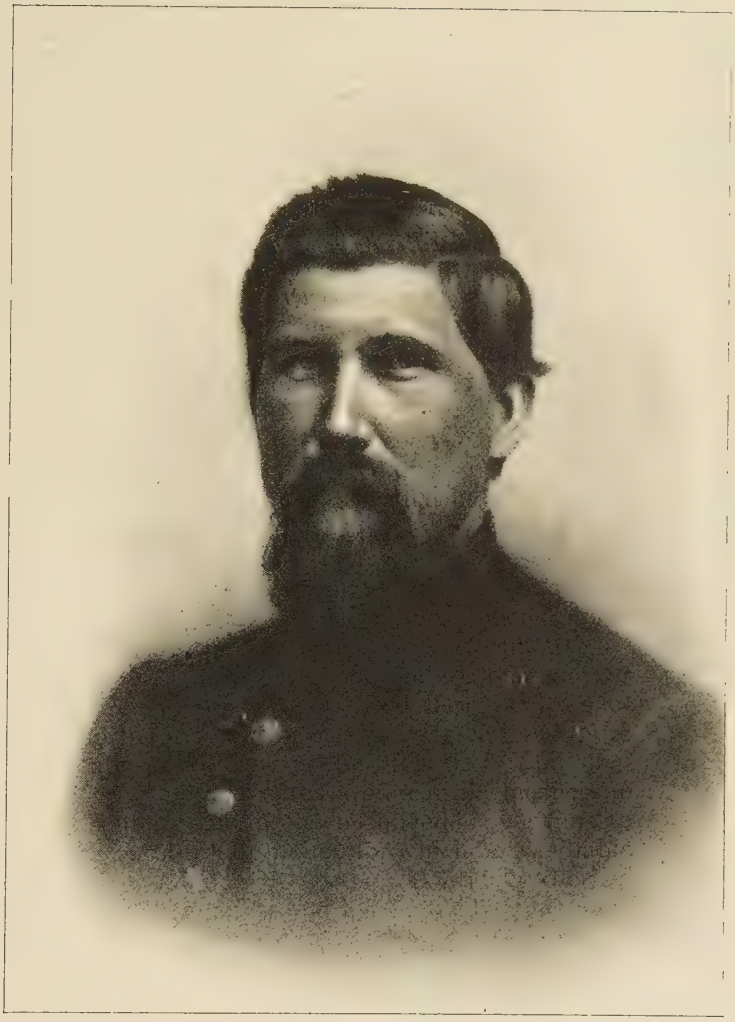
Mr. Means springs from old Whig stock, and is himself a stalwart Republican. For twelve years he has most efficiently served as school director. He possesses many of the admirable characteristics of his ancestors, who were typical pioneer settlers, sturdy, energetic and progressive, and he is everywhere acknowledged to be one of the most reliable, upright and honorable business men of Jefferson county. He gives liberally of his means toward the support of churches and schools, and is certainly entitled to be numbered among the valued and highly respected citizens of the community.

COL. CHARLES McLAIN (deceased), one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, and a prominent citizen of Jefferson county, was born in Indiana county, Penn., in 1831, a son of Joseph and Emily (Alford) McLain. In the district schools he acquired his education, afterward learning the trade of harness making and saddlery, which business he prosperously followed for some years. He established a harness shop in Brookville, and had secured a liberal patronage, when the Civil war broke out, but he laid aside all business cares to respond to the call of his country for aid.

In 1861 our subject enlisted, for the nine months' service, in Company B, 135th P. V. I., of which he was made first lieutenant. On the expiration of that term he enlisted for six months, and on July 23, 1863, he became captain of Company B, Independent Battalion. At the end of the half year the war was still raging, and he once more went to the front, this time as captain of Company B, 211th P. V. I. He served throughout the campaign of that year, and won the praise of his superior officers, and the love and respect of those whom he commanded. He was a brave and valiant soldier, leading his men to victory, and at the siege of Petersburg, April 2, 1865, he gave his life in defense of the Union. Only the day before, he had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. When the news of his death reached Brookville, a meeting of the citizens was held, in which resolutions were passed, expressing deep-felt sorrow over the melancholy event, as well as condolence and sympathy for the family. A committee of soldiers was also appointed to take charge of the remains, also to make arrangements for the funeral, and on April 30, he was laid to rest in Brookville cemetery, with all the honors of a soldier's burial.

On September 7, 1853, Col. Charles McLain was married to MISS MARY HARRIS, daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Whittaker) Harris. Her father was born in Lancashire, England, and, coming to America, he, in 1842, located in Philadelphia, where for seven years he resided. He then came to Brookville, and there spent his declining years on a farm. He was a plasterer by trade, an occupation he followed in both England and Philadelphia, but later on account of failing health he took up agricultural pursuits. He died in 1888, respected by all who knew him; his wife passed away January 17, 1878. In religious belief they were Episcopalians. The marriage of Col. and Mrs. McLain was blessed with three children, the eldest of whom, Ellen H., is now deceased; Anna is engaged in the dressmaking and millinery business in Brookville, and Charles G. is a civil and mining engineer, but failing health has lately caused him to retire to farm life. Mrs. Col. McLain is one of the leading ladies of Brookville, being a valued addition to all society functions.

ROBERT O. MOORHEAD, a well-known and popular dentist of Brockwayville, was born March 11, 1852, in Elk county, Penn., a son of Robert W. and Olive (Brockway) Moorhead. On the paternal side he belongs to an old and honored pioneer family of this State, it being founded here by five brothers of Scotch-



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Irish descent, who left their old home in the North of Ireland and located in Indiana county, Penn., becoming its first permanent settlers.

Robert W. Moorhead was born September 23, 1822, in Kittanning, spent his younger years in hard work, mainly in farming, and started out in life for himself about 1839 as a lumberman in the employ of the elder Dr. Bennett. Later he worked in a sawmill and subsequently entered the service of Chauncy Brockway, his future father-in-law. Being a man of great strength, industrious and obliging, he commanded higher wages than his fellow-workers, but met with misfortune while rafting, having one leg injured so badly that it had to be amputated. After his marriage in 1850, Robert W. Moorhead opened a store in Richardsville in connection with his brother, but at the end of two years came to Brockwayville, where he erected a commodious building, which he used both for a residence and store. As a dry-goods merchant he did an extensive business, his trade extending for miles around, and he was soon forced to enlarge his store room. During the early part of the Civil war he purchased the "Clements House" of Brookville, which his wife conducted while he continued to carry on the store at Brockwayville, but the task proved too much for her, breaking down her health, and he finally sold the place, after which she made a visit to her parents, who were then living near Chicago. For nine years prosperity crowned the efforts of Mr. Moorhead, but in the early '70s his health also failed, and he went to Colorado to recuperate, remaining there six months. Finding the climate unfavorable on his return home, he again went to Colorado, where he resided for four years. From 1879, however, until his death, September 8, 1887, he lived in Pennsylvania. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith, while his wife, who died in June, 1879, was reared a Baptist, but soon after her marriage united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which Mr. Moorhead and his daughter later became connected. They had two sons and one daughter—Robert O. and J. W., both residents of Brockwayville; and Annie O., wife of Mr. Carrier, a leading lumberman of Carrier.

After completing his education in the schools of Brockwayville, Robert O. Moorhead, of this review, assisted his father in the store for a time and also established a small newspaper—the pioneer journal of the place. In 1872 he became part owner of the store and on selling out embarked in the drug business, which he conducted while serving a four-years' term as postmaster, being appointed to that position in 1880. He later engaged in the grocery trade for a number of years, but in the fall of 1887 entered a medical college of Philadelphia, where he pursued a course of lectures for one term. For the following two years he was a student in a dental college, where he graduated in 1890, and has since successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in Brockwayville. He is also interested in the Bell Telephone Exchange, and is serving as secretary of the school board. Fraternally he is a member of Cicero Oil Lodge No. 897, I. O. O. F.; Charity Lodge No. 488, K. P.; Industry Castle; and Knights of the Golden Eagle. His ambition has been to acquit himself of life's duties honorably before all men, to improve his capabilities and opportunities, and to become of use in the world, and it is this spirit mainly that has made him one of the representative and prominent citizens of Jefferson county. In the Methodist Episcopal Church he and his estimable wife hold membership.

In 1872 Mr. Moorhead had married Miss Elizabeth Kearney, who was born in Ireland, in November, 1852, and came to America during her girlhood. She has three brothers living in Jefferson county and one sister in Philadelphia, but her parents died on the Emerald Isle. Four children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead: Lucian A., at home; William J., a graduate of a dental college, who is now practicing in Camden, N. J.; Robert W., who is attending school at Andover, Mass.; and Omar O., a student in the home schools.

E. L. GATHERS, an honored veteran of the Civil war, whose devotion was tested on many a Southern battlefield, is now a leading citizen of Corsica.

This gallant soldier was born in Clarion county, Penn., September 15, 1835, a son of Henry and Mary (Mitchell) Gathers, who were natives of Venango and Centre counties, Penn., respectively. They were married in Clarion county, where they reared a family of five children, namely: Rhoda J., wife of R. Matier; E. L., our subject; Mary A., wife of J. Matier; Felista, who died unmarried; and Ross, a resident of the city of Clarion. For many years the father engaged in milling, but later turned his attention to farming; he died on the old homestead in 1869, his widow in 1877. In religious faith they were Baptists. After completing his education in the common schools, E. L. Gathers remained upon the home farm until 1864, when he enlisted for three years, or during the war, in the 155th P. V. I. With the Army of the Potomac he saw some

hard service, his first engagement being the battle of the Wilderness, which was followed by many other important battles and skirmishes. At Hatcher's Run a bullet passed through his right thigh, splintering the bone, and another striking his right knee, glanced to the left thigh, shattering the bone so badly that amputation was necessary. The ball lodged in the hip, where it yet remains, and can be felt from the surface. The right limb healed nicely, but the left had to be amputated within six inches of the body while he was in the field hospital, February 6, 1865. Later he was taken to City Point, and shortly afterward to Baltimore, and at Pittsburg, in May, 1865, he was honorably discharged and paid off. After returning home it was some time before he was able to perform any work, and is still obliged to use crutches. He receives a pension of $45 per month, but he maintains that he is justly entitled to one of $72 for total disability, as besides the loss of his limb he contracted several diseases from which he has never recovered, and at the battle of Petersburg his hearing was impaired.

In 1859 our subject married Miss Catherine Flack, whose father was employed for some years in an iron furnace in Clarion county. Of the four children born to them, two died in infancy; those still living are: Henry H., a resident of Clarion; and Samuel R., a farmer by occupation. The wife and mother, who was a devout Methodist, passed away March 25, 1869, and on May 18, 1871, Mr. Gathers was again married, this time to Mrs. Sarah Carson, a most estimable lady, the widow of James Carson, whom she married in June, 1865, soon after his return from the army. He died January 18, 1870, leaving one son, H. C. Carson, who has been reared and educated by Mr. Gathers, and is still at home. Mrs. Gathers' ancestors came from various countries—Ireland, Wales and Germany—but her parents, Andrew and Anna (McElhaney) English, were American-born citizens, natives of Lawrence county, Penn., and honored pioneers of the central portion of the State. Her father, an agriculturist by occupation, died in Venango county, May 14, 1891. He was a Methodist. Her mother passed from earth in April, 1846. Their four children still survive, namely: Mrs. Delilah M. Confer; Samuel F., a resident of Michigan; Sarah, wife of our subject; and John A., of Clearfield county, Penn. In 1847 the father was married to Elizabeth Crawford.

Besides other property, Mr. and Mrs. Gathers have a comfortable home in the town of Corsica, and a few acres which he cultivates. They are prominent members of the Baptist Church, and are held in the highest esteem and respect by all who know them. He enjoys life as well as could be expected with his impaired health, and is recognized as a valued citizen of the community.

HANTHONY BONNETT. America is indebted to Germany for some of her most competent workmen, and the subject of this sketch, whose handicraft shows a rare union of artistic taste and mechanical skill, is deserving of especial mention in a volume which aims to record the names of the leaders in various lines of effort. Coming from the Fatherland as a boy of seventeen, and compelled from the first to rely upon his own exertions for a livelihood, Mr. Bonnett was engaged in various undertakings before he obtained a foothold in the business of manufacturing guns and violins, in which he has achieved so marked a success.

He was born in Charlottenburg, Nassau, Germany, in 1835, and his parents, Henry Charles Bonnett and Elizabeth (Priester), were also natives of that country. The father died there, but the mother came to Pennsylvania to pass her declining years, her death occurring in 1873. Mr. Bonnett attended school in his native land until he reached the age of fourteen, when he secured employment in the lead, silver and copper mines near his home. Three years later he crossed the ocean, being seven weeks in crossing in the sailship "Chesapeake," and on his arrival in this country he located at Pike Furnace, Clarion Co., Penn., engaging in the mining of iron ore. He remained in this vicinity about three years, and then went to Clarion, Penn., where he learned the gunsmith's trade. After working at that business for a time he moved to Catfish, on the Allegheny river, and remained one year. Some lands north of Brookville attracted his attention, and he spent a year in clearing land, but returned then to Pike Furnace. In 1860 he moved to the vicinity of Reynoldsville, Penn., and in 1864 he went to Brookville, where he followed his trade and also learned the art of photography. The year 1868 found him in Clarion county, pursuing the two occupations, and from 1879 to 1882 he was engaged in agriculture. On leaving the farm he established himself in his present business in Brookville. Some time ago he made a study of violin construction, and he has made some of the best instruments in use in this section. In fact, Mr. Bonnett is a genius in his way, and his artistic ability is manifested in all that he undertakes, some specimens of his ornamental penmanship being especially noteworthy. As a citizen he is progressive, as a

business man straightforward, and his fellow townsmen hold him in high esteem.

In 1857 Mr. Bonnett married Miss Elizabeth Gibbs, of Clarion county, Penn., and seven children have blessed their union: Mary Elizabeth; Rebecca Jane (deceased); Harriet A., wife of W. J. Shaffer, of Brookville; Anna Elmina, the wife of Louis N. Kline, of Montana; John C., a machinist and electrician; Olive Clementine; and William H., a druggist. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnett attend the Presbyterian Church. Politically our subject has been identified with the Democratic party heretofore, but at the present time he looks above all party movements.

PHILIP D. WOLFE, a prominent lumberman of Bell township, Jefferson county, is a native of Schuylkill county, Penn., born in December, 1836, a son of John A. and Catharine (Boyer) Wolfe who were born, reared and married there, but during the childhood of our subject removed to Beaver county, this State, where the father followed farming. In 1844, however, he went to North Mahoning township, Indiana county, where he purchased a farm and made his home until called to his final rest at the age of eighty-five. After surviving him for a number of years, his wife also died on the old homestead in Indiana county, in 1884, at the advanced age of ninety-five.

In the family of John A. and Catharine Wolfe were four children, all born in Schuylkill county. Those other than Philip D. are: (1) Henry accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana county, but after reaching man's estate drifted westward, since which time nothing has been heard of him. (2) Catharine grew to womanhood in Beaver county, where she married Christopher C. Smith, a native of Germany, and they also removed to Indiana county, where she died some years ago. He was a leader of a regimental band during the Civil war, and has been dead for some years. Their several children still reside in Indiana county. (3) Eve married Henry Friar, of Beaver county, by whom she has several children, and they also make their home in Indiana county.

Philip D. received a fair common-school education, and remained on the old home in Indiana county until sixteen years of age, when he left the parental roof and for some time was employed in iron works in Armstrong and Clarion counties, Penn. Later he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as fireman on the Huntingdon & Broadtop railroad, where he remained for two years, and then accepted a position as engineer in a sawmill, with which business he has since been connected. In 1860 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Weaver, of Jefferson county, a daughter of George and Margaret Weaver, well-to-do farming people of Young township. They became the parents of two sons: (1) Thornton C., born in Indiana county, in 1861, received a good common-school education, and as he grew to manhood followed his father's profession, being employed as engineer in different mills. He married Emma Spindler, of Bell township, a daughter of Charles A. and Eve Spindler, and then located on his father-in-law's property. Subsequently he bought what is known as the John Grube property, where he now resides. His children are—Annie, John, Charles S., Elizabeth and Gilbert, all at home. (2) John H., the youngest son, was born in Indiana county, in 1863, and died in Young township, Jefferson county, at the age of seventeen.

After his marriage, Philip D. Wolfe was engineer in the sawmill of Colonel Brady in Indiana county until enlisting in Company D, 78th P. V. I., under Capt. Swartz, and was sworn into the United States service at Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn., where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, under General Thomas. After participating in the battle of Nashville, Tenn., he was held as a guard at that city until after the surrender of Lee, and was honorably discharged in that place in September, 1865, his regiment being among the last to be mustered out. Returning to his home, Mr. Wolfe purchased a sawmill in Young township, Jefferson county, where he engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber until 1872, when he sold out to C. A. Spenley, and built a steam mill at Harmony. After operating that for four years he built a planing-mill at Punxsutawney, where he remained for three years, and on disposing of that property in 1885, bought a tract of land on the south fork of Elk run, where he erected a steam sawmill, and has since successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He has made good use of his opportunities, has prospered from year to year, has conducted all business matters carefully and successfully, and in all his acts displays an aptitude for successful management.

Reared as a Whig, Mr. Wolfe joined the ranks of the Republican party on attaining his majority, and has since been one of its earnest advocates. For five years he held the office of justice of the peace in Young township, and was also constable there for one year. In religious belief he and his wife are Baptists, and in social circles they occupy an enviable position. He

possesses to a full measure all the sterling qualities for which his Colonial ancestors were noted, and his honesty and integrity are never doubted. At all times and under all circumstances he has been found a loyal and patriotic citizen, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

JOSEPH D. ORR (deceased) was for many years a leading and influential citizen of Jefferson county. Only those lives are worthy of record that have been potential factors in the public progress in promoting the general welfare or advancing the educational or moral interests of the community. Mr. Orr was ever faithful to his duties of citizenship, and by the successful conduct of his business interests not only promoted his individual success, but also advanced the general prosperity. He was born February 5, 1837, in Philadelphia, and died March 27, 1894. In his life span of fifty-seven years he accomplished much, and left behind an honorable record well worthy of perpetuation.

He was a son of William and Martha (Dunn) Orr, natives of County Derry, Ireland, who, on coming to America in 1837, took up their residence in Philadelphia. Shortly after the birth of their son, Joseph D., they removed to Clarion county, Penn., and in 1839 came to Jefferson county, before the town of Corsica was laid out. The father secured a tract of land, and in the midst of the wilderness developed a farm, upon which he remained until his death, when he was aged eighty-two years. His wife survived him until March 26, 1897, passing away at the age of eighty-three. For fifty-two years they were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were Joseph D., William J., John H., Matilda M. and Nancy J. (both deceased), Thomas F., Albert S., and George B. McClellan. Of these, William J. was a soldier of the Civil war, and the exposure and hardships brought on a fever from which he died in hospital at Baltimore.

Joseph D. Orr was reared to the honest pursuits of a farm, and, when about eighteen years of age, began working in the lumber woods. Four years later (in 1860) he began contracting on a large tract of land for the firm of Hall & Darrah, with which he continued for three and one-half years. He then purchased timber lands, and from that time until his death engaged in the lumber business on his own account. In his efforts he was successful, and after some years purchased a farm and carried on agricultural pursuits in connection with lumbering. He also conducted a planing-mill and extended his operations as a lumber manufacturer until his business had assumed extensive proportions. At the time of his death he was connected with a firm owning large tracts of land in Elk county. He possessed excellent business ability, keen sagacity, great energy and sound judgment, and by the exercise of these qualities accumulated a large estate, which he divided among his wife and children before his death.

On the eve of the contract above mentioned, December 27, 1860, Mr. Orr was married to MISS MARY J. GASTON, and took his wife directly to his lumber camp, and the first meal she cooked was for sixteen lumbermen. She is a representative of an honored pioneer family of Jefferson county, and a daughter of Robert and Eliza (Manners) Gaston. Her father was a native of Westmoreland county, and with his parents came to Jefferson county at an early day. Entering a tract of land he developed therefrom an excellent farm, and won success in his undertakings. There he remained until his later years, but he now makes his home with one of his daughters. His first wife died in 1855. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. They had a family of three children: James M., who died in childhood; Mary J. (now Mrs. Orr); and John C., a farmer of Kansas. By his second marriage, this time with Mrs. Mary Davis, Mr. Gaston had four children: William R. (deceased); Robert M., a farmer of the State of Washington; Mrs. Emma Ingraham; and Mrs. Laura Brady, with whom the father resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Orr had a family of eight children, namely: William R., who died at the age of eight years; Lizzie M., wife of Adam J. Elder; Ferdinand W., who died at the age of six years; Matilda M., who died at the age of nine months; Bertha J., wife of H. T. Baker; Elva S., who died at the age of five months; Maggie J., who died at the age of twenty years; and Nannie O., at home. An adopted son, Joseph R., now a lad of eight summers, has lived with Mrs. Orr since he was five weeks old.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Orr were numbered among the leading members of Pisgah Presbyterian Church, with which Mrs. Orr is still connected. Mr. Orr first became a member of the Church when nineteen years of age, and his entire life was in harmony with his profession. His last illness was attended with much suffering, but he bore it all with Christian patience and fortitude. He was a man of the highest respectability, and those who were most intimately associated with him speak in unqualified terms of

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his sterling integrity, his honor in business, and his fidelity to all duties of public and private life. He was faithful to his Church, to his country and his friends, and in his home he was a most exemplary husband and father. His death occasioned the deepest regret throughout the community, and Jefferson county thereby lost one of its most valued citizens. Mrs. Orr is an estimable lady, of many sterling qualities, and has a large circle of friends in the community.

THOMAS C. ANDERSON, to whose able management and genial manner the "Hotel Anderson," at Big Run, Jefferson county, owes its popularity, was born in Armstrong county, Penn., August 15, 1836, and both of his parents were natives of this State. The father, David Anderson, was a farmer in early life, but later engaged in coal mining. His death occurred in Armstrong county, in 1848, and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Kerr, preceded him by about two years, breathing her last in 1846.

The death of his parents left our subject to make his own way in life from an early age, and his educational opportunities were but meagre. For three years he made his home with an uncle and worked in a coal mine, and at sixteen he began to work in the pine woods of Jefferson county, where he was residing at the outbreak of the Civil war. Mr. Anderson was among the first to respond to the call for defenders of the old flag, and he continued in the service until peace was declared. He went to the front as a member of Company I, 62nd P. V. I., and during his three years of active service with this regiment received two wounds, neither of which proved serious. At the end of his term he reenlisted, his regiment being consolidated with the 155th Pennsylvania Zouaves. Among the important engagements in which he had a part was the last struggle at Appomattox, where his company was sent out on the skirmish line.

At the close of the war he returned to Big Run, where he has ever since resided with the exception of eleven years in Clearfield county. In 1892 he engaged in the hotel business, and finding the occupation congenial he has continued it with growing success. During the summer of 1896 he erected his present handsome and commodious hostelry, which contains fourteen rooms, all large and airy, and it is fitted up with all modern conveniences. The home-like atmosphere no less than the new and elegant appointments make it an attractive spot to a traveler, and this fact the public has not been slow to appreciate.

Mr. Anderson was married, in 1855, to Miss Hannah Jane Kerr, of Big Run, an excellent helpmeet, who is prominent in philanthropic work as a member of the M. E. Church. Ten children have blessed their union: Joseph M., a resident of Big Run; David H., of Du Bois, Penn.; Thomas R., of Big Run; Elmira J., wife of Peter Gallagher; Alfred P. (deceased); Anna (deceased); Alonzo G., who is in the hotel business with his father; Bertha (deceased); Maria, wife of Peter Somes; and Miss Katie E. Anderson, who is at home. Politically Mr. Anderson is a Democrat, and he has always taken keen interest in public questions, but although he has at times held local office he has never aspired to be a professional politician.

JOHN R. TRIMBLE. Longfellow wrote, "We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done." If this golden sentence of the New England poet were universally applied, many a man who is now looking down with haughty stare upon the noble toilers of land and sea, sneering at the cut of a neighbor's coat or the humbleness of his dwelling, would be voluntarily doing penance in sackcloth and ashes, at the end of which he would handle a spade, or, with pen in hand, burn the midnight oil in his study, in the endeavor to widen the bounds of liberty or to accelerate the material and spiritual progress of his race. A bright example of one of the world's workers is the man whose name introduces this review, now the pioneer merchant of Hazen, Jefferson county.

Mr. Trimble was born August 13, 1836, in Armstrong county, Penn., a son of William and Elvira (Reddick) Trimble, the latter a daughter of an old pioneer minister of the Presbyterian Church of Armstrong county, who was of English descent. Arthur Trimble, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was of Scotch-Irish origin, and a farmer by occupation. In 1804, during the Indian wars in Pennsylvania, he held a commission in the Pennsylvania militia. He was accidentally killed by a falling tree while cutting a road from Saltsburg to Greensburg. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, to which Church the parents of our subject also belonged. William Trimble was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., where his father had located in an early day, and, in 1865, the son came to Jefferson county to superintend a tannery, but later assisted our subject in the store. Removing to Blairsville, Penn.,

he died there in May, 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. His wife had previously passed to the world beyond, dying in 1884. They had only two children: John R., of this review; and Mrs. Elizabeth France, who resided in Westmoreland county, and died in 1893.

After pursuing his studies for some time in the common schools, John R. Trimble attended the academy at Freeport, and was thus ably fitted for the responsible duties of a business life. With his father he learned the tanner's trade and also became familiar with agricultural pursuits, but throughout the greater part of his career he has devoted his time and attention to merchandising. On coming to Hazen in 1861, he opened a store in partnership with A. B. Hosick, to whom, in the fall of 1862, he sold his interest, but the following year again embarked in business, this time with T. M. Vasbinder. With different partners he continued operations until 1873, when his store was burned to the ground, causing a heavy loss as it was not insured, but with his characteristic energy he was again ready for business twenty-eight days later. He carries a full and complete stock of general merchandise, does an extensive business with the farmers of the surrounding country by exchanging goods for produce of all kinds. His straightforward course and honorable dealing have won for him the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has come in contact. For some time he engaged in the sawmill business, bought and sold lumber, shingles, etc., but now he devotes his time principally to mercantile pursuits, for which he seems especially fitted.

As a Republican, Mr. Trimble has taken quite an active interest in political affairs; he has served as school director, auditor, justice of the peace for the long period of twenty years, and postmaster of Hazen for a number of years. In all the relations of life he has been found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, has proved a most capable official, and has been prominently identified with the progress and development of his adopted county. He and his estimable wife hold membership with the Presbyterian Church.

Returning to Westmoreland county in 1862, Mr. Trimble was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Graham, who was born in that county in 1838, and is a daughter of Joseph and Deborah (Blackburn) Graham, prominent citizens and honored pioneers of Westmoreland county. In early life the father was a teamster, but later followed farming. His children were: John, Joseph, Robert, Abram, Sarah J., Maria and Catherine. To Mr. and Mrs. Trimble were born two children—Bertha, who died in 1888, at the age of twenty-three years; and Harvey, a commercial traveler, who is married and has two children.

B. H. WHITEHILL., Esq., who has efficiently served as justice of the peace since 1892, is a well-known citizen of Falls Creek, Washington township. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Limestone township, Clarion county, in 1855, a son of Barton and Mary (Allison) Whitehill.

The father was born in 1819, in Centre county, Penn., of which the grandfather, John Whitehill, was an honored pioneer, but at an early day removed to Clarion county, where his death occurred. In the latter county, Barton Whitehill was reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmer boys at that period, and there continued to make his home until called to his final rest in 1887. His estimable wife, however, is still living on the old homestead in Limestone township. In their family were the following named children: R. C., who is a resident of Millcreek township, Clarion county; B. H., of this sketch; W. A., of Limestone township, Clarion county; George B., editor of the *Clarion Jacksonian*, and a resident of Clarion, Penn.; Mrs. S. J. Stewart, of Brookville, Penn.; Mary A., who is with her mother; Mrs. M. A. McIntosh, of Elk county, Penn.; and one, now deceased, whose name is not given.

After attending the public schools of Clarion for some time, B. H. Whitehill pursued his studies in the Corsica Academy, where he completed his literary education. Coming to Jefferson county, in 1877, he began lumbering in Knox township, and later removed to Elder township, embarking in general merchandising in Howe, where he remained until his removal to Falls Creek in 1890. There he erected a substantial two-story building, in which he engaged in the same business for two years; but since being elected justice of the peace he has given his attention chiefly to the duties of that office.

In Jefferson county, in 1878, Mr. Whitehill was married to Miss Amanda M. Barber, a native of Knox township, Jefferson county, where her parents, Jefferson S. and Rachel (Matthews) Barber, located at an early day, and there her mother still resides, but her father died in Clarion county. Four children grace the union of our subject and his wife: Arthur B., Perl J., Eva M., and R. Claire. The father of these uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and is a

prominent member of Falls Creek Lodge No. 957, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs, and which he has represented in the grand lodge. He has made an untarnished record and unspotted reputation as a business man. In all places and under all circumstances, he is loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame and position.

JACOB A. WALTER, M. D., whose ability in the line of his profession ranks him with the leading physicians of Punxsutawney and Jefferson county, was born near York, Penn., in 1860. His parents, John and Rebecca (Stump) Walter, were also natives of Pennsylvania, and the father is still living at his childhood's home. His life has been a quiet and uneventful one, devoted to agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Walter passed away in 1891.

The Doctor pursued his education in the schools of his native town, and afterward engaged in teaching with excellent success through eight consecutive years. In 1882 he took up the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. O. C. Brickley, of York, Penn., and through the three succeeding years his time was given to the study of medicine and to teaching school. He then entered the Hahnemann Medical College, where he was graduated in the class of 1887, after which he spent nine months in the office of Dr. W. Vanvleet. On the expiration of that period he came to Punxsutawney, but after practicing for six months went to New York, where he pursued a post-graduate course. He also took a special course in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, throat and nose, and has ever been a close student of his chosen profession, making continued advancement along the lines of progress. In September, 1889, he returned to Punxsutawney, where he has since successfully engaged in practice, retaining the large patronage, which indicates his skill and the confidence reposed in him by the public.

In 1892, Dr. Walter was married to Miss Florence Condron, of Smicksburg, Penn., and they have an interesting daughter, Eleaner Dally. The Doctor and his wife are members of the English Lutheran Church, and socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also the Knights of the Maccabees. He takes no active part in politics, but his sympathies are with the Prohibition party. He belongs to the Homeopathic Medical Society of Central Pennsylvania, also to the State Homeopathic Medical Society, and in his chosen calling is meeting with that success which results from earnest effort, close application and a thorough and comprehensive understanding of the science.

GEORGE W. RICHARDS, of Brookville, Jefferson county, has an enviable reputation in that community both as a citizen and as a business man. In the hour of the country's peril from rebellion he was among the first to offer himself in her defense, and although a wound sent him from the front to join the home guard, he took up arms again as opportunity arose.

He is a Pennsylvanian by birth, as were both his parents. His father, David Richards, was born probably in Centre county, but spent his life mainly in Lycoming and Jefferson counties, his energies being devoted to the quiet and useful calling of agriculture. He died in 1878, followed some years later by his estimable wife, Christina Pfetzler, a native of Lycoming county.

George W. Richards was born April 27, 1837, in Lycoming county, and as his parents needed his help at home his attendance at the schools of the neighborhood, inferior as they were, was quite limited. He remained under the parental roof until the age of twenty-one, when he went to Brookville and spent one season as a teamster. He then transferred his field of operations to the North Fork, where he was hauling lumber when the war broke out. He enlisted in Company I, 62d P. V. I., and was in active service twenty-two months, taking part in all of the engagements in which his company joined during that time. At Malvern Hill he received a gun-shot wound in the right leg, being hit with a spent ball, which caused varicose veins, for which, some six months afterward, he was discharged. Locating at Brookville he engaged in shingle manufacturing, and in 1864 he again entered the military service, joining in the Morgan Raid. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in contracting and lumbering, with the exception of three or four years spent in mercantile pursuits. He has a comfortable home at Brookville, his buildings being both substantial and tasteful.

In May, 1863, he was married to Miss Catherine Penrose, of Ross township, Jefferson county. Seven children have blessed this union, of whom six are living, viz.: Willbart Wade; Clarinda Ella, wife of A. M. Wadding; Laura Levina, wife of I. F. Davis; Amer; Ray Henry, and Clinton, the three last mentioned being still at home. Mr. Richards and his wife are active workers in the M. E. Church, and he holds the office of steward. With his war record, he is also a member of the G. A. R. He is a Re-

publican, but has no aspirations for political place, although he has served as road commissioner when chosen to that post of duty.

JOHN R. PANTALL is a leading factor in commercial circles in Punxsutawney, and has attained prestige in business pursuits by the exercise of those qualities which never fail to command success—energy, enterprise and good management. To-day he ranks among the leading citizens of Punxsutawney, and well merits the high regard which is given him in trade and social circles.

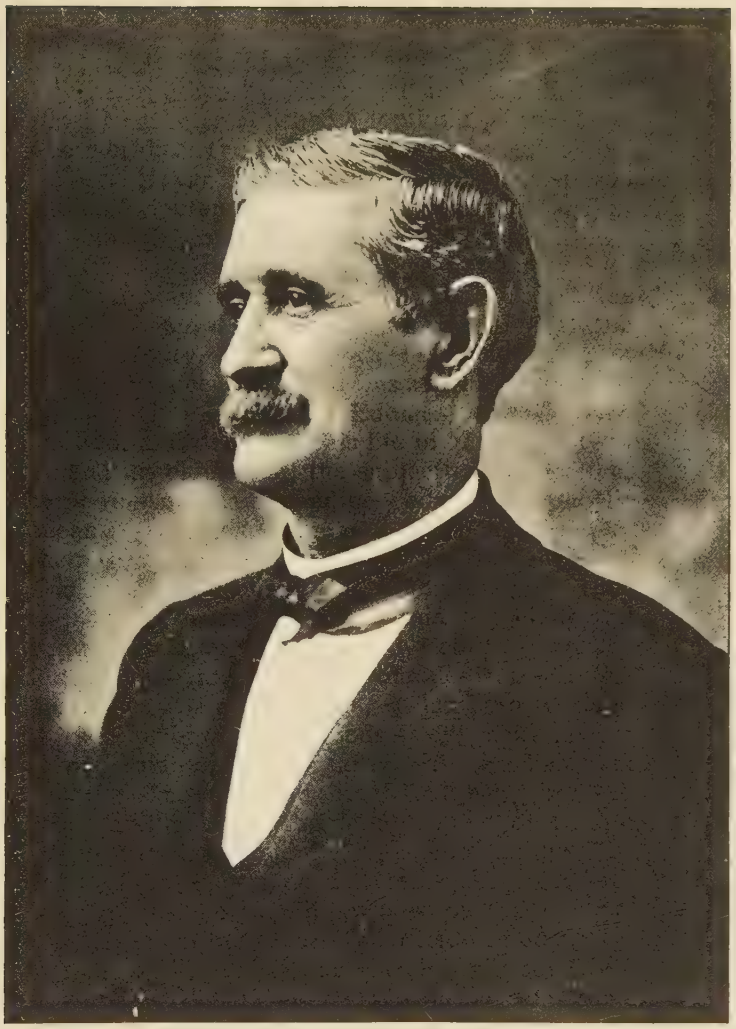
Mr. Pantall was born August 10, 1838, at Port Barnett, Jefferson county, a son of James and Elizabeth (Reece) Pantall. His father was born in 1797, in England, and in 1825 came to America, taking up his residence in Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn. There he worked for Hardman Philips, who established one of the first screw factories in the United States. He was a miller by trade, however, and afterward conducted business along that line at Port Barnett until 1839, when he came to Punxsutawney. Here he engaged in the milling business for five years, and then purchased and moved to the farm now owned by our subject. There he spent the remainder of his life, and in his agricultural pursuits won prosperity. He died in 1882 at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His estimable wife was a native of Herefordshire, England, and died in April, 1867.

John R. Pantall had only the advantages of the common schools in his youth, and these were inferior in their methods of instruction. He vividly recalls the first Sabbath-school which he ever attended, it being held in a little building with puncheon floor and seats formed of logs into which pegs were driven. He assisted in the work of the home farm until seventeen years of age when he engaged in the lumber business, and, for thirty years, he followed that pursuit, his industry and steady application bringing to him a comfortable competence. His labors were interrupted in 1864 by his enlistment in Company B, 74th P. V. I., in which he served until the close of the war. Returning to his home Mr. Pantall resumed lumbering, which he followed continuously until 1894. During all that time he carried on his farm and engaged in stock dealing. He has always been a thrifty and progressive citizen, following the most improved methods in the conduct of his business. He came to Punxsutawney in 1891, and is now the owner of valuable property there. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Punxsutawney. For many years he has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he has always been an ardent Democrat, and came within forty-two votes of being elected county sheriff at a time when the county was largely Republican. A friend of education, he has given to his children excellent advantages in that direction. He has always supported the measures that have tended to develop the county's best interests. In 1860 Mr. Pantall was married to Miss Margaret F. Mahaffey, daughter of James Mahaffey, of Centre county. She died in October, 1861, and in 1865 he was married to Mrs. Martha J. Douglass, daughter of David and Ester (Terry) Benton, of Clarksburg, W. Va. Her father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and a cousin of the statesman, Hon. Thomas Benton, of Missouri.

Mrs. Pantall had one daughter by her first marriage, Kate Douglass, now the wife of Dr. J. M. Grube, of Lindsey. Her uncle, William H. Douglass, was a very prominent citzen. He was appointed, by President Lincoln, one of the commissioners to separate West Virginia from the Old Dominion. Our subject and wife have two sons and four daughters, namely: John Irvin, who for nine years has been connected with the First National Bank of Punxsutawney, is married to Miss Agnes McGuire, of Albion, Erie Co., Penn.; Bertha (deceased) was the wife of Dr. John Grube, of Braddock, Penn.; Della M. (also deceased); Fannie F. was educated at Waynesburg College, Penn.; while Lulu May and Walter Benton are graduates of the Punxsutawney High School. The parents of these are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Pantall is serving as elder.

SEBASTIAN CASPER CHRIST, an active and energetic citizen of Brookville, and proprietor of the well-known Brookville Brewery, was born in Hesse-Nassau, Germany, in 1838, a son of Sebastian and Agnes (Steinmetz) Christ, who spent their entire lives in that country. There our subject obtained a liberal education in the common schools, which he attended until fourteen years of age, and for nine months was a student in the high school.

In 1854 Mr. Christ bade farewell to friends and native land and sailed for America, stopping first in New York City for about six months. He then came to Brookville, Penn., but remained only a few weeks, going thence to Indiana, Penn., where he served an apprenticeship to the saddler's trade. He then set out as a journey-



John R. Pantall.

man, working at his trade in various places in this State, including Pittsburg. In 1858 he returned to Brookville, where he opened a harness and saddle store of his own, conducting the same for three years with good success. On selling out in 1861, Mr. Christ returned to his native land, where he spent about fourteen months, and on the expiration of that period again crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of Brookville. Here he established a brewery, which he has since successfully carried on, manufacturing about 3,000 barrels of beer annually, and his trade extending throughout Brookville and for forty miles in the surrounding country. In 1895 he met with a misfortune, his brewery being destroyed by fire, but with his characteristic energy he at once rebuilt, and his plant is furnished with all modern improved appliances.

In January, 1861, Mr. Christ was united in marriage with Miss Florence C. Smith, a daughter of John Smith, one of the prominent citizens and pioneers of Jefferson county. Six children bless this union, namely: John S., who was born when his parents were on a visit to Germany, and is now in the employ of his father; Frederick S., a resident of Brookville; Kate D., wife of W. E. Snyder, a blacksmith, of the same place; Mary, wife of Harry Smathers, a harness dealer of Brookville; Frank, also of Brookville; and Eva. The father of these, since becoming an American citizen, has always affiliated with the Democratic party, but at present is anxiously awaiting a satisfactory settlement of the financial question. He is a man of decided views, sound judgment and common sense, and it is his desire to deal fairly and honestly with his fellow men.

ALBERT REYNOLDS. Men blessed with the gift of foresight are often to be envied. It is a precious attribute, and in business affairs it blazes the path that leads to honor and success. The pioneers, who left homes of comfort and penetrated the deep recesses of a wilderness to carve out anew a local habitation and a name, were brave men indeed, and their courage won the meed of fertile lands and peaceful homes. Twice blessed were they, who discerned in the new land its future possibilities, who had the courage of their convictions, and who moulded their actions along the lines of growth and development, unperceived by the masses.

The subject of this sketch, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, proprietor and manager of the opera house, and an extensive real-estate operator, is a native of the town wherein he now resides, and his dwelling place is a portion of the old homestead. He has witnessed the transformation scene from wilderness to modern culture, save in its earliest manifestations, and before him his father, Woodward Reynolds, led the band of hardy pioneers, to whom is due the credit of earliest occupancy in that locality. Woodward Reynolds was in many ways a remarkable man. He was born at Kittanning, Armstrong county, Penn., in January, 1810, son of David and Mary (Woodward) Reynolds, who were representatives of a thrifty, energetic and prominent people. David Reynolds followed general farming, and also conducted a prosperous hotel business at Kittanning. After a busy and successful life, he died at that place at a ripe old age. In politics he was a Democrat, and he and his good wife were members of the Episcopal Church. Woodward Reynolds remained with his parents on a farm at Kittanning until his marriage in April, 1838, to Miss Amelia A. Ross. The young couple immediately started for a home in the wilderness, and came to the present site of Reynoldsville, then an unbroken forest. Arriving here he took up 300 acres of land, which was the gift of his father. When he first arrived he moved into a log cabin, called Potter house, which he occupied until 1850. It stood on the spot where his son Albert, subject of this sketch, now resides. When Mr. Reynolds settled here his nearest neighbor, John Fuller, lived three miles away. Mr. Reynolds from time to time added to his land until he became the owner of 1,100 acres, for which he paid only $1.50 per acre. He kept a "public house" at his log cabin, as the hostelries of that day were known, and in 1850 he caused a sensation in that part of the county by erecting the brick hotel, which now stands at the corner of Woodward and Main streets. He felled his own timber and burned his own brick for the new venture. It contained twelve rooms and two large halls, and people shook their heads and muttered to each other and said that Mr. Reynolds must have gone completely daft to build so fine and large a hotel at Reynoldsville. It has since been enlarged, and was sold by Mrs. Reynolds in 1887. This noted pioneer died January 21, 1861, and is buried in Beulah cemetery.

His widow still survives, a bright old lady now in her eighty-first year, whose misfortune it was, in July, 1892, to be injured by a serious fall, from the effects of which she has not fully recovered. She was born at Philadelphia, Penn., June 5, 1817, a daughter of John and Susan (Hays) Ross, natives of England, who in early life had emigrated to America. John and Susan

Ross were married at Philadelphia December 23, 1813, and three years later removed to Worthington, Armstrong Co., Penn., where George Ross became county surveyor, and for twenty years he taught school. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church. They lived for many years at Worthington, and there died and were buried. Mrs. Reynolds lives at the old homestead with her daughter, Ida M., and both are members of the Presbyterian Church. The children of Woodward and Amelia A. Reynolds are as follows: David, a farmer of Reynoldsville, Penn.; John, who died at Reynoldsville September 26, 1871, aged thirty-one years and fourteen days; Albert, subject of this sketch, born April 23, 1842; Mary, wife of Cassius Gibson, a merchant of Reynoldsville; Joanna, who died December 25, 1866, aged nineteen years, two months and twenty-eight days; Isabella, who died July 9, 1848, aged two years; Minerva, wife of L. L. Seely, a farmer living in Kansas; Harriet, wife of Joseph Morrow, a Reynoldsville merchant; Richard, who died October 31, 1880, aged twenty-six years; Ida M , living with her mother at Reynoldsville; Lida T., wife of Frank P. Miller, of Reynoldsville; and Susan, wife of Charles Montgomery, a railroad engineer living at Sligo, Pennsylvania.

Albert Reynolds was a youth of nineteen years, living with his parents, when the Rebellion opened. He enlisted August 29, 1861, for three years, in Company H, 105th P. V. I., with Captain A. H. Tracy, and later, Captain Conser. The 105th saw hard service when Mr. Reynolds was with it. He participated in many severe engagements, including the battles of Fredericksburg, Williamsburg, the Wilderness, etc., but through it all he escaped without wounds. He was honorably discharged August 29, 1864. Returning home he did not for several years actively engage in business. In 1870 he became interested in real estate, and has since been largely identified with transactions of that character. A year later he was appointed notary public, and has since continuously served in that capacity. In 1886 he was elected chief burgess of Reynoldsville, and in 1895 was elected councilman for a term of three years. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic Order, and is also a member of Reynoldsville Post, and of the G. A. R. In politics he is a stanch Republican. Mr. Reynolds is one of the leading citizens of Reynoldsville, and, aside from the prestige that is rightfully his by virtue of his long and intimate identification with its many interests, his natural business talents have won for him a commanding respect and esteem from his fellowmen.

In July, 1881, Mr. Reynolds was married to Mrs. Julia A. (Howlett) Green, who was born in Reynoldsville November 27, 1851, daughter of George and Laura (Ferris) Howlett. George Howlett was an Englishman by birth, who emigrated to America in 1845. He settled first in New York State, and in 1850 came to Reynoldsville, where he engaged in lumbering. Here his wife died in 1858, aged thirty years. Mr. Howlett enlisted in Company H, 105th P. V. I.; and was killed at the battle of Fair Oaks May 31, 1862, aged thirty-five years, leaving children, as follows: Jennie, now wife of J. S. Morley, a retired merchant at Andover, Ohio; Julia A., wife of our subject; John W., a mine operator at Reynoldsville; Mary, wife of Milton Sloppy, constable at Du Bois, Penn.; Gordon, a tanner at Sterling, Iowa, and George, a carpenter at Andover, Ohio.

JOHN A. NEWCOME, M. D., of Sigel, Jefferson county, stands to-day as one of the most prominent representatives of the medical profession in his section of the State. By the exercise of his natural and acquired powers, and the improvement of every opportunity which has come to him, he has succeeded in securing an enviable prestige in his chosen calling.

Our subject was born in Perry township, Jefferson county, June 21, 1865, and is a son of George W. and Sarah J. (Jordan) Newcome, who were born, reared and married in that county, where both families were established at an nearly day. The paternal grandfather, John Newcome, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, became a pioneer of Jefferson county, where his death occurred, and the maternal grandfather, Alexander Jordan, also an early settler, improved a farm here, and died thereon at the age of sixty-five. In religious belief he was a Cumberland Presbyterian. Mrs. Newcome was the eldest of his five children, the others being Phœbe, Emma, James and Joseph. George W. Newcome, father of our subject, spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Perry township, where after his marriage he improved a farm in the midst of the forest, and in connection with agricultural pursuits became extensively interested in lumbering. He is still one of the honored and highly esteemed citizens of that township. His wife, who departed this life April 11, 1897, held membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In their family were nine children, namely: Oran; John A., our subject; William C., a physician of Big Run, Jefferson county; Irvin L.; Ella; Anna M., deceased; Edward M., a me-

chanic by trade; and Mary, A. and Lucy L., both at home.

Dr. Newcome was reared upon the home farm, and acquired his literary education in the country schools, after which he successfully engaged in teaching for nine terms. In the meantime, under the direction of Dr. W. F. Byer, he began reading medicine, which he continued for about four years, a part of the time under the preceptorship of another physician. In 1890 he entered the Western Pennsylvania Medical College at Pittsburg, where for two years he attended lectures, and, after his graduation in 1892, located at Sigel, where he succeeded Dr. J. C. Wilson in his practice. He has met with excellent results, and merits and receives the confidence of the entire community as well as a liberal share of the public patronage. He is a member of the County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On August 15, 1889, Dr. Newcome was united in marriage with Miss Ella May Gourley, who was born December 5, 1865, a daughter of Crawford and Ellen (Grube) Gourley, early settlers of Jefferson county. Crawford Gourley was born and reared on a farm in that county, and for a number of years successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, later turning his attention to merchandising in Punxsutawney for a few years, but has since returned to the farm, where he still resides. His children are: Minnie and Ella May (twins), the former being the wife of O. F. Bedell, a civil engineer, and the latter the wife of our subject; Molly J., wife of Dr. H. Stunkard; Russell C., a practicing physician; and David G., a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Gourley are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, with which Dr. Newcome and his wife are also connected, while socially he affiliates with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Knights of Pythias. They have two children: Virginia B., born February 24, 1893; and Leila May, born March 9, 1896.

Thomas Gourley, Mrs. Newcome's paternal grandfather, was born in Ireland, came to America at an early day, settling in Perry township. He married Eleanor Adams, and had a numerous family of children.

A. B. STONER, a well-known citizen of Big Run, Jefferson county, is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, having entered the service at the beginning of the struggle and remained until its close. Except when ill with fever he was ever ready for duty, and he took part in some of the most noted battles of the war. As a citizen he is highly esteemed for his excellent qualities, and on more than one occasion he has been called to take some local office, being at present a member of the borough council.

Mr. Stoner was born October 12, 1840, in Blair county, Penn., the son of George and Rachel (Noble) Stoner, both of whom were born, reared and married in that county. The father, who was a lock-tender on a canal, died between 1850 and 1860, and his wife survived him but a few years. At the time of her death there were four children living: (2) Margaret, who was born in Blair county, married James Owens, of Clearfield county, and resided at Clearfield where Mr. Owens died some years ago, leaving five children—Elizabeth, now Mrs. John Reynard; Rebecca, Mrs. James Wood; and Mary, Nannie and George, who are at home. (3) Emma, also born in Blair county, received a common-school education, and was married to George Reama, of Brady township, Clearfield county. They went to Michigan and later to Coffee county, Kansas, where she died leaving two sons—Dan and Scot. (4) George, a native of Blair county, at the age of eighteen enlisted early in the Civil war, in the 125th P. V. I., and died from fever while in the service. He was not married.

A. B. Stoner, the eldest of the children, was taken to Jefferson county when a boy by an uncle, Christian Stoner, and not long after his arrival he made his home with Joseph Keller, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, with whom he remained until 1861. He then enlisted in Company I, 62nd P. V. I., with Captain Robert Means, of Brookville, and after being sworn into the State service at Pittsburg they went to Harrisburg where they took the oath as soldiers under the general government. They were then sent to Washington by way of Baltimore, and on receiving their equipment, marched across the river to Arlington Heights, where they spent the following winter drilling and doing picket duty. In the spring of 1862 they marched down the Potomac to Fortress Monroe, and joining McClellan's forces proceeded to Yorktown to engage in the siege. After the evacuation of that place they marched toward Richmond, skirmishing all the way, and at Hanover Court House they had a sharp fight. Later they were in the seven-days' struggle on the Peninsula, participating in the battles of Gaines Hill, White Oak Swamp, where they fought all day, and Malvern Hill, where both sides sustained severe losses.

For some time Mr. Stoner's regiment was encamped on the James river, but they finally received orders to march by way of Aquia Creek to

Fredericksburg and on to Bull Run, where they arrived in time for the famous second battle. Returning to Washington, they were next sent on to campaign through Maryland, meeting the enemy at Mine Run and driving them across the river, and then advancing to Hagerstown, where Mr. Stoner was taken ill with fever. He spent six weeks in a hospital in Philadelphia, on the corner of Sixteenth and Filbert streets, and was then taken to a convalescent camp at Washington, but a relapse followed and he came near to death's door. It was not until July, 1863, that he was able to rejoin his regiment, which was then stationed at Culpeper Court House to guard the Alexandria railroad. They remained there until the spring of 1864, when, Mr. Stoner's time having expired, he re-enlisted "for three years, or the war." As a part of Grant's army the regiment joined in the fiercely contested battle of the Wilderness, being on the field the first two days, and were also in two bloody engagements at Laurel Hill. During the second, which occurred May 12, 1864, only four regiments were engaged, and the 62nd Pennsylvania lost sixty out of three hundred men. From that time they were continually skirmishing with the Rebels, and on reaching Petersburg, they had a regular battle. For a time they were employed in building forts and breastworks, and then moving to the right they met the enemy at the "Telow House," on the Weldon railroad, and fought a pitched battle, with a heavy loss to both armies. Our troops were victorious, however, and captured about six hundred prisoners. In July, 1864, Mr. Stoner was transferred to Company I, 155th P. V. I., and was detailed to drive a team on the ammunition train, and this post was held by him until the war closed. After Lee's surrender the train drove through Richmond and on to Washington, where the teams were turned over to the government. Mr. Stoner took part in the Grand Review, and, with other veterans of his company, was transferred to Company H, 191st P. V. I., from which he was discharged at Harrisburg, on June 28, 1865. On returning home he engaged in lumbering, and has continued until the present time getting out square timber and rafting it down the Mahoning to the markets along the Allegheny. Since 1890 he has also been in the employ of the B. R. & P. railroad, as a watchman and track-walker.

In May, 1867, Mr. Stoner was married to Miss M. J. McPherson, of Big Run, and soon afterward he bought a house and lot in that borough, and established a permanent home. Later he built a fine two-story residence and made other improvements, and he now owns one of the pleasantest homes in the vicinity. Of his five children two are married: (1) M. E., born in May, 1869, was educated in the school of Big Run and married B. H. Briggs, formerly of Huntingdon county, Penn , now a resident of Big Run. At present he is employed as section foreman on the B. R. & P. railroad. They have three children—Dessie, Herman and Isabella. (2) Jessie E., born June 24, 1873, married F. B. Dawson, then of Butler county, Penn. He was a telegraph operator at Big Run for a number of years, but in 1897 moved to Rockton, Clearfield county, Penn., where he is general manager of the telegraph office. Two sons, Albert and Donald, were born of this union. (3) George E., born August 12, 1875; (4) Rulie E., born March 11, 1878, and (5) John Elis, born February 24, 1882, are all at home.

Mr. Stoner is a Republican in his political affiliations, and takes an active interest in party affairs. He has held office as constable and school director, and is now serving his third term as councilman. The family are identified with the Presbyterian Church, and he and his wife are prominent members of the congregation at Big Run.

EDWARD NORTON, SR., is the efficient superintendent of the tanning department of the Elk Tannery Company, a position which he has occupied since November, 1892. He was born in Ulster county, N. Y., in 1842, a son of Thomas and Bridget (Connelly) Norton, both of whom were natives of Ireland, and came to Ulster county, N. Y. There they established a home, but afterward removed to Sullivan county. The father died in 1880, at Tioga, Penn. His widow is still living in that city, at the age of seventy-four years. They had a family of three children, namely: Edward, of this sketch; Mrs. Catherine Farrel, of Corning, N. Y.; and Jennie, who is living with her mother in Tioga.

Edward Norton, Sr., spent his boyhood and youth in Ulster and Sullivan counties, N. Y., obtaining his education in the latter. In 1856 he removed to Neversink, N. Y., where he learned the tanner's trade, which he followed at that place until 1861. In 1862 he went to Washington, D. C., and engaged in driving team for the government, hauling wood to the army at Beltsville and Laurel, Prince George Co., Md. He then took up his residence in Tioga county, Penn., where he engaged in the tanning business for O. B. Lowell & Co., in the village of Tioga. He remained at that place for twenty-six years. While there he entered the employ

of H. E. Lapham & Co., and then the Elk Tanning Co. In 1892 he came to Falls Creek in the employ of the Elk Tanning Co., and has since been superintendent of the tanning department, having charge of one hundred men. His thorough understanding of the business, combined with his executive force, well fits him for this position.

In 1860, in Tioga county, Penn., he was united in marriage with Miss Emma McCullough, a native of Steuben county, N. Y., a daughter of Thomas McCullough, now deceased. Their children were as follows: Charles, who is superintendent of the Sterling Run Tannery, Cameron Co., Penn.; Edward, who is married and resides at Falls Creek, where he is serving as assistant superintendent of a tannery; Edith, wife of James Ward, of Clarendon, Penn.; Lydia, and Jennie at home. Mr. Norton is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, belongs to Falls Creek Tent No. 211. His political support is given the Republican party, but he does not desire or seek office, preferring to give his attention to his business interests. He is one of the most proficient tanners in the State, and is well known in the line of his trade. His business methods are above question, and he is held in the highest esteem by all with whom he has been brought in contact.

WALTER RICHARDS, the courteous and popular postmaster at Brookville, Jefferson county, has always lived from early boyhood among the people of that vicinity, and he has demonstrated his fitness for any position of trust and responsibility to which he may be called. A few men of that character live in almost every community, as reserve forces of nature. Their lives flow silently or unobtrusively, yet swift in the qualities of mental force and adaptability, and when the Kaleidoscope of life brings them to the front the new relationships are easily and naturally filled.

Mr. Richards was born November 22, 1861, near Summerville, Penn., the son of Washington and Margaret (Mitchell) Richards. The father is a native of eastern Pennsylvania and has spent most of his active life in agricultural pursuits. He is now engaged in farming one mile from Brookville. His wife, Margaret (mother of our subject), who was born in 1844, died in 1877. Walter Richards attended the schools at Brookville and vicinity, and early in life became associated with the lumber trade there, filling a position in general office work. He was married, February 3, 1885, to Miss Anna Faulk, a native of Northville, Jefferson county. To Mr. and Mrs. Richards two children have been born: Bertha I. and Harvey E. In politics Mr. Richards is a Democrat. On July 1, 1894, he was appointed postmaster at Brookville for a term of four years. In that capacity he has proved to be the right man in the right place, for he has filled the office very acceptably to the public, prompt in his attendance to every duty, and courteous to all whom his public position requires him to meet. More than that, he has acquired in the public mind the character of a business man of integrity and ability, and in those prime essentials he has now the confidence of his fellow men. In a business sense a character of this kind possesses intrinsic value, and in the sense of a broad humanity it is alike honorable and praiseworthy. It has been largely by virtue of correct habits and by application to business that Mr. Richards is now so esteemed.

SAMUEL M. MOORE, a prominent lumberman of Brookville, Jefferson county, is a representative of the best class of American citizenship. He was born on Christmas day, 1842, in Clover township, Jefferson county, and grew to manhood there in the healthful atmosphere of farm life. His father, John Moore, was a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young man and located permanently on the farm where our subject was born. He had no disposition to engage in public affairs, but devoted his time to his own business. His death occurred in 1874, and his estimable wife, who was Rachel McGary, a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., passed away in 1891.

Our subject's educational advantages were limited, the schools of the locality being inferior, and only to be reached by a long walk. He remained at home until the age of twenty-one, when he went into the timber and lumber business, in which he has ever since been successfully engaged. He was married, in 1869, to his first wife, Eliza Summerville, of Jefferson county, who died in 1881, leaving two children: Bertha, wife of John Elliott, of Forest county, Penn.; and Oscar. For his second wife, Mr. Moore married Clara Hindman, who resided near Brookville. Two children have blessed this union—Evan and Earl—both of whom are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are leading members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Moore belongs also to the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P. In politics he is a Republican, and cherishes an abiding faith in the principles of the party. He has never

aspired to office, and his support of men and measures is none the less influential for being disinterested. In 1862, when the cause of freedom hung in the balance, Mr. Moore donned the blue, enlisting in Company B, 135th P. V. I., and was in active service for one year, escaping capture or wounds during his term. At the time of his discharge he was a non-commissioned officer.

JOHN STARTZELL, a well-known business man of Brookville, Jefferson county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, is a man whose unfaltering devotion to duty both in war and peace has won and retained the confidence of all who know him. As a boy of nineteen he answered the call "to arms" in defense of the old flag, enlisting in Company G, 150th P. V. I. He spent nearly four years in active service, taking part, except when disabled, in all the battles in which his company was engaged. He received his "baptism of fire" at Charles City Cross Roads, where he suffered the double misfortune of capture and a gunshot wound in the face. After nineteen days in Libby prison he was paroled and sent to the hospital, and a few months later was exchanged. At the battle of the Wilderness he received another gunshot wound, this time in the right ankle, disabling him for further duty in the field, but, notwithstanding these severe experiences, he re-enlisted at the expiration of his first term of two years, and was transferred to Washington, D. C., as sergeant of Company B, 24th Veteran Reserves. He remained there until the close of the war, and while arresting a cavalryman for some offense he was shot by him in the left knee.

This gallant soldier is a native of Jefferson county, having first seen the light in Ringgold township, in 1842. His parents, Jacob and Catherine (Weary) Startzell, were born and reared in Northumberland county, and settled in Jefferson county in 1840. The mother passed to the unseen life in 1852, but the father, who was for years a successful agriculturist, died June 12, 1897, at the advanced age of ninety years and four months. As a farmer's son, Mr. Startzell was trained in his youth to industrious habits, but his educational advantages were limited. At the age of eighteen he engaged in lumbering, but this occupation was interrupted a year later by his enlistment in the army. On his being mustered out of service, he returned to his native county, and has since made his home at Brookville. He engaged in the milling business, which he has continued from that time, adding to it as time passed a mercantile enterprise and an extensive lumber business. In 1867 he was united in marriage with Catherine Burkett, daughter of Peter Burkett, a respected citizen of Armstrong county, Penn. Of the seven children of this union four are living: Emma J., the wife of R. M. Hastings, of Charleroi, Penn.; Flora V., who is at home; Maggie M., the wife of R. W. Morehead, of Richardsville, Penn.; and Fred, who lives in Brookville. Thomas M., one of the sons of our subject, was accidentally killed on August 20, 1897, at Buffalo, N. Y. The press in speaking of the occurrence said:

> Thomas Startzell, the young man who was killed last night by coming in contact with a live wire while at work for the Buffalo Traction Company, was one of the best-known ball players in Buffalo. Last year he was signed by Manager Rowe for the Buffalo Baseball Club, and pitched several winning games, but on account of the large number of pitchers on the pay roll he was released about the middle of the season, and at once signed with Geneseo, and made a wonderful record with Manager Wadsworth's club. When Startzell first came to Buffalo from Brookville, Penn., which by the way is the home of Pitcher Whitehill, late of the Syracuse team, he was signed by Manager J. E. Mulroy, of the Oakdale team of the City League. He participated in almost every game played by that crack amateur team two years ago, and was chiefly responsible for the winning of the pennant that year by the Oakdales. His work was noticed by Manager Franklin, and on that account he was signed for the Buffalo Eastern League Club.

Our subject is a prominent member of the M. E. Church, holding the office of trustee. He also belongs to the A. O. U. W. and the G. A. R. He is an ardent champion of Republican principles, but is by no means a politician in the modern sense of the word. He has served three terms as councilman, and has been treasurer and school director in his borough, giving to his duties in these positions the same ability and energy which has characterized his conduct in other fields of effort.

R. L. BUZARD is a worthy representative of that class of men who, having started on their various careers without capital save health of mind and body and a strong will, have made their own way in life to a competence. To-day, among the prominent business men of Jefferson county stands Mr. Buzard, who is extensively interested in the lumber industry, and is also engaged in stock-raising.

He was born in Clarion county January 22, 1842, and spent the days of his boyhood and youth working on his father's farm and in the woods. Soon after attaining his majority he began jobbing for himself, and as he prospered in this, he later, in company with Judge Theo. S. Wilson, bought and operated a large timber tract, in which he was very successful. He was

afterward associated with Elias Ritts, P. Graham and Judge James Campbell in lumbering, under the firm name of Buzard, Ritts & Co.

He bought the Alexander timber tract in 1885, and moved his family to Brockwayville in 1887, where he has built a handsome residence, pleasantly situated on the main thoroughfare, and supplied with all the modern conveniences. It is tastefully furnished, and is surrounded by beautiful and well-kept grounds.

Mr. Buzard was one of the projectors of the Brockwayville band, and he is still a manager and stockholder. His prosperity cannot be attributed to a combination of lucky circumstances, but has arisen from energy, enterprise, integrity and intellectual effort well directed. His business has been conducted on the strictest principles of honesty, and he is a worthy representative of that type of American character, that progressive spirit, which promotes public good in advancing individual prosperity.

REV. HARRY GRANT TEAGARDEN, devoting his life to the ministry, is now pastor of the Oliveburg, Anita, Eleanor and Zion Churches, of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. He is a man of strong intellectual endowments, earnest and purposeful, and his success in his chosen calling ranks him among the leading representatives of the ministry of his Church.

Rev. Teagarden was born April 25, 1863, in Clarksville, Penn., a son of John C. and Rachel C. (Young) Teagarden. The father was born in Clarksville, and in his younger life followed carpentering, while he also gave some attention to merchandising. From the age of seventeen until his death he was an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in his political views was a stanch Republican. He died April 18, 1879, at the age of forty-six years, and was buried at Clarksville. His father, Reuben Teagarden, was long a lumberman of that place. The mother was born in September, 1841, and is now residing in Clarksville. She holds membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and is a most estimable lady. Her parents were Stuffel and Rachel (Boyd) Young, of Washington county, Penn., who about 1830 removed to Clarksville, where they conducted the "Young Hotel."

The Teagarden family springs from Protestant Prussian stock, and the Prussian spelling of the name was Tigirten. The ancestry can be traced back to Abraham Teagarden, who was born in Prussia, and went to England, where he served as an officer in the English army. While there he won the heart of Lady May Parker, and after their marriage they came to America, in 1767, settling on Redston creek, in Fayette county, Penn. The Teagardens, however, made a settlement in or near Philadelphia in 1744. Abraham Teagarden was the father of David, whose son, Thomas Teagarden, of Clarksville, Greene Co., Penn., was the great-grandfather of our subject. The grandfather was Reuben Teagarden.

The subject of this review was reared in his native city, where he remained until eighteen years of age, when he became a student in the Cumberland Presbyterian College, at Waynesburg, Penn. There he pursued his studies until 1891, in order to fit himself for the ministry, and during that time taught six terms of school, one in Clarksville, two in Green Grove, two in Castile, and one at Rice's Landing. After his graduation, in 1891, he came to Oliveburg and took charge of the Olive and Zion Churches. In November of that year he organized the Eleanor Church in a school house at Eleanor, and on the 10th of May, 1892, he organized the Anita Church, with a membership of one hundred. In 1896 he held a very successful meeting, having one hundred and fifty-five converts. The value of the Anita property is $2,000, that of the Eleanor church $3,000, and both are now being enlarged. He does excellent pastoral work, and is much beloved by his people. He is also a man of superior oratorical ability, and his addresses are fluent, logical and finished in literary style.

On June 29, 1887, in Waynesburg, Penn., Rev. James R. Morris, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, performed a marriage ceremony which united the destinies of Rev. Teagarden and Miss Nettie Z. Burson. She was born in Clarksville, Penn., November 8, 1866. Her paternal grandparents, Edward and Maria (Stewart) Burson, were natives of Massachusetts, and died in Clarksville. Her maternal grandparents, David and Mary (Hewett) Rose, were natives of Greene county, Penn., and also died in Clarksville. The parents of Mrs. Teagarden, William S. and Rebecca J. (Rose) Burson, were both natives of that place, and still make their home there. The father is a blacksmith by trade, and is now extensively engaged in farming. He has served as justice of the peace, and is a prominent and well-to-do citizen. He was born September 25, 1846, and his wife was born December 29, 1845. She is an active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he contributes to its support. In politics he is an ardent Democrat. In their family are three children: Nettie Z., wife of our subject; Cora A., wife of Harvey

C. Hope, a jeweler, of Harrisville, Ohio; and John R., who is studying for the ministry in the Cumberland Presbyterian College, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Teagarden is a prominent Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Punxsutawney, the Chapter at Brookville, and the Commandery at Ridgway, Penn. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows Society, the underlying principles of these benevolent orders being in accord with his own life work.

EZRA NEFF is serving as justice of the peace in Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, a position he has filled at different times for many years with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He is thoroughly impartial in meting out justice, his opinions being unbiased by either fear or favor, and his fidelity to the trust reposed in him is above question. He is regarded as one of the leading and most highly esteemed citizens in Reynoldsville.

Mr. Neff was born March 7, 1843, in Indiana county, Penn., a son of Jonathan and Mary Jane (Farnsworth) Neff. His father was born in Indiana county, in 1814, and has spent his entire life within a radius of five miles of his birthplace. He has lived as a quiet, unassuming but loyal citizen, devoting his energies to farming. His wife was born in 1818, in Bald Eagle Valley, Penn., and they are still living at the ages of eighty-three and seventy-nine years respectively.

Our subject obtained his education in the public schools of Indiana county, but his privileges were exceedingly limited, owing to the fact that his assistance was needed on the farm. He continued to aid in the cultivation of the fields until the progress of the war seemed to make it imperative that he go forth in defense of his country. Accordingly, in 1863, he enlisted in Company A, Second Battalion P. V. I., from which he was honorably discharged in February, 1864. Re-enlisting July 11, 1864, he was appointed quartermaster sergeant, was discharged November 11, 1864; re-enlisted March 1, 1865, and was elected first sergeant of Company B, 74th P. V. I.; and was finally discharged, at the close of the war, June 29, 1865, and returned to his home in Indiana county. He was in active service through the entire time, but fortunately escaped wounds and capture. On April 11, 1865, two days after the surrender of Lee, he lost his voice, and it has never been fully restored. Until the spring of 1869 he followed farming, after which he engaged in railroading until June, 1870. He then went to Dayton, Penn., where he engaged in the livery business and also followed the same pursuit in Marion Centre until the fall of 1872. In November of that year he came to Reynoldsville, and conducted a livery until May, 1873, when he sold out to become constable, in which position he served a four-years' term, resigning March 17, 1877, to assume the duties of justice of the peace, in which capacity he served for ten consecutive years; also in connection therewith he acted as pension agent, which line of work he still continues in, being a registered pension attorney. Next he embarked in the grocery trade, and served as notary public for four years. In the spring of 1892 he was again elected as justice of the peace, which position he has since acceptably filled, being re-elected in the spring of 1897. In connection with his other interests he has for many years been engaged in the real-estate business.

On September 10, 1865, our subject was married to Mary Neale, of Indiana county, who died in 1881, and three children were born to this union, namely: a daughter that died before her mother's death; a daughter that died after her mother's death; and a son, Thomas N., who is successfully engaged in school teaching. In 1883, Mr. Neff, for his second wife, married Mrs. Lika (Gibson) Pearsoll, who lived only eight months and five days after their marriage. On May 5, 1885, Mr. Neff married Mrs. Louise M. (Seitz) Leroy, a native of Germany. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. Socially Mr. Neff is identified with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, with the American Mechanics and the Junior branch of that order; also with the Improved Order of Red Men, and with the Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he has been a stanch Republican since casting his first Presidential vote on the battle-field, in 1864, for Abraham Lincoln. Squire Neff, as he is usually called, is one of the most highly respected citizens of Jefferson county, and no one is more deserving the public confidence and esteem than he.

FRANK P. RANKIN, a leading hardware merchant of Brookville, Jefferson county, is an industrious, progressive citizen, one whose rapidly extending business is a well-deserved recompense for his efforts. Brookville has special reason to take pride in his success, as he is a native of the place.

Enoch Rankin, his father, was born in 1817, in Maine, and in early manhood, in 1843, came from that State and settled in Brookville, Penn., where he engaged in the business of shoemaking.

Frank B Rankin

He was a man of unassuming manners, but in his quiet way he was an earnest and effective champion of the Abolition movement. He died in 1863. His wife, to whom he was married in 1845, was Isabinda Arthurs, who was born in Brookville and belonged to one of the honored pioneer families of Jefferson county. Several years after the death of the husband, when our subject was ten years of age, the widow was again married, this time to James Corbett. After this marriage they moved to the country, remaining two years. The mother passed away in 1887.

Frank P. Rankin was born November 22, 1856. He attended the Brookville schools until the age of ten when he went to the country with his mother and stepfather. At the age of thirteen he began working on a farm some four or five years, and attending school in the winter season. After this period he passed his time working at lumbering in the woods, working in sawmills and doing whatever he could find to do. In 1886 he engaged in the hardware and tinware business with his brother-in-law, whose interest he purchased at the end of the first year. For eight years he conducted the business alone, his industry and judicious management, combined with unfailing courtesy in his dealings with others, building up a profitable trade. His stock is the most complete of the kind in the borough. At present he owns a half interest, having taken in two partners under the firm name of Rankin, Kennedy & Co.

In June, 1881, Mr. Rankin was married to Miss Olive Wilson, daughter of Samuel Wilson, a respected resident of Brookville. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin are leading members of the M. E. Church, in which Mr. Rankin is a trustee. Socially, he affiliates with the F. & A. M., Royal Arch, and was later elevated to the degree of Knight Templar; he is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and altogether is active in fraternal work. Politically, he is a Republican, and though no office-seeker, he is at present faithfully serving as member of the borough council of Brookville.

JOHN E. GRUBE, M. D. There is no profession or line of business that calls for greater self-sacrifice or more devoted attention than the medical profession, and the successful physician is he, who through love of his fellow-men gives his time and attention to the relief of human suffering. Dr. Grube is one of the ablest representatives of this noble calling, and until recently was successfully engaged in practice in Punxsutawney, but is now a resident of Braddock, Pennsylvania.

He was born in 1866, in the Grube settlement near the city where he now makes his home, a son of Joseph and Amy (Cochran) Grube, also natives of Jefferson county. The paternal grandfather was born in Switzerland, but at an early day came to America with a brother, and took up his residence in Pennsylvania. Throughout his active business career the father has engaged in farming and lumbering in Jefferson county, and now at the age of sixty-two years enjoys almost perfect health, having very rarely been ill. His honorable, upright life has gained for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact. The mother was called to her final rest in 1881. In their family were three sons, all of whom followed the medical profession, namely: Dr. George W., who died in September, 1896; Dr. Joseph Miles, a practicing physican of Lindsey, Penn.; and Dr. John E., of this sketch.

The primary education of our subject was received in the public schools of Jefferson county, and he subsequently pursued for one term his studies at Belleview, Penn., then entered the Edenboro State Normal of Pennsylvania, where he completed a course of study. After leaving school, he up to 1888 taught some, then began the study of medicine under his brother, George W. In 1891 he graduated at the Medico Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, and at once associated himself in practice with his brother at Lindsey, which partnership continued for eighteen months. Our subject then established an office in Punxsutawney, and has already built up a large and lucrative practice, which his skill and ability justly merit.

In February, 1889, Dr. Grube was married to Miss Bertha Pantall, of Jefferson county, and to them was born a daughter, Edna Lucile, aged six years. The mother and wife died in 1896, and in December, 1897, the Doctor was married to Miss Minnie McClelland Newkirk, of Pittsburg, Penn. The mother of these is a consistent member of the Smithfield St. Methodist Church of Pittsburg, and socially the Doctor is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he has been a lifelong Republican, and is an enthusiastic advocate of the principles of his party.

SCOTT McCLELLAND, of Brookville, Jefferson county, is one of the leading citizens of that locality, and has filled most ably and acceptably a number of county offices. He is a

native of Jefferson county, born in 1843, in Washington township.

His father, the late Oliver McClelland, a successful agriculturist, was born in Hagerstown, Md., and came to Pennsylvania when a mere lad, locating in Centre county, where he met Miss Mary Ann McConnell, a native of the county. They both moved to Jefferson county, and were afterward married. She passed to her eternal rest in 1875, and in 1882 the father followed her, closing in peace a life which was remarkable for its quiet, even tenor, a reflection of his own mild disposition and devotion to duty.

Scott McClelland had the good fortune to be reared to farm life, the first twenty years of his life being spent at home. The neighboring district schools gave him an elementary education, of which he has made excellent use. For four or five years after leaving home he worked in the woods at lumbering, but through an accident he received a cut on the knee which disabled him for rough physical labor. He turned to mercantile pursuits for a time, and after three or four years he went, in 1876, to Brookville as commissioner's clerk, holding the position more than two years. In the fall of 1878 he was elected county treasurer, and served a term of three years. He was employed for a time as clerk in a mercantile establishment at Reynoldsville, and in office work at Du Bois, and then spent one year in the drug business at Brockwayville. In the fall of 1884 he was elected prothonotary of Jefferson county, and so well did he perform the duties of the office that he was re-elected in 1887 for another term of three years, making six years in all. At the expiration of the second term he went to Reynoldsville, and was engaged in the hardware business there for three years, when he returned to Brookville and has since made his home there. In 1884 he was married to Miss Annie Matthews, a well-known resident of Jefferson county.

Mr. McClelland is a member of several fraternal orders, including the K. of P. and the I. O. O. F., in which latter he is a past grand, and also belongs to the Encampment. He is a member of the G. A. R., in recognition of a short term of service with the militia during the Civil war at the time of Morgan's raid. In politics he is a Republican, and he is an ever-ready supporter of the principles of his party.

JOSEPH M. SCHRECENGOST, a successful groceryman of Grove Summit, is one of the leading business men of Washington township, Jefferson county. His keen discrimination, great sagacity and unbounded enterprise have been important factors in his success. He is public-spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his adopted county.

Peter and Margaret Schrecengost, the parents of our subject, were born, reared and married in Armstrong county, Penn., where the father followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1854, his homestead being at West Valley. His wife died at the home of a daughter in Rural Valley, in June, 1872. In their family were twelve children, all natives of Armstrong county: (1) Jacob married, and spent his entire life in that county. (2) Martin wedded Catharine McFoust, and lived in Rural Valley until his death, but his widow now resides in Illinois. (3) Israel enlisted in 1862, in Company M, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served throughout the Civil war. He is now a resident of Elderton, Armstrong county, where he married and has reared his family. (4) Michael died at the age of nineteen years. (5) Finley P., also one of the brave boys in blue, enlisted in 1862, in Company M, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died the following year at Martinsburg, Va., leaving a wife and two children. (6) Harmon enlisted in 1862, in Company B, 139th P. V. I., was taken prisoner at Chancellorsville in 1863, and confined in Libby prison, where he was later exchanged. Rejoining his regiment, he served until the close of the war. He is married and lives on a farm near Crooked Creek, Armstrong county. (7) Sarah J. is the wife of Daniel Rosenberger, a farmer of West Valley, Armstrong county, who also served in the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Rebellion. (8) Savilla E. married John Hertman, who was a member of Company M, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and is now engaged in farming in Rural Valley, Armstrong county. (9) Jerry died in childhood. (10) Christina died at the age of ten years. Of the two not named in the foregoing, one died in infancy and the other is the subject proper of this sketch.

J. M. Schrecengost was born in April, 1844, in Armstrong county, and was educated in its public schools. His father dying when he was fifteen years of age, he went to live with his uncle, Christopher Schrecengost, his guardian, with whom he remained until the Civil war. In 1862 he joined Company B, 139th P. V. I., under Capt. J. L. McKane, of Armstrong county, and was sworn into the United States service at Pittsburg. He then went to Camp Chase, and from there to Bull Run to assist in burying the dead, nine days after the battle at that place.

Under a flag of truce they worked for three days during August, 1862, in performing that sacred duty. The first battle in which our subject participated was at Malvern Hill. After spending the winter at Falmouth, Va., his regiment started on its campaign, and on the 5th of May, 1863, took part in the battle of the Wilderness, where he was wounded. For some time he was confined in Columbia Hospital at Washington, D. C., and was then granted a thirty-days' furlough, which he spent at home. On rejoining his command, he remained with the regiment until September 19, 1863, when he was again wounded at the battle of Winchester by a minie ball passing through his arm. After a short time spent in the Philadelphia hospital he was granted another furlough and returned home, where, in the fall of 1864, he cast his ballot for Lincoln. He rejoined his regiment in Virginia, later he participated in the four-days' battle of Gettysburg, and on his return to the Old Dominion was in the battle of Petersburg. The Union troops then followed Lee up to the time of his surrender at Appomattox, after which our subject's regiment was sent to North Carolina to meet the Rebel general, Kirby Smith. When he surrendered they returned to Washington in time to participate in the grand review, and at that place Mr. Schrecengost was discharged on June 5, 1865. After being paid off at Pittsburg he returned to his old home in Armstrong county.

In 1869 Mr. Schrecengost was united in marriage to Miss Katie McCoach, of Rural Valley, a daughter of James McCoach, and after one year spent upon his father-in-law's farm, he purchased a house and lot near Rural Valley, where they lived for two years. On selling out he embarked in the grocery business in Rockville, Armstrong county, but three years later disposed of his property there and went upon the road as a fruit agent It was in 1885 that he first came to Washington township, Jefferson county, where he engaged in lumbering until 1892, and then purchased property in Grove Summit, where he now successfully conducts a grocery store, having by fair and honorable dealing succeeded in building up a large trade. On January 5, 1890, Mr. Schrecengost died, leaving eight children, who were all born in Armstrong county with the exception of the youngest. They are: (1) William E., born in 1870, married Carrie Kroah, of Brockwayville, by whom he has a son—Roland—and they now reside in Brockwayville. (2) James T., born in March, 1872, married Mabel Ray, of Warsaw, Jefferson county, and they live on a farm in Sandy Valley, Jefferson county. (3) Bessie O., born July 12, 1873, was her father's housekeeper after her mother's death until her marriage in December, 1896, when she became the wife of Joseph Nelson, a conductor on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad. He was born and reared in southern Alabama. They made their home in Bradford, Penn., until in January, 1898, when the husband resigned his position and went West. They are now located at Decatur, Ill., and the husband is in the railroad service, running from Decatur to Chicago. (4) Walter R., born in April, 1876, is employed in the lumber woods. (5) Cora M., born June 12, 1878, resides in Bradford, Penn. (6) Ethel M., born in July, 1880, and (7) Amie B., born November 27, 1882, are both at home with their father; and (8) Robert F., born in Washington township, Jefferson county, in June, 1886, is also under the parental roof. The wife and mother was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which several of the children also belong, and the family is one of prominence in the social circles of the community. Reared as a Whig, Mr. Schrecengost has been a stanch advocate of Republican principles since the organization of that party. He is everywhere recognized as one of the most upright and reliable business men, a loyal citizen, devoted to his country's interests, and a man of whom any community might be proud.

JAMES DEGNAN. It has often been said that men succeed best at that for which they have a natural aptitude. It might be inferred from this that James Degnan, senior member of the prominent and successful lumber firm of Degnan & McDonald, of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, had a liking for the trade; the inference would be correct. He not only has ability, but he knows the business from the foundation up. His boyhood was spent in the woods, and he swung the axe when a lad in a way that brought him the respect of his elders, and made his services most valuable. He grew up in the work which he now honors, and it is needless to add that as a lumber merchant his is an eminent success.

Mr. Degnan was born October 4, 1845, in Susquehanna county, Penn., son of Michael and Rose (Flinn) Degnan, natives of Ireland, who immigrated to America in early life and settled upon a farm in Susquehanna county. In religious faith they were Catholics. Michael Degnan, in politics, was a Democrat and a prominent man in the community in which he lived, filling very creditably various local offices, to

which he was elected, and held in high esteem by his fellow citizens. He died in 1854, aged fifty-four years, and his wife died in 1852, at the age of forty-nine. Both are buried in the Friendsville (Penn.) cemetery, To Michael and Rose Degnan were born the following children: Mary, wife of John Keough, a carpenter and contractor of Binghamton, N. Y.; John (deceased); Catherine, who married Michael Collins, of Binghampton, N. Y., and is now deceased; Peter (deceased); Michael, living on the old homestead in Susquehanna county; Elizabeth, who married Christopher Halfin, an Erie railroad conductor at Hornellsville, N. Y., and is now deceased; James, subject of this sketch; Thomas, who died in 1896, and William, who also died in 1896.

The subject of this sketch remained on the home farm in Susquehanna county until he was sixteen years old. He then began his own career in life by engaging with a farmer for one year, receiving as compensation $60 and three months' schooling. He remained another year, receiving $160 and also three months at school. Though kindly treated and loth to break the ties that bound him to this family, the young man realized that his services would command larger pecuniary returns. He went to Newark Valley, N. Y., and for a year worked for a tanning company on a large farm. Then for six months he was engaged in lumbering in Sullivan county, Penn. A year at Beechwoods, Cameron county, was then spent, and the young woodsman came to Elk county, working there and in Clearfield county until June, 1875.

On July 18, 1873, at St. Marys, Elk county, Mr. Degnan was married to Miss Nancy A. McCune, who was born at Bennesetz, Elk county, July 12, 1853, daughter of Arthur and Alice (Hayes) McCune, natives of Counties Armagh and Wexford respectively. They emigrated to America, in 1848, and settled in Centerville, Elk county. Later, in 1872, they moved to St. Marys, where the father died in October, 1893, aged sixty-seven years. The mother, who was born in 1833, still resides at St. Marys.

Arthur McCune, in religious faith, was a Catholic, and in politics he was a Democrat. The children of Arthur and Alice McCune were as follows: John, a blacksmith, living in California; Nancy A., wife of our subject; Mary, wife of Stephen Spland, a farmer and lumberman of Elk county; Arthur, a railroad man, at St. Mary's; Alice, wife of Page Prindle, of Ridgway, Elk county; Catherine, who married Joseph McDary, a railroad baggage master at Ridgway, Penn., and is now deceased; Anna, wife of John Leha, a lumberman of Ridgway; Matthew, deceased; Susan, Edward, and Elizabeth are all at home, and Sylvester is deceased.

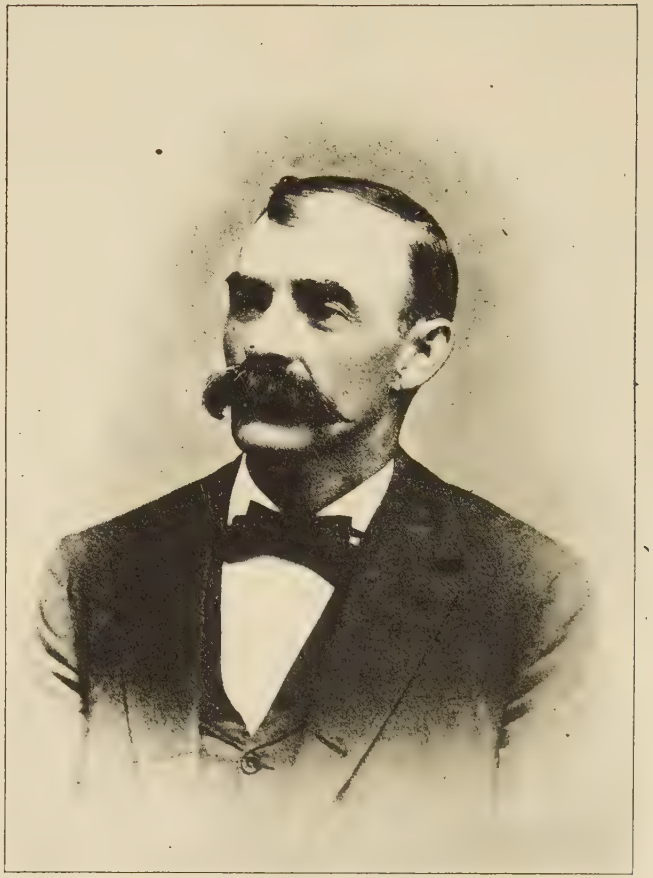
The children born to James and Nancy A. Degnan are as follows: Mary died at the age of seven years; Elizabeth died in infancy; and James, Anna Catherine, Nellie, Francis, Alice, Rose, William, Thomas and Gertrude, living. The father of these, in June, 1875, removed from St. Marys to Reynoldsville, where he purchased a home. He also purchased the half interest of J. B. Conners in the general store of Conners & Thompkins, and was thus engaged in mercantile business with Gus. Thompkins. Three months later the store was destroyed by fire at a loss of $4,000, covered only by $2,500 insurance, but the store was immediately rebuilt. A year later Mr. McDonald, the present partner of Mr. Degnan, purchased the interest of Mr. Thompkins. Six years later, in 1882, they sold the store. The mercantile firm of Degnan & McDonald had for several years been engaged also in a number of lumber transactions, and after disposing of their mercantile business they devoted their attention exclusively to lumbering and contracting. The firm is now one of the most enterprising in the county, and is doing a large and profitable business. Mr. Degnan is an earnest Democrat in political faith, and is also a member of the Catholic Church. He is an active member of the Royal Arcanum at Reynoldsville. He has keen, sound business judgment, and is regarded and esteemed as one of the most prominent men of the county.

SOLOMON SHAFFER, a well-known lumber dealer of Reynoldsville, is one of the most energetic and progressive business men of Jefferson county, with whose industrial and commercial interests he has long been prominently identified.

Born in Redbank township, Armstrong Co., Penn., June 13, 1852, he is a son of Jacob and Angeline (*née* Stahlman) Shaffer, who had moved into Armstrong county from Clarion county, where they were born and reared. Throughout life the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and by integrity and fair dealing won the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He died in 1866, surviving his wife about two years, her death having occurred in 1864.

The subject of this sketch had the advantages of only a common-school education in his youth, but by study and perseverance, by taking advantage of every opportunity and improving the same, he has succeeded in becoming a well-in-

Mary Shaffer



Solomon Shaffer

formed man. He spent his early years on the farm, remaining with his father until the latter's death, and still followed agricultural pursuits and attended school until he was eighteen years of age, when he sought a broader field of action and one better suited to his ideas of business. The lumber industry being at that time the paramount business in Jefferson county, he concluded to master its principles. He sought and found employment with a lumber firm, and continued in the employ of several firms in that line, winning the esteem of his several employers by his strict attention to business and loyal regard to their interests. In 1876 he concluded to go into business for himself, and, choosing the lumber business as his vocation and Reynoldsville as his base of operations, he, by strict attention to business, built up a large trade, and now ranks among the leading business men of the county. Besides dealing in lumber, he manufactures the same, having a saw and planing mill at Falls Creek, Jefferson Co., Penn. A careful, industrious and conservative business man, he has met the well-deserved success that always follows in the wake of such business qualifications, and he has won the confidence of all with whom he has had business transactions by his honorable and straightforward course.

In 1880 Mr. Shaffer was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Bloom, who was born in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county. Robert and Elizabeth (*née* Dougherty) Bouch, her parents, were natives of Armstrong county. Mr. Bouch was a brick maker by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer are the happy parents of six bright and interesting children, namely: Etta, Cora, Eula, Twilla, Zelma and Walter, who with Mr. Bouch constitute a very pleasant and interesting family circle. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer and daughter Etta are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Earnest, conscientious Christians, they take a prominent and active interest in all Church affairs. Mr. Shaffer is a trustee, steward and class leader, and is also superintendent of the infant department of the Sunday-school. Being a strong temperance man he identified himself with the Prohibition party, and has served as county chairman of that party for several years. All worthy enterprises, having for their object the welfare of the community and the upbuilding of humanity, are sure to find in him an active and sympathizing friend. He has creditably filled several town offices, but cares nothing for official distinction. All his actions are prompted by pure and honest motives, and in all his varied relations, in business affairs and social life, he has maintained a character and standing that have impressed all who know him with his sincere and manly purpose "To do unto others as he would have others do by him."

WILLIAM M. BLOSE, Esq. The record of a noble act is a perpetual inspiration to right doing, and, as a popular author has said: "It exhibits what life is capable of being made. It refreshes our spirit, increases our hopes, gives us new strength and courage and faith—faith in others as well as ourselves." A soldier who could volunteer to carry a message across an open space which was swept by a storm of shot from the enemy's guns, and who, though wounded, could drag himself to his destination and accomplish his errand, is a man worth knowing, and his memory should be preserved that future generations may know what manner of men were bred among the hills of Jefferson county in an earlier time.

Squire Blose, who is now a resident of Big Run, is a member of a pioneer family of Jefferson county, George Blose, his grandfather, having come from Westmoreland county, Penn., at an early date to settle at the present site of Perrysville, where he made the first improvements. He died there many years ago, and his son Daniel, the Squire's father, who was born in Westmoreland county in 1814, continued to reside in the same locality, his first homestead being about a mile and a half from Perrysville on a tract of land which he cleared and brought under cultivation. He married Miss Isabella Hadden, and, after many years of residence at the old homestead, he sold the place in 1858 and removed to Perrysville. His son comes honestly by his patriotism and courage, for, although well advanced in years when the Civil war broke out, Daniel Blose enlisted in 1861 in Company G, 105th P. V. I., and served until discharged for disability in 1862. His wife, a most estimable woman, died in 1866, but he attained the advanced age of eighty-one, passing to his final rest in June, 1895. This worthy couple had five children, all of whom are living: (1) Ellen, born in 1842 at Perrysville, married Richard Donahue, a farmer, who settled first near Jacksonville, Indiana Co., Penn, but afterward sold his property there and bought a farm in Armstrong county. He died some years ago leaving four children—Verne, Alice, Clark and Charles. (2) William M., our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on. (3) Mary, born in 1846, was educated in the common schools of Perrysville, Perry township, Jefferson county, and married John De Haven, of the same locality. He worked for a few years in

McClure's mills at Big Run, but later moved to Perrysville, where he died, leaving four children —Mattie, who is married and lives in Indiana county; Clarence, a civil engineer in California; Nora and Charles. The widow has since married Peter Washington, of Indiana county, by whom she has had several children. (4) Thomas S., born in 1848, at Perrysville, is now a farmer in Oliver township, Jefferson county. He married Miss Jennie Smith, of the same county, and has five children—May, now attending school; Blanche; Earl, Clyde and Cloye. (5) Annie, born in 1850, married William S. Dilts, a farmer in Perry township, Jefferson county, and has had four children—Benton, Clyde, Louie, who died in childhood, and Olive.

Our subject was born in March, 1844, at the old home in Perry township, Jefferson county, where he passed his youth. In August, 1861, when but seventeen years old, he enlisted in Company A, 105th P. V. I., and after being mustered in at Pittsburg was taken to Washington, D. C. His regiment marched from that city to the seat of war in Virginia, joining the Third Army Corps under McClellan. Their first engagement was at Accuakoyn, whence they went by boat to Fortress Monroe to take part in the Peninsula campaign. Then came the second battle of Bull Run on August 30, 1862, when they were driven back to Alexandria and sustained severe losses. The battle of Chantilly followed, then came a month of hard fighting at Fredericksburg. On May 1, 1863, they met the enemy at Chancellorsville, the battle continuing three days, and the next engagement was at Gettysburg on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of July, 1863, under General Meade. This struggle took place on an open field, and the losses on both sides were heavy. After the battle a re-organization was necessary, and William Blose's regiment was transferred to the Second Corps, Army of the Potomac, under General Hancock. They crossed the Potomac at Harper's Ferry on their way to meet General Lee's forces, and at Kelly's Ford, Va., they won a victory. In the next engagement, at Mine Run, Mr. Blose was wounded in the right knee by a minie ball, and as he refused to go to a general hospital he was treated in the field hospital. As his term of service expired in the winter of 1863, he re-enlisted, and, after spending a month at home on furlough, he rejoined the army on February 1, 1864, at Petersburg, his regiment being still under the command of Grant and Meade. On May 5, 1864, they engaged in the battle of the Wilderness, where Mr. Blose, who had been promoted to the rank of corporal in 1863, was on duty at the Po River. From this time the fighting was almost constant, the battles at Spottsylvania, North Anna, and Cold Harbor in June, and at Deep Bottom and Ream's Station in July, being especially severe, while the mine explosion of July was a historic episode. The operations around Petersburg continued until April, 1865, and in September, 1864, Mr. Blose offered to carry a dispatch from Colonel Craig, who commanded the besieging force, across an open field to the rifle pit on the picket line. The distance was not long, but the risk of being shot was so great that there was but one chance in a thousand of getting through the volley of bullets safely. One well-aimed shot hit the brave messenger in the left ankle causing him to fall, but he crawled the rest of the way on his hands and knees and delivered the dispatch to the officer in charge of the picket line. He remained in the rifle pit until after dark when he was carried back to the line of battle, where Col. Craig personally welcomed him. For this brave deed Mr. Blose was promoted to the rank of first sergeant. After a month in a field hospital he returned to active service, being in time to take part in the fight at Hatcher's Run in October, and the other battles of that campaign, including those of Sailor's Creek, Farmville and Appomattox. In February, 1865, he was commissioned second lieutenant, and at the Grand Review in Washington he was in command of Company A, 105th P. V. I. On July 11, 1865, he was mustered out at Pittsburg, and, on returning to Perrysville, he prepared to enter upon business life by learning the details of tanning leather and manufacturing harness.

In 1866 he married Miss Mary E. Marsh, of Perrysville, and made his home at Big Run, where he followed the saddler's trade for about six years. Since that time he has been employed by different parties as a log scaler and timber estimater, his keen and accurate judgment making him an invaluable aid in such work. Honesty and uprightness have marked his career, and he holds the entire confidence of his employers and of the community at large. In 1880 he was elected justice of the peace, and so well has he performed the duties of the office that he has been re-elected each succeeding term, and now holds four commissions, the last being signed by Governor Hastings. His popularity is not limited to the Republican party, of which he is a stanch supporter, and he has held various other offices, serving as school director, burgess, and borough councilman.

Mr. Blose owns an attractive home in Big Run, his house, which was built in 1868, having been enlarged and improved since. His wife and

family are identified with the M. E. Church, and no worthy cause lacks his sympathy and support. Of his seven children, the first, Orin H., born June 29, 1867, died April 10, 1868. (2) Carrie B., born June 5, 1869, was educated in Big Run, and married C. P. Hilliard, of Clearfield county, who has since bought a home in Big Run, where he is engaged in business. They have two children: Nelly M. and Ivan, both at home. (3) Lawrence M., born June 19, 1871, is single, and resides at home, being employed in the Big Run tannery. (4) Luella M., born June 19, 1871, died June 29, 1891, deeply mourned by all who had known the bright promise of her girlhood. (5) R. Walter, born September 15, 1873, is single, and works in the Wise & Hall lumber mill. (6) Mary Alice, born June 2, 1875, and Laota M., born June 13, 1878, are both at home.

RICHARD M. MATSON. Prominent among the energetic, far-seeing and successful business men of central Pennsylvania is the subject of this sketch. His life history most happily illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose. Integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success, and his connection with various business enterprises and industries has been a decided advantage to this section of the State, promoting its material welfare in no uncertain manner.

Our subject is a native of Brookville, Jefferson county (which is still his home), born in 1845, the only child of Uriah and Minerva (Reynolds) Matson, the former also a native of Brookville, and the latter of Armstrong county, Penn. The family was one of the first to be established in Jefferson county, where the grandfather of our subject, John Matson, located in 1804. His birth occurred in Ireland, and he was ten years of age when he took up his residence here. With the business and commercial interests of the county the family have since been prominently identified. In Brookville, Uriah Matson spent his entire life, engaged in general merchandising, and lumbering, and was one of its most valued and useful citizens. He died in 1895, respected by all who knew him.

When our subject was two years old (in 1847) he lost his mother, and afterward lived with his grandfather on the old Matson homestead until the age of fifteen. He was afforded good educational privileges, completing the course in the schools of Brookville, and afterward attending the Beaver Academy for one year. He was reared on a farm, and at an early age entered his father's store as a clerk, and thus secured practical business training, which has been of great advantage to him in later years. Having devoted some time to the study of law, he was admitted to the Bar in 1866, and engaged in practice, in connection with his mercantile pursuits, until 1884. In that year he purchased an interest in a lumber plant in Forest county, Penn., and spent the following four years and a half in the forests of that county, after which he returned to Brookville to take charge of his father's business, and has since engaged in merchandising and lumbering in that place. Prominent among the business enterprises of Mr. Matson is the Falls Creek Brick Yard, and the lumber operations of Heidrick, Matson & Co. The former, located at Falls Creek, Penn., was established in 1891 under the firm name of R. M. Matson, Sons & Co. This plant has a capacity of 40,000 brick per day, in the manufacture of which employment is given to about thirty men. Besides the manufacture of building brick, they make drain tile, water table, window caps, hollow building brick, and various other useful articles.

The lumber firm of Heidrick, Matson & Co. was organized in August, 1894, for the purpose of purchasing and operating the Litch lands, situated in Jefferson county, Penn., the firm paying therefor the sum of $135,000. Extensive improvements were at once made in the mill and stream, which were both made to conform to the most improved methods of lumbering. A railroad connecting the mill and yards with the main line of the A. V. Ry. was built at an expense of $12,000. The mill was equipped throughout with all the modern machinery, and is to-day one of the best plants in western Pennsylvania, having a capacity of 100,000 feet. In addition to the above, the firm in the winter of 1895 entered into a contract with Truman, Henderson & Co., owners of a large tract of lumber in Polk township, Jefferson county, to saw and deliver on the tracks of the A. V. Ry. at Brookville all the lumber on their lands, estimated at from sixty to seventy million feet. This necessitated the building of fourteen miles of railroad, which the firm immediately set about to accomplish, said road being built and equipped in the summer of 1896 at a cost of over $100,000. Since the organization of the firm they have made several smaller purchases of timber, and now have enough lumber in sight to keep their mill in operation for several years.

In 1866 Mr. Matson was married to Miss Elsie, daughter of John Busby, and they have three sons who are in business: Uriah J., of Falls Creek, Penn., is manager of the brick

works there owned by R. M. Matson, Sons & Co.; George R., of Brookville, is manager of the store of R. M. Matson & Co.; Norman D. is a builder, contractor and plumber of Brookville.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Matson hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Democrat, but has not devoted much time to political affairs, although he has creditably filled a number of official positions of honor and trust. He is one of the most honorable business men to be found in Jefferson county. His integrity stands as an unquestioned fact in his history—endowed by nature with a sound judgment and an accurate, discriminating mind, he has not feared that laborious attention to business so necessary to achieve success, and this essential quality has ever been guided by a sense of moral right which would tolerate the employment only of the means that would bear the most rigid examination, by a fairness of intention that has neither sought nor required disguise.

HENRY ALEXANDER STOKE is yet young in years, but in the prosperous and enterprising town of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, where he has lived for nearly a quarter of a century, he has won distinction in business life and has been honored with the highest political office within the gift of his fellow townsmen. His success is his own achievement. Entering a drug store as salesman at the age of fifteen years, he thoroughly learned the business, and had passed his majority by only two years when the opportunity of becoming a proprietor presented itself. Alert to his own future, and quick to grasp opportunities, the young man became a druggist. For fifteen years he has been a merchant at Reynoldsville, and with each year he has grown in ability and influence in the commercial interests of the town. His election as mayor of Reynoldsville, in the spring of 1897, was a tribute to the esteem in which he is held, and to his business and administrative methods.

Mr. Stoke was born June 2, 1859, near Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Penn., a son of George W. and Joanna (Sullivan) Stoke, a grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hetrick) Stoke, and a great-grandson of John Stoke, who was a drummer boy in the war of 1812, and who moved from Centre county to French Creek, Crawford county, where he died. Jacob Stoke, who was a farmer, removed in 1837 from Crawford county to Armstrong county, where he and his wife lived to a good old age. Their children were as follows: Simon P., of Punxsutawney, Penn.; George W., father of our subject; Daniel A., a farmer and hotel keeper in Nebraska; Christiana (widow of Gilbert Austin), now living near Pittsburg, Penn.; Catherine, wife of Joseph McAnny, a liveryman of McDonald, Penn.; Wilmenna, wife of John Wallace, a stationary engineer, living near Pittsburg, Penn.; and Margaret, who died in infancy.

George W. Stoke, father of our subject, was born in Crawford county, February 22, 1834, was married in 1857, in Armstrong county, to Joanna Sullivan, a native of New York, whose father, John Sullivan, emigrated from Ireland to America in 1825, and now lives at Tylersburg, Penn. His wife died a year ago at Punxsutawney. Their children were as follows: Margaret, wife of H. Weaver, a wheelwright of Tylersburg; Joanna, mother of our subject; Mary A., who married Samuel Swires, and both are now deceased; Julia, wife of M. B. Mard, ticket and freight agent for the B. & O. Railroad Co., at West Newton, Penn.; John, who was killed in an ore mine; Timothy, a miner of Reynoldsville; James (deceased); and Ellen, wife of Edward Bolger, a miner of Helvetia, Pennsylvania.

During the early days of the Civil war, in August, 1861, George W. Stoke enlisted in Company D, 103d P. V. I., having helped to recruit the company. He was mustered into service, September 25, 1861, and reached the front with the regiment, in March, 1862, serving under Gen. McClellan during the Peninsular campaign. He was promoted from the ranks to a lieutenancy, April 10, 1862, after the battle of Fair Oaks, taking command of a brigade, and on his return to the regiment, in November, 1863, he was made captain of Company B. He re-enlisted as a veteran, and with the regiment was captured at Plymouth, N. C., April 20, 1864, and was confined successively at Andersonville (Ga.), Charleston (S. C.), and Columbia (S. C.) prisons. He escaped twice, but, first time, was recaptured the fourth night when seventy-five miles away. The second time he escaped by bribing the guard, giving him a gold watch, valued at $100, to allow six prisoners to go through the dead line. Three of these, setting out for Sherman's army, were re-captured; Capt. Stoke and two others reached the Santee river, found a small boat chained to a tree, released it, and, after eleven days and nights, reached Santee Island. Two days later they were picked up by some soldiers from a Union gunboat, doing blockade duty near Georgetown, S. C. Reaching home Capt. Stoke rejoined his regiment at Roanoke Island, N. C., thirty days later, and afterward served as its adjutant to the close of the war. He was mustered out in July, 1865, having served about four years, nine months of which time he was prisoner of

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war. Capt. Stoke participated in every battle and skirmish in which the regiment was engaged, the list including (during the year 1862) the siege of Yorktown, Va., May 1; battle of Williamsburg, Va., May 5; Fair Oaks, Va., May 31; Chickahominy Swamps, Va., June 26; White Oak Swamps, June 26; Railroad Bridge, Va., June 29; Long Bridge, June 30; Jones Point, June 30; Charles City Cross Roads, July 1; Hamson Point, Va., July 2; Kingston, N. C., December 14; White Hall, December 16; Goldsboro, N. C., December 17. Also the three-days' siege and capture of Plymouth, N. C., April 20, 1864; besides skirmishes at Blackwater, Va., October 3, October 31, and December 2, 1861; Southwest Creek, N. C., July 7, 1863; and Foster Mills, N. C., July 27, 1863. Capt. Stoke is now engaged in the oil business in Reynoldsville. To Capt. and Mrs. Stoke have been born the following children: William J. (deceased); Henry Alexander, the subject of this sketch; John, a decorator at Reynoldsville; George W., Jr., now with the Bell Clothing store at Reynoldsville; and Maggie and Julia, engaged in the telephone exchange at Reynoldsville.

Henry Alexander Stoke, the subject of this sketch, came with his parents from Brookville to Reynoldsville in 1874, and in the same year entered the drug store of Himes & Aberg to learn the business. He remained with that firm and its successors, Himes & Flynn, and P. F. Flynn, until 1880. Mr. Stoke was then twenty-one years of age, and he accepted a good position in a drug store at Salamanca, N. Y. Two years later he returned to Reynoldsville, and he and F. A. McConnell bought the Flynn drug store. Three years later Mr. Stoke purchased his partner's interest, and, in 1889, removed his stock to the Degnan & McDonald Block. In 1892 he began the erection of the three-story brick building which he now occupies, and in 1893 moved into the new building. That in brief is the outline of Mr. Stoke's business career. He does an extensive business, and besides drugs carries a large and well-selected stock of stationery, bicycles and other lines. Mr. Stoke is fully alive to the demands of modern trade, and is thoroughly progressive in his business methods.

In July, 1890, our subject was married to Miss Flora E. Jackson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jackson, then of Boston, Mass., but now living in Allegheny, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Stoke have two children: Gertrude and Florence. Mr. Stoke is a member of the F. & A. M., the Sons of Veterans, Knights of the Maccabees, and Sr. O. U. A. M. In politics he is a Republican, and in the spring of 1897 was elected mayor of Reynoldsville. He is yet young in years, but has attained valued experience in business and public affairs which might well honor and crown the career of a mature life.

JOHN SMITH, whose busy and useful life well entitles him to a place among the representative men of Jefferson county, was born in Devonshire, England, January 16, 1845. The advantages of his youth were limited, but enterprise and energy ever carved the way to success, and by the possession of these qualities Mr. Smith has attained marked distinction in the business world of his adopted county.

Thomas and Jane (Pierce) Smith, his parents, spent their entire lives in their native England. The father was a railroad contractor, and held membership in the Episcopal Church. He died in 1859, and his wife passed away in 1891 at an advanced age. Their children were: James (deceased); Mrs. Martha Bush, whose husband is engaged in gardening near London; Grace, who is married; Elizabeth (deceased); Richard, who is railroad supervisor at Reynoldsville, Penn., and opened the Old Soldier mine in Winslow township, Jefferson county.

In his parents' home John Smith spent the days of his boyhood and youth, but when twenty-three years of age determined to seek a home in America. Taking passage on the vessel "Nestorian," he landed at Quebec after twelve days' sailing, and by train made his way to London, Canada. In that locality he worked for a year and a half on a farm, hauling wood during the winter. He then went to Fayette county, Penn., where he became connected with railroad construction. After a year he was made foreman of a crew of men employed in building the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from Connellsville to Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

In the fall of 1870, while residing in Fayette county, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Abigail H. Linderman, and they had four children, but Lena G., the second in order of birth, is the only one now living. The others were: Sarah J. died at the age of four and one-half years; Eddie died at the age of twenty months; and Edna passed away when sixteen months old. Mrs. Smith was born in Fayette county, January 27, 1857, a daughter of Jacob and Martha (Hall) Linderman. Her paternal grandparents, Henry and Elizabeth (Eddlesburger) Linderman, were natives of Germany, and located in Somerset county, Penn., at an early day. Her maternal grandparents, Joseph and Polly (Mathews) Hall, were natives of England, and became residents

of Westmoreland county, Penn., during the period of its early development.

Mrs. Smith's parents resided for many years in Fayette county, where the father was extensively engaged in farming. He was a native of Somerset county, and died in 1895, at the age of eighty-one. His wife was born in Westmoreland county, and died April 6, 1893. Both were members of the Disciple Church, and in politics Mr. Linderman was a Republican. This worthy couple were laid to rest in Glade cemetery, in Fayette county. Their children were Catherine, wife of John Nicklor, a tailor of Kenton, Ohio; Lavina, wife of Herman Hefner, a farmer of Kenton, Ohio; Susanna, deceased wife of Henry Hall, of Fayette county, Penn.; Mary, wife of John M. May, foreman on the railroad in Fayette county; Aaron, who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; Garret, a miner and farmer of Rathmel; Elsie, wife of Perry Klink, a farmer of Fayette county; David (deceased); and Mrs. Smith.

After the completion of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, Mr. Smith was appointed section foreman, and for two years served in that capacity, after which he removed to Elizabeth, Penn., and was employed as foreman on the construction of the Pennsylvania Central & Virginia railroad for a year and a half. He then went to Brookville, as foreman of a track crew, but after a short time removed to Reynoldsville, Penn., where he remained for several years. When the railroad was being constructed in that locality he was appointed foreman of a division at Falls Creek, where he remained until the workmen went out on a strike. He afterward engaged in digging coal in the old Diamond mine, for six months, and then again secured a position as foreman on the railroad at Summit Tunnel. He was next employed for five years as foreman at Weedville, Penn., and then returned to Reynoldsville, where he remained as foreman for a year in the employ of Powers, Brown & Co. He superintended the construction of the extension of the Reynoldsville & Falls Creek railroad, laid the track and built about two miles of the tramway roads for the John E. Wilson Lumber Company. He next took charge of the repairs of the railroad tracks and bridges, and when the company sold out two years later, he embarked in his present business as a general merchant of Rathmel. He is also engaged in farming, and his well-managed business interests bring to him a good return. In the fall of 1892 he was appointed postmaster, and served for four years.

Mr. Smith gives his political support to the Republican party, has served as constable for one term, also as school director one term. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian Church. The career of Mr. Smith is one which indicates the measure of success that may be attained through persevering and well-directed efforts. Taking advantage of every opportunity for advancement, he has steadily worked his way upward, and his success in life has been worthily achieved. On February 15, 1898, he was elected justice of the peace.

THOMAS KEYS, who was one of the brave defenders of the Union during the Civil war, is now a prominent citizen of Brockwayville, Jefferson county, where he is acceptably serving as justice of the peace. A native of Jefferson county, he was born September 1, 1846, in Washington township, and his education was obtained in the typical log school house of his boyhood days.

Alexander Keys, his father, whose birth occurred in County Derry, Ireland, in 1800, came to America at the age of twenty-one and first located in Montgomery county, Penn., where he married. Removing to Jefferson county, in 1843, he secured a tract of wild land, which he transformed into a fine farm, where he spent his remaining days, dying in 1877. He was an earnest, consistent Christian, a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church, to which his wife, who died in 1872, also belonged. They had six children, namely: John; William; Mrs. Susan Smith; Henry, who died in 1863; Alexander, a resident of Iowa; and Thomas, of this sketch.

Although not seventeen years of age Thomas Keys resolved to aid his country in her efforts to preserve the Union, and, in 1863, joined Company B, Second Battalion of Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Major Herman Kretz. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and after being mustered in at Pittsburg was sent to Patterson creek, West Virginia, where it did guard duty for seven months, and it was then ordered to Wheeling. Receiving his discharge, Mr. Keys returned to Pittsburg, where he re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company G, 193d P. V. I., also a part of the Army of the Potomac. At Back river he again did guard duty at a railroad bridge, and at Wilmington, Del., re-enlisted in Capt. W. R. Jones' Company, 97th P. V. I., which was sent to Havre de Grace, Md., where our subject remained for three months. Going to Baltimore at the end of that time, he clerked in Brig. Gen. Lockwood's office

until June, 1865, when he returned home with an honorable war record.

At the time of his enlistment Mr. Keys was attending the Iron City College, Pittsburg, and on receiving his discharge, he resumed his studies at that place, but on account of ill health was soon forced to leave school. He then assisted in the work of the home farm, and also rafted on the river in the spring of the year until 1868, when he went to Iowa. After a year spent in that State, he secured employment at Salt Lake City on the construction of a railroad, but the following fall again went to Iowa. Returning to Pennsylvania in 1870, he was married and located upon the old homestead, where he engaged in farming for four years, and then conducted a boarding house at Pancoast until 1878, when he purchased a half interest in the home farm. In 1882, however, he retired from agricultural pursuits, selling his interest in the place to a brother, and for five years engaged as manager of the Beech Tree store. Subsequently he had charge of a store at Dagus mines for the same length of time, and then entered the employ of the Toby Store & Supply Company, with which he has since continued, at first being located at Cartwright, but since 1891 at Brockwayville.

In 1870, Mr. Keys was married to Miss Sarah Patton, who belongs to an honored and prominent family of Jefferson county. Her father, James Patton, was a native of Ireland, but at an early day crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence here, becoming one of the prosperous agriculturists of Beech Woods, where his death occurred in 1896. He had long survived his wife, who had passed away in 1876. They were earnest members of the Presbyterian Church, and were the parents of nine children: John, Sarah, Mary, Esther, Martha, Maggie, Ray, Robert and Burnetta. Mr. and Mrs. Keys have four children: Susannah E.; Elizabeth J., a stenographer for Clark, Kizer & Kipp, at Cortez; Harry, a clerk for the Northwest Mining & Exchange Company, at Brockwayville, and Harold.

In 1893 Thomas Keys was appointed to fill a vacancy as justice of the peace, was again appointed to fill a similar position in May of the following year, and in 1895 he was elected to that office for a period of five years. He is now ably discharging the duties of that position, and in public as well as private life is true to every trust reposed in him. In politics he is a pronounced Republican, and in his social relations is a member of Cicerone Lodge No. 897, I. O. O. F., of Brockwayville, Penn., in which he is serving as secretary, and is also a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge, Elk No. 379, Elk Chapter No. 230, and Knapp Commandery No. 40, of Ridgway. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. They are widely and favorably known throughout the county, and their circle of friends is only limited by their circle of acquaintances.

JACOB DEIBLE. The subject of this biography, one of the honored sons of Pennsylvania, and a most distinguished resident of Reynoldsville, is pre-eminently a self-made man. He began life with a definite purpose in view, worked faithfully, honestly, and with a will for its accomplishment, and is now at the head of a prosperous and paying business, being the senior member of the firm of Deible Brothers, extensive dealers in carriages and other vehicles, in Reynoldsville.

Mr. Deible was born in this State, in 1846, while his parents, Jacob and Emeline (Peters) Deible, were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married, crossing the Atlantic to the New World in 1845. They located in Pennsylvania, where the father followed the occupation of farming up to his death, which occurred in 1883. The mother departed this life in 1894.

Our subject had only the advantages of a common-school education in his youth, and was reared upon the home farm until the age of fifteen years, when he began learning the wagon-maker's trade, at which he served a three-years' apprenticeship. After mastering the business, he worked as a journeyman for three years, and then embarked in business on his own account at Ridgway, Penn., where he remained for two years. Coming to Reynoldsville on the expiration of that time, he worked at his trade for others, for two years, and then established a business at his present shop, in partnership with his brother, H. C. Deible. From the beginning their trade has steadily increased until they are now doing an extensive business. They are numbered among the representative business men of Jefferson county, standing high morally, socially and financially. In 1875 our subject was married to Arvilla Field, of McKean county, Penn. Four children were born to their union, but one is now deceased. Those living are: Warren, Cornie and Roscoe. In religious belief the father of these is a Lutheran, and in politics he is a stalwart Democrat, strongly opposing monopolies. He has never aspired to official honors, but his fellow citizens have called upon him to serve in a number of local positions, which he filled in a most efficient manner. As an energetic, upright, conscientious business man

and a gentleman of attractive social qualities, he stands high in the estimation of the entire community.

WILLIAM KELSO, one of the prominent business men of Brookfield, Jefferson county, is a typical American in his successful management of varied enterprises. He was born in Clover township, Jefferson Co., Penn., October 31, 1847, the son of John and Eliza (Thompson) Kelso. The father, who was a native of Jefferson county, passed his life in farming and lumbering. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, and, aside from holding some local offices, his time was given to his own affairs. His death occurred in November, 1860. His widow, who was born in Washington county, Penn., is still living at the advanced age of seventy-nine years, and making her home with our subject.

William Kelso had the usual district-school advantages in youth, supplemented by an attendance at Rev. John Todd's select school. He was reared on a farm, and in fact forty-three years of his life were spent thereon. During this time he was extensively engaged in lumbering. He owns three fine farms in Jefferson county, and is still extensively engaged in lumbering; the firm of Dickey, Moore & Kelso, of which he is a member, owning a valuable lumber plant in Elk and Jefferson counties. In 1890 Mr. Kelso moved to Brookville, and was engaged in the grocery business nearly three years, when he sold out. In September, 1895, he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, which he is at present successfully conducting. He is a progressive citizen, and thoroughly alive to the interests of the community in which he lives. He is a stockholder in the National Bank of Brookville. For thirteen years he was school-director in his district, and has held all the township offices in his township. In 1871 he was married to Mary Andrews, a daughter of Hugh and Mary J. (Dickey) Andrews, prominent citizens of Jefferson county, and natives of that locality. Five children have blessed this union, of whom, the eldest two—Mary Adelaide and Elizabeth Blanche—died at the age of seven and eight years, respectively. The survivors are: May, Annabelle and Jennie, who are at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Kelso and their daughters are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Kelso is rather conservative, giving his time to his business affairs. Mrs. Kelso's mother, Mrs. Mary Jane (Andrews) Millen, is now enjoying a hospitable home with Mr. and Mrs. Kelso.

DAVID HAINEY ESTES. All that is most valuable in life is obtained through personal effort. Labor is the key which unlocks the store houses of success, of fame and of renown, and those who have attained greatest distinction have been toilers in their respective vocations. Mr. Estes has led a busy life, and all that he has achieved has come to him as the reward of his diligence and enterprise. He is now the senior member of the well-known firm of Estes & Long, general merchants of Sykesville.

Mr. Estes was born August 12, 1846, in Henderson township, Jefferson county, a son of Abraham and Margaret (Hall) Estes, the former a native of Binghamton, N. Y., and the latter of Centre county, Penn. The paternal grandparents, Philip and Damie (Vosburg) Estes, were natives of Luzerne county, Penn., and he was a carpenter by trade. His death occurred in Sycamore county, Ill., and his wife died in Minnesota. James Hall, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Ireland, and removing to this country located in Milesburg, Centre Co., Penn., where he spent his remaining days. The parents of our subject were married in Clearfield county, Penn, in 1844, and soon afterward came to Jefferson county, locating in Henderson township, where the father carried on farming and lumbering. He also engaged in carpentering in early life. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, his wife in the Baptist Church. His death occurred January 21, 1868, when he had reached the age of forty-seven years, and his wife died July 31, 1871, at the age of fifty, their remains being interred in Union cemetery, near Troutville, Clearfield county. Their children are David H.; Matilda, wife of Eli Frantz, a farmer of Clearfield county; Hanna E., wife of J. L. Long, justice of the peace and dealer in agricultural implements in Sykesville; William J., a farmer of Minnesota; Samuel C., who is farming on the old homestead in Henderson township, Jefferson county; Amos E., who died at the age of one year; and Henry, who died in infancy.

David Hainey Estes resided with his parents during his minority, and during the summer months worked on his father's farm, while in the winter season he was employed at rafting and in the lumber woods. When he had attained his majority he began operating the home farm on shares for his mother, and thus continued until her death in 1871. The farm was then sold and he purchased fifty-two acres of the tract, continuing its cultivation through the summer until 1876, and working in the lumber woods during the winter. In that year his first wife died, and

he left the farm, giving his entire attention to lumbering and teaming during the succeeding ten years. In 1892 he purchased his present property of the Shaffer heirs, and has since been engaged in general merchandising in Sykesville in connection with S. B. Long. He carries a well selected stock of goods and has a liberal patronage, which he has secured through his honorable dealing and earnest effort.

On September 15, 1867, in Winslow township, Mr. Estes was married to Miss Susannah Zufall, who was born in Fayette county, Penn., November 27, 1844, a daughter of Elijah and Rebecca (Shaffer) Zufall, natives of the same county. Mrs. Estes died October 28, 1876, and was buried in Union cemetery near Troutville, Clearfield county. Her children were Lucinda E., who was born May 27, 1868, and died in 1869; Sinetta R., who was born October 2, 1869, and is with her father; Anna, who was born January 21, 1871, and is now the wife of A. C. May, a furniture dealer of Seattle, Wash., by whom she has two sons, Arthur and Lee, and one daughter; Hannah M., twin sister of Anna, and wife of Charles Doncett, a mechanic, of Seattle, Wash.; Mary, who was born June 25, 1873, and is the wife of George Nash, an engineer in the paper mill of Johnsonburg, Penn., by whom she has one child—Norman M.; and Amos R., who was born September 13, 1876, and is now employed in the paper mill in Johnsonburg. He married Luella Wooster. Our subject was again married, April 28, 1892, this time to Miss Nannie Moore, and their only son—David M.—died in infancy. Mrs. Estes was a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., and died April 17, 1893, at the age of twenty-seven years, and was buried in the cemetery at Sykesville, Penn. Mr. Estes is a member of Mingle Lodge No. 753, I. O. O. F., of Troutville, Penn., a charter member and trustee of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Sykesville, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, also of Sykesville. In politics he is a Republican, and his Church membership is with the German Reformed. He is a man of sterling worth, true to all life's duties.

JAMES A. HOON, the popular station agent, telegraph operator and express messenger for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad at Sykesville, Jefferson county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth occurring at American Furnace, Armstrong county, November 18, 1848.

William and Britta (Freer) Hoon, his parents, were natives of Dauphin and Butler counties, Penn., respectively, and were married in the latter county. The father, who was in early life a coke burner and later a farmer by occupation, was born in 1819, and died in October, 1891, in Clearfield county, Penn. The mother also departed this life there in December, 1889, at the age of seventy-three years, and both were laid to rest in the Du Bois cemetery. William Hoon was the son of Henry Hoon, who was the son of Anthony Hoon, an emigrant of Swiss ancestry, who settled near the Susquehanna river above Harrisburg, Penn. Henry Hoon was born in 1760, was a member of the State militia, and at the age of seventeen years participated in the battle of the Brandywine. He lived for many years at Lewistown, on the West branch of the Susquehanna river. In 1818 he moved from that place to the farm where a son Anthony now resides, where he died in December, 1836, aged a little short of seventy-seven years. He was twice married, and by the first wife had two children: John, and a daughter who became Mrs. Turk. To his marriage with Frances Sargent, there were children: Henry, Samuel, James, William, Frances and Anthony. The mother was born in Ireland, and during the Irish uprising in 1790, her father was warned to either unite with the Irish or leave Ireland within eight days. Tradition says that the daughter Frances was then about thirteen years of age. Her father, it is said, accepted the latter proposition, and emigrated to the United States and to the vicinity of Harrisburg, Penn. It is said that the vessel in which they sailed was overhauled by a British war-vessel, and the eldest brother of Frances was pressed into the King's service.

James A. Hoon, of this review, is the seventh in order of birth in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: William J., a resident of Du Bois, Penn.; Hannah, widow of Joseph Butler, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Thomas E. Brady, a track boss living at Moss Grove, Penn.; Abram H., a miner of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Frank, freight agent for the New York, Lake Erie & Western railroad at Jamestown, N. Y.; Fannie, wife of Jacob Truby, now proprietor of "Hotel Penn," of Reading, Penn.; Charlotte A., a resident of Reading; and Mary J., of the same place, who is the widow of Joseph Lewis, a lumberman.

During his youth Mr. Hoon attended the log school houses near his childhood home, and at the age of sixteen began his business career as an employee in the Brady's Bend Iron Works. He continued to follow that occupation and farming until twenty-eight years of age, in the meantime making his home with his parents.

His first connection with railroading was in the office of the Allegheny Valley railroad at Catfish, Penn., where he remained for three months and then spent a similar period in the telegraph office at St. Petersburg, Clarion county. As an employee of the Atlantic & Pacific Company, he was stationed at Elk City until 1881, as operator for the Western Union Telegraph Co., and at Knox with the Western Union Telegraph Co., until September, 1883 then went with the Pittsburg & Western railroad at Edinsburg, since changed to Knox. With the same company he was at Kane for five years, and after a year spent in merchandising at Big Run, Jefferson county, he entered the service of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg R. R., working as an extra from December 6, 1889, until 1891. After serving as agent for that company at Ellmont, Penn., for four years, he was at Curwensville, Clearfield county, for nine months, and was then transferred to Sykesville, where he has now had charge of the office for four years.

On July 5, 1877, Mr. Hoon was married in Elk City, Clarion Co., Penn., to Miss Rebecca J. Thompson, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. S. Elder, of Clarion. They now have one son, Malcom J., born October 30, 1883. Mrs. Hoon was born September 24, 1855, in Hartford county, Md., of which State her parents, William and Mary A. (Miller) Thompson, were also natives. There they remained until their removal to Jefferson county, Penn., in 1857, when they became residents of Knox township, where the father is still engaged in farming and lumbering. He was born in 1834, and his wife in 1835. They are both faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and highly esteemed citizens of Knox township. Politically the father is a Democrat. To this couple have been born eleven children, namely: Jacob M., an agriculturist of Knox township; Elizabeth, who married Irvin Sheck, but both are now deceased; Rebecca J., wife of our subject; Nannie, wife of William Coin, a carpenter of DuBois, Penn.; Mary M., wife of Elmer Stewart, a lumberman of Brookville, Jefferson county; D. R., superintendent of a lumber company in California; Schofield, a carpenter of DuBois, Penn.; Kittie and Ada, both deceased; and Philip and Blanche, at home.

Our subject is a self-made man in the fullest sense of that oft-misused term, his prosperity in life being due to his own industry and integrity. His life is a living illustration of what ability, energy and force of character can accomplish, and it is to such men that the community owes its prosperity, its rapid progress and its advancement. In his political views he is a Democrat, and in their religious views both he and his estimable wife are Presbyterians.

LON PANTALL, cashier of the First National Bank of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, is one of the enterprising, popular and successful of the younger business men of that town.

Born in that vicinity in 1863, Mr. Pantall is a member of a well-known family; his grandparents, James and Elizabeth (Reece) Pantall, natives of England, have been highly esteemed residents there for many years. His father, Theophilus Pantall, is a prominent lumberman and real-estate dealer, and ranks among the leading business men of Jefferson county. Our subject is one of a family of five children of Theophilus Pantall and his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Work, and who is still living at the old home near Punxsutawney.

A careful education prepared Lon Pantall to take advantage of good opportunities at the entrance of his business career. After attending the local schools until the age of seventeen he entered the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, where he was graduated three years later. In the fall of 1883 he became a student in the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg, and notwithstanding some delay caused by an attack of typhoid fever, he completed his course in February, 1884. Returning to Punxsutawney, he engaged in a wholesale and retail grocery business, as a partner in the firm of North, Miller & Pantall, but a year later he withdrew to take a position as cashier in the Mahoning Bank. July 1, 1890, he accepted a similar place in the Citizens Bank at Punxsutawney, which he held from July 5 of that year to November 1, 1895, when he was chosen to his present position. He is an able and conservative financier and is a stanch advocate of sound money. So far he has shown no inclination for public life, but as a citizen he has taken an influential share in the local work of the Republican party.

On August 8, 1887, Mr. Pantall was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Rosenberger, daughter of Isaac S. Rosenberger, a well-known resident of Punxsutawney. Mrs. Pantall is prominent socially, and is a member of the C. P. Church; our subject is identified with a number of organizations—the K. of P., the Heptasophs, an insurance order, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, being a charter member of the local lodge, in which he has passed through the chairs, and of the I. O. O. F. In the local en-

campment of the last named society he is a past grand and past patriarch, and he also belongs to the Grand Lodge.

LASELLE R. ERDICE, a leading and representative citizen, and the efficient deputy postmaster, of Brookville, was born in that city in 1848, a son of William and Fannie D. (King) Erdice. The father was a native of Ireland, and when ten years of age emigrated with his parents to America, locating at Erie, Penn. In this State he grew to manhood, and engaged in carpenter work and contracting throughout life. About 1847 he located in Brookville, where he spent his remaining days, dying on September 3, 1877. His estimable wife, who was born at Kinsman, Ohio, is still living at Brookville, at the advanced age of eighty-one years.

The primary education of our subject was received in the common schools of Brookville, and he subsequently attended an academy and subscription schools, where he completed his literary training. He then worked for a number of years with his father at the carpenter's trade.

In 1888, Mr. Erdice was married to Miss Mary T. Verbeke, a native of Brookville, daughter of Adolphus Verbeke, who was born in Belgium. Two children grace this union, namely: Rosalie E. and Mercedes. Mrs. Erdice is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, but our subject has always been identified with the Presbyterian Church. At all times his political support is unswervingly given the Democratic party, and in 1865 he was appointed by President Cleveland as postmaster of Brookville, which position he acceptably filled for four years and four months. When the present incumbent, Mr. Richard, was appointed, Mr. Erdice was made deputy, and still retains his connection with the office. He is prompt and faithful in the discharge of every duty, whether public or private, and his career has been such as to win the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

WILLIAM M. STEAR, postmaster of Ringgold, and proprietor of the "Stear House," is one of the most widely known citizens of Jefferson county. Life has been to him a season of earnest labor, but as the result of his energy and perseverance he has accumulated a comfortable competence, while his sterling worth has gained him the highest regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

Mr. Stear was born February 18, 1849, in Porter township, Jefferson county, a son of Frederick and Mary A. (Stitler) Stear, both of whom were natives of Northumberland county. The paternal grandfather, John Stear, was born in Sinking Valley, in the same county, and was of Scotch and German extraction. He followed merchandising and farming, and died at Snicksburg, Penn. The maternal grandfather, Peter Stitler, was born at Sinking Valley, was an agriculturist, and also died in Smicksburg. The parents of our subject were married in Indiana county, and made their home there until 1836, when they removed to Porter township, Jefferson county, where the father carried on farming. He walked back to Northumberland county during the harvest season in pioneer days. He cut the first tree at Smicksburg, Penn., and was prominently identified with pioneer interests. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a Republican until after the war, when he became a Democrat. He died December 10, 1889, at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife died in September, 1892, at the age of seventy-eight. Their children were: Susan, wife of William Moser, a farmer of Perry township, Jefferson county; David, who is living on the old homestead in Porter township; Peter, a farmer of East Mahoning township, Indiana county; Catherine and Elizabeth, both deceased; John C., who operates a gristmill at North Point, Indiana county; William M.; and Sarah M., deceased wife of James Brown, a farmer of Perrysville. Peter, John and William M. were associated in the carriage-manufacturing business until four years ago, when the first two retired.

Born and reared on his father's farm, William M. Stear, at the age of seventeen, entered upon a four-years' apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade under his brother, John C., and for his services during that time he received two suits of clothes valued at about $15. He lost but four days during the entire period, and on the expiration of the four years he opened a shop at North Point, Indiana county, which he carried on for two years. He then removed to Perrysville, Jefferson county, where he conducted a smithy for four years, and on the 1st of April, 1877, he removed to Ringgold. Here he engaged in blacksmithing and in the manufacture of carriages for eight years, after which he purchased a farm and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He also secured the government contract to make daily trips with a stage between Punxsutawney and New Maysville, and was thus engaged for four years. He is now following blacksmithing at Walston for the Bell,

Lewis & Yates Mining Co., and until August 7, 1897, he was proprietor of the "Stear House," which on that date was, with its contents, destroyed by fire. After the fire he removed his family to Punxsutawney. He is a man of much energy and force of character, and in his business dealings has met with good success.

Mr. Stear was married, May 26, 1871, at North Point, Indiana county, to Miss Hulda J. London, who was born in Bell township, Jefferson county, October 22, 1853. She is a daughter of Isaac and Eleanor (Origan) London, natives of Luzerne and Armstrong counties, respectively. Removing to Jefferson county, they settled in Perry township, but both died in Bell township, the father passing away in August, 1892, at the age of seventy-four, the mother in 1865, at the age of fifty-one. He was a school teacher in his earlier days. Mr. London devoted his life to farming and lumbering. He joined the Baptist Church when eighteen years of age, and was ever afterward a consistent member. Mrs. London was a daughter of John and Elizabeth B. (Porter) Origan, who came from Ireland and took up their residences in Perry township, Jefferson county, Penn., whence they removed to Putneyville, Armstrong county, where they spent their remaining days. Mr. Origan was a soldier in the war of 1812. The children of Mr. and Mrs. London were Sarah, deceased wife of William Rittenhouse, a farmer of Indiana county; Isaac M., deceased; Mary, deceased wife of Josiah Deemer, a farmer of Bell township, Jefferson county; Rodie Ann, deceased; John C., a lumberman of Forest county, Penn.; Mrs. Stear; Isaac T., who has departed this life; Nathan A., a farmer living on the old homestead in Bell township; and Elizabeth E., wife of Ward Wood, a farmer and stone mason of Punxsutawney.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Stear are: Albert C., born September 30, 1873, was for several years engaged in railroading for the Pennsylvania Co., but is now a successful photographer; Wilbert and Gilbert (twins), who were born July 7, 1875, and died in infancy; Daisy L., who was born May 13, 1877, was, on January 19, 1898, married to William C. Fackiner, an enterprising young baker of Punxsutawney; Pearl C., born August 8, 1879; Charles, who was born October 11, 1881, and died on the 2nd of November, of that year; Homer, who was born February 4, and died February 20, 1883; Frederick W., born May 29, 1887; and Zane B., who was born January 25, 1894, and died on the 16th of June, following. The father of these has given his political support to the Democracy, and was appointed postmaster of Ringgold November 1, 1893, for a four-years' term. He has also served as assessor for three years, and supervisor and judge of elections. He belongs to the Junior Mechanics of Ringgold, and since 1874 has been a member of the Grange of Perry township. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is an active, earnest, Christian worker, who does all in his power to uplift humanity. His has been an honorable and useful life, and has won to him the high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

JACOB J. SUTTER, a member of the mercantile firm of Bing & Co., a leading dry-goods house of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, and superintendent of the Central Land & Mining Co., which controls 6,000 acres of land in Jefferson county—4,900 in Winslow township, and 1,100 in Washington township—is one of the most prominent and influential men of the county. Since early boyhood his life has been most active, and the experience he gained by close attrition with the world, aided by his practical good sense and his unbounded energy, soon developed within him the sterling characteristics that have won for him the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Sutter was born in Bavaria, Germany, November 17, 1834, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Stahl) Sutter. The father was one of those many Germans, who, in 1840, sought a home in the New World. With his widowed mother, Elizabeth Sutter, his wife, Elizabeth, and three children, he sailed for America, and one child was born to them during the ocean passage. First locating in Beaver county, Penn., Jacob Sutter later removed to Covode, Indiana county, and there engaged in farming until his death, in 1852, when he was aged fifty-two years; the mother died in April, 1870, aged sixty-two years. They were members of the Evangelical Church, and in politics Mr. Sutter was a Whig. The children of Jacob and Elizabeth Sutter were as follows: Margaret is the widow of John Hoffman, late of Clearfield county, Penn.; Philip is a farmer of Indiana county; Jacob J. is the subject of this sketch; Catherine married Levi Sunderland, and both are now deceased; Daniel is a merchant of Livingston, Ill.; Christopher is a farmer of Moultrie county, Ill.; Elizabeth lives in Punxsutawney, Penn.; Julia Ann is the wife of James Crossman, a farmer of Whitesville, Indiana county; Henry (twin of Julia Ann) fell at the battle of Richmond, after having served through the previous engagements of his regiment, as a member of Company A, 105th P. V. I.; William, ex-sheriff

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of Jefferson county, is now a wagon maker at Lindsey; and Martin is with his brother, William, at Lindsey.

Jacob J. Sutter, the subject of this sketch, remained at the home farm until his father's death in 1852. He then went to Blair county, and worked for a year on the farm of J. David and John Mutersbaugh, at $7 per month. Returning home at the end of the year with $65, he offered it to his widowed mother, and she accepted $50 with which to pay the father's doctor bill. A few months later the young man returned to Blair county, and worked eight months on an adjoining farm for $11 per month. During the following winter he attended school at Tyrone, Penn. His services were engaged by another farmer in Blair county, at $13 per month; but after working three months he found that he could not collect his wages, even after bringing suit, and litigation proving expensive Mr. Sutter abandoned the claim. Next he worked five months on a gravel train between Huntingdon and Altoona, and went home for the winter. For a year he then made timber in Clearfield county. Beginning in 1860, he served two years as an apprentice in carpentering, receiving $5 per month the first year, and $10 per month the second year. In 1862 he worked at his trade for a few months in Alexandria., Va., and in the fall of that year began working in the navy yard at Washington, D. C., making cartridge boxes.

Returning home in the spring of 1863, he soon after went to Erie, where he followed his trade. In 1864 he went to Titusville and began selling oil-well supplies on commission for Jareckie, John Shawbecker being his bondsman. He was very successful, but caught the oil fever then raging, and, investing his earnings in oil wells, lost all. Returning to Erie, he contracted to build ten cheap houses, and in two months cleared $1,000. He then associated himself in the carpentering business with Michael Loesel, and was thus engaged for two years and three months, when he sold out, and in October, 1870, came to Reynoldsville, where he has since resided.

In 1865, at Erie, Penn., Mr. Sutter was first married, uniting with Miss Eliza Sanger. One son, Ellsworth, was born to this marriage, but both mother and child died in 1866, and were buried at Erie, Penn. His second marriage occurred at Erie, February 21, 1867, this time with Miss Mary Halpin, Rev. C. F. Hartung officiating. Mrs. Mary (Halpin) Sutter was born in County Clare, Ireland, August 27, 1845, a daughter of John and Mary (Russell) Halpin. The father died in Ireland in 1847, and his widow immigrated with her family to Canada, thence, in 1865, she came to the United States, and now resides in New York City. The children of John and Mary Halpin were as follows: John is deceased; William P. is a millwright in Minnesota; Ellen is living with her mother; and Mary is the wife of our subject. Mary was reared by her bachelor uncle, John Russell, who taught school for twenty-five years in Canada, and is now pensioned for life.

To Jacob J. and Mary Sutter have been born the following children: Lillie, wife of Dr. Harry Thompson, of Portland Mills, Elk Co., Penn.; Mabel, a stenographer and typewriter at Pittsburg, Penn.; Frank O., now with Bing & Co., of Reynoldsville; Nellie M. E., attending Normal School at Lock Haven, Penn.; Lotta, wife of James Mitchell, a tailor of Kane, Penn.; and Alma L., Albert, Altha, Mildred and Carol, at home,

After his settlement at Reynoldsville, in 1870, our subject for two years followed the carpenter's trade, and for three years ran a meat wagon. In 1876 he was made the superintendent of the Central Land & Mining Co., a position he has since continually filled. This company was organized in 1872. Its president at this time is Albert Pancost, and its secretary and treasurer is W. H. Hollis, of Philadelphia, Penn. Mr. Sutter is a member of the M. E. Church, and was trustee for many years until 1896, when he was re-elected but resigned in 1897. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Royal Arcanum, at Reynoldsville; is prominently connected with the social affairs of the village, and was one of the first councilmen of Reynoldsville. The family occupy a beautiful two-story brick residence, which Mr. Sutter erected in 1891. His interest in the mercantile firm of Bing & Co. was acquired in February, 1893, his son Frank O. representing him in that business. Mr. Sutter is still active in the management of his large financial interests. He is a self-made man, and in the commendable pursuit of business affairs he has not neglected the broadening influences of study and culture. His opinion is sought in matters of public and local policy, and in all relations in life he has exhibited that trained and trusted mind which finds its best illustration among men who have manfully and successfuly fought the battle of life.

ALFRED W. MULHOLLAN, postmaster at Rathmel, Penn., who is also successfully carrying on general merchandising and farming,

is a recognized leader in the affairs of Winslow township, Jefferson county. He well deserves the esteem in which he is so uniformly held, and has worthily won the success that has come to him through his business dealings.

Mr. Mulhollan was born August 5, 1849, in Boggs township, Centre Co., Penn., and is a son of John F. and Rebecca J. (Passmore) Mulhollan. He remained upon his father's farm in Clearfield county until sixteen years of age, and through the summer months assisted in the cultivation of the fields, while in the winter season he attended the district schools. He then entered the Edinboro State Normal School, where he remained for two terms, and at the age of seventeen began teaching at Coal Hill, Clearfield county. The following spring he again attended the Edinboro State Normal, and was graduated with the class of 1871. He was then elected principal of the public schools of Punxsutawney, where he continued three terms, after which he spent three terms as a teacher in Clearfield, and one term as principal of the schools of Mifflin. He then taught one term in Chester county, after which he located near Parkesburg, and for five terms took charge of a class of teachers. During his stay in Chester county, on account of the convenience of the location, he was enabled to attend the Centennial in Philadelphia. He was afterward the teacher of a private school in Wheatland, Lancaster Co., Penn., near President Buchanan's old home. After leaving here he went to Virginia, which visit resulted in one of the important steps of his life, for he there met the lady who became his wife. On the 11th of September, 1878, in Pottsville, Penn., Prof. Mulhollan wedded Miss Mary A. Brown, and although they have no children of their own, they are rearing two adopted children—William E. and Clara London, a nephew and niece.

Mrs. Mulhollan was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., and is a daughter of David and Margaret (Hamilton) Brown. Mr. Brown is a native of England and Mrs. Brown of Scotland, and they are now residents of West Virginia. Mr. Brown came to America when only eight years of age, the family being among the early settlers of Schuylkill county and among the first coal operators in that county. In 1872 the father of Mrs. Mulhollan removed to Rockbridge county, Va., where he served as superintendent of an iron mine until 1876, when he located on a farm in Fayette county, W. Va. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics is a stanch Republican. Mr. and Mrs. David Brown are the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, at home; Mrs. Mulhollan; William A., an extensive coal operator, in West Virginia; Belle V., wife of W. J. Lowery, a farmer and stock raiser of Springdale, W. Va.; Percy H., a coal operator at Brown's Station, W. Va.; Ella G., the wife of Rev. Grose, of West Va.; J. Alger, a coal operator of West Virginia; Emily, wife of Fenton Morris, of West Va.; and Jessie, wife of Dr. Huffman, of Brookville, Penn.; and Olive C. and David S., still at home. Six daughters of this family, including Mrs. Mulhollan, have been successful school teachers.

After his marriage Mr. Mulhollan went to Elk county, Penn., and for three terms was principal of the schools at Centreville, Penn. In 1882 he came to Rathmel, where he engaged in merchandising until the fall of 1890, when he was elected commissioner of Jefferson county, and removed to Brookville. There he remained until 1895, when he returned to Rathmel and purchased the Henry Brothers' mining store. He has since successfully engaged in general merchandising, and has a liberal patronage, which has come to him as the result of his enterprise and honorable dealing. His business policy commends him to the support and confidence of all. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth, have frequently honored him with official preferment. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and is a valued member of the Odd Fellows Society of Centreville, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Rathmel. He and his wife hold a prominent position in social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society.

JAMES M. CANNING, one of the wide-awake and energetic business men of Brookville, now engaged in the grocery trade, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Pittsburg, February 12, 1849, a son of John and Bridget (Dooner) Canning, both of whom were natives of Ireland, coming to America when quite young. The father, who was a laborer and stone mason by trade, died in 1854; the mother passed away in 1884. They had four children: James M., Mary, John F. and Thomas, all now deceased except James M.

Our subject had but limited educational advantages in early life, and when a mere child he was thrown upon his own resources, and was obliged to fight the battle of life unaided. When eleven years of age he come to Brookville, and for several years worked at whatever employment he could find. He lived frugally and economically until 1876, by which time he had saved sufficient capital with which to embark in the

grocery trade. By close attention to his business interests and courteous treatment of his customers, he enjoys to-day a lucrative trade, and his store is the most completely stocked of any similar business house in the city.

On Thursday, September 17, 1874, by Rev. J. Stevenson, of Corsica, Jefferson county, Penn., James M. Canning was united in marriage with Miss Lillie F. Scribner, who was born February 10, 1855, in Kalamazoo county, Mich., whence, when a seven-year-old girl, she came with her parents to Brookville, where she has since made her home. Alexander S. Scribner, her father, kept the "American Hotel" in Pittsburg some fifteen years, having previously been engaged in the same line of business in Brookville. He died in that latter city, June 28, 1897; Cynthia B. (Cheesebro), the mother of the children hereinafter named, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Canning, on April 10, 1884, and their remains rest in the cemetery at Brookville. Children: Frank L., Lillie F. (Mrs. Canning), Samuel A., and Emma, the last named dying in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. James M. Canning have been blessed with two children: Cora C., born June 4, 1878, and James S., born September 19, 1880; both are still at home. The mother is a consistent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a most estimable lady.

At all times, Mr. Canning casts his ballot in support of the men and members of the Democratic party, but cares nothing for the honors of public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. He is entirely a self-made man, having worked his own way up unaided by capital or influential friends until to-day he is numbered among the substantial and leading business men of Brookville, and is one of the most highly respected citizens of the place.

GEORGE W. SYKES, general manager of the Reynoldsville Woolen Company, which is composed of our subject, F. K. A. Alexander and J. B. Arnold, has for almost twenty years been a resident of Reynoldsville, and his name is inseparably connected with its industrial interests. His thoroughly American spirit and his great energy have enabled him to mount from a lowly position to one of affluence, and the success that he has achieved illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote to a man's character.

Mr. Sykes was born in Clearfield county, Penn., in 1849, and is a son of Henry and Rebecca (Bilger) Sykes. The father was a native of Huddersfield, England, whence at the age of twenty-two years he crossed the Atlantic to America, where for some time he worked at the weaver's trade, which he had previously learned in the Old World. Subsequently he engaged in farming, and continued to follow that pursuit up to his death, which occurred in April, 1893, in Oregon. His wife, who was born in Union county, Penn., still makes her home in Oregon.

His parents being in limited circumstances, our subject had but little opportunity to attend school during his boyhood, and at the age of fifteen he laid aside his text books and turned his attention to farming, which he followed for seven years. He next went to northern Minnesota, where he engaged in lumbering, and, although he endured many hardships and privations incident to such a life, he met with a fair degree of success. Returning to Jefferson county, Penn., in 1873, he located in Henderson township, where he remained during the panic which began during that year. On his twenty-ninth birthday, May 10, 1878, he came to Reynoldsville, where he at once began the erection of a woolen-mill, and by July 20, of the same year, blew the whistle and began its operation. He was quite successful in his new undertaking until July 20, 1893, when his plant was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of $60,000; but the community, realizing the benefit of such an industry, induced Mr. Sykes to rebuild, and he now has a large and well-equipped plant. It is one of the leading business enterprises of Reynoldsville, employment being furnished some fifty hands throughout the year, and its products being sold in Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and, in fact, throughout many portions of the United States. A man of good executive ability, energetic and progressive, Mr. Sykes carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and, although he has met with reverses, he has steadily overcome these by determined effort, until to-day he is acknowledged as one of the most reliable and substantial business men of Jefferson county.

In January, 1873, Mr. Sykes was married to Miss Hannah Fickling, a native of England, and they became the parents of eight children—Harry J., Lillie, Etta, Edward, Bertha, Lulu, Olive and Roland—all at home with the exception of Harry J., who is married. Mrs. Sykes and Lillie hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject has an abiding faith in the principles of the Republican party, which he has always supported by his ballot, and he is a strong advocate of sound money, protection and prosperity. Fraternally he affil-

iates with the Knights of Pythias, in which society he is a past chancellor, and also belongs to the Sons of St. George, in which he has served as treasurer for the last ten years.

JACOB K. SMITH is a gentleman whose success in life is attributable entirely to his own efforts, and who by capable management and enterprise has become the owner of one of the excellent farms of Gaskill township, Jefferson county.

Philip Smith, his father, was born in Union county, Penn., and, during his boyhood, accompanied his parents to Armstrong county, where he afterward married Miss Susan Smith, a native of Westmoreland county, Penn. For a number of years he followed shoemaking, but later in life carried on farming. In 1848 he came to Gaskill township, Jefferson county, purchased 150 acres of timber land and erected thereon a log house and barn. In 1851 he brought his family to this home, where he spent his remaining days, dying within a few years thereafter. Jacob K. Smith and his brother Philip then took charge of the home farm, and together continued its improvement until the latter's death in 1870. Our subject was married, in 1863, to Miss Jane Shink, a daughter of William and Mary Shink, of Indiana county. They located on his father's first purchase, living in the old log house for a number of years, when it was replaced by a large two-story frame residence, while a large bank barn and many other excellent improvements were made. His mother continued to live with him upon this place until her death at the age of ninety-one years, and his sister, Sarah, still resides on the old homestead. Of his father's family five remained in Armstrong county when the parents came to Jefferson county.

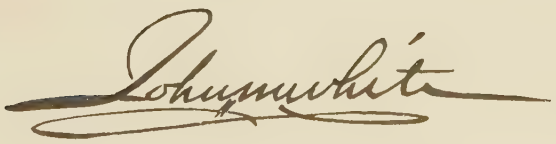
John, the eldest, when a young man went to New York, where he married, and for many years followed the blacksmith's trade. He still makes his home there. (2) Mary became the wife of Isaac Altman, of Armstrong county, where she died in 1851, leaving a family of children. (3) Daniel, born in Armstrong county, enlisted in the Union army, and was killed or died near the close of the war. (4) Adam F., a native of Armstrong county, married Miss Hannah Martin, of that county. He served throughout the war and then returned to his home, but after a short time disappeared, and in thirty-two years nothing has been heard from him. He left a wife, who died a few years ago, and four children. (5) Susan was married to Lewis May in 1853. They lived on a farm adjoining the old homestead. She died in 1876, leaving a husband and one child, both of whom died a few years ago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob K. Smith were born nine children, the old homestead being the birthplace of all: (1) Philip B. married Alice Beers, of Rockton, Penn., and resides in Bell township, Clearfield county. They have three children, Charles, Joy and William B. (2) Daniel H. wedded Mary Schaffner, by whom he has one child, and they now reside on a farm near his father's home. (3) Sybilla C., on November 10, 1897, was married to David A. McKee, of New Washington, Clearfield county, where they now reside on a large farm. (4) Cyrus A. is engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber. (5) Labern, (6) Cora, (7) Clark, (8) Sannie Bell and (9) Withington are still under the parental roof.

In politics our subject is an advocate of Democracy, and for a number of years he has acceptably filled the office of school director. His life has been quietly passed in devotion to all public and private duties, and his example is one well worthy of emulation.

JOHN M. WHITE, Solicitor for Jefferson county, and Burgess of the borough of Brookville, though yet a young man, is one of the most prominent lawyers of the county.

Mr. White was born August 18, 1871, in Brookville, Penn., the only son of Hon. Alexander Colwell White, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Our subject received his literary education at the public schools of his native place, graduating in 1889, and in September of the same year he was registered as a law student. He at once began the study of law under the able preceptorship of his father, and was admitted to the Bar December 5, 1892, being the youngest attorney ever admitted to the Bar of Jefferson county. On June 6, 1894, he was united in marriage with Miss Nora E. Deemer, daughter of A. D. Deemer, of Brookville, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume, and one child, Sarah E., born June 20, 1895, brightens their home. Since his admission to the Bar Mr. White has been successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at Brookville. On January 1, 1897, he was appointed, by the County Commissioners, Solicitor for Jefferson county for a term of three years, and in February, 1897, he was elected, on the Republican ticket, Burgess of the Borough of Brookville, for three years, which position he fills with dignity and efficiency. Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the M. E. Church of Brookville, of which he is serving as trustee.



His Republican friends some time since strongly urged him to accept the nomination for District Attorney; but believing that the office should be held for two successive terms, instead of one, he courteously declined in any way to oppose the present incumbent of that office. Socially Mr. White is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of the I. O. O. F., in which he is a past grand; of the K. of P., in which he is a past chancellor; also of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and the Senior Order of American Mechanics. The worthy son of a worthy father, Mr. White justly merits prominent mention among the members of the Bar of Jefferson county.

JOSEPH L. LONG, Esq., of Sykesville, Jefferson county, is so thoroughly identified with the leading movements for the development of that locality that his name deserves especial mention in a work which aims to give an account of all citizens of this section who have notably contributed to progress. As agent for the Shaffer estate he laid out the town of West Sykesville, and his influence has ever since been given to the best interests of the place, one of his chief works being the founding of the First Baptist Church there. He is also prominent in local politics, and at present is serving as justice of the peace in and for Winslow township.

Squire Long was born May 30, 1850, in Armstrong county, Penn., and while he is of German descent on the paternal side he comes in the maternal line from another gifted race, the Scotch-Irish. His parents, John B. and Jane (Sherley) Long, were both natives of Pennsylvania, and in their early married life resided near Kittanning, Armstrong county. In 1852 they removed to Jefferson county and settled in Gaskill township, where the father engaged in farming and lumbering. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife both belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The mother died in 1872, aged sixty-eight years, and in 1885 the father passed away at the age of seventy-two, the remains of both being interred in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery, in Jefferson county. They had nine children: Tobias J., a farmer in West Virginia; Robert, a resident of Gaskill township, Jefferson county; John S., who entered the Union army, was wounded in the battle of Petersburg, and died in the hospital a month later; Joseph L., our subject; Alexander D., a farmer in Clearfield county; Sarah E. and Marl, who both died in childhood; David W., a farmer in Minnesota; and Maria Jane, now living in Minnesota, is married to William G. Estes.

Until he reached the age of twenty our subject remained at home, assisting his father in farming and lumbering. He then engaged in the same occupations on his own account, continuing about ten years, but in December, 1880, he removed to Troutville, and was a clerk in the drug and general merchant store of Dr. J. M. Lydic. This lasted one year, when Mr. Long engaged in the lumber business, which he followed exclusively until 1887. Since that date he has made his home at Sykesville, where he first conducted a grocery and meat-market, but, in 1891, he gave up his store to establish a real-estate business. While thus engaged he was appointed agent for the Shaffer estate, and in 1891 the town of West Sykesville was laid out under his direction. In the fall of 1891 he embarked in the livery business, which he followed until the spring of 1893, when he sold his stock to the firm of Estes & Long, of Sykesville, Penn., to make a trip to Ottawa City, Ill. During that trip, on his return home, he visited the opening of the World's Fair, May 1, 1893. In December, of the same year, he received a commission as notary public, but in 1895 he resigned from that post to accept that of justice of the peace, May 4, 1895. For some time past he has also represented the McCormick Implement Co., of Chicago, as agent for his locality.

On July 3, 1870, Joseph L. Long was married at Punxsutawney to Miss Hannah E. Estes, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Samuel Miles, who was born in the arsenal at Philadelphia in 1807. Four children have blessed this union: Samuel B., of Sykesville, a member of the mercantile firm of Estes & Long, married Miss Clara Nichol; Joseph E., of Sykesville, who married Miss Ida Phillippi, and has one son, Roy; John P., and Ethel, who are at home. Mrs. Long was born April 6, 1851, in Jefferson county, the daughter of Abraham and Margaret (Hall) Estes. Her paternal grandparents, Philip and Damie (Vosburg) Estes, were natives of Luzerne county, Penn.; her maternal grandfather, James Hall, was born in Ireland, and on coming to America settled in Milesburg, Centre county, Pennsylvania.

Squire Long, since the campaign of 1880, has been a stanch Republican in politics, and socially he is identified with the Sykesville Lodge, K. of P., No. 185, of Sykesville, was one of its charter members and was elected first prelate, passed through all the chairs of the lodge and now holds the honor of past chancellor, and that of master of work. In July, 1892, he was

elected representative to attend the grand lodge meeting held in Reading City, Penn. He has been an energetic K. of P. ever since the institution of the lodge. His work in connection with the Baptist Church of Sykesville indicates his earnest and energetic support of any cause which he deems worthy. In this connection the Squire narrates the following: At the time of the remodeling of the rink building to that of a house of worship, the work was about completed except seating, when the money was about exhausted. An old friend of our subject hearing of the enterprise on the evening of the 4th of February, 1886, came into the building to see him and said, "Joe, have you any money?" "Not a dollar," was the reply. "What are you going to do?" "I don't know." At this point the stranger put his hand into his pocket and said, "here, go ahead with your work." The joy that filled our subject's heart could only be expressed by tears, for the man was sent there by the Lord.

Mr. Long gives the following sketch of the Church as follows:

"The First Baptist Church of Sykesville was born of pious parentage through the subject of this sketch, who organized a Union Sunday-school, June 14, 1885, in what was then called the Shaffer school house. He was elected superintendent; Fred Walker, assistant superintendent; and Asa W. Scott, secretary. The school was run on the union plan until October 11, of the same year, when it was concluded to continue it through the winter. The same officers were continued, and the school was the first winter Sunday-school held in this section. The school at this time took upon itself a Baptist garb by being supplied with Baptist literature, received from the American Baptist Publishing Society of Philadelphia. In December, 1885, our subject purchased what was then known as the old rink building, and with the assistance of a few other persons the building was remodeled for the use of a house of worship. The then called Baptist Bible School, on February 7, 1886, held its first session in the new building. In the meantime our subject procured the services of Rev. C. W. Ray, of Philadelphia, missionary for the Clearfield Baptist Association, and on the evening of February 6, Rev. Ray commenced a series of meetings, which were continued about three weeks. On February 15, 1886, the First Baptist Church of Sykesville was organized, J. L. Long being its founder, under the auspices of Rev. C. W. Ray. The constituent members were: J. L. Long, Hannah E. Long (his wife), William Null, Sr., Mrs. William Null, and S. C. Estes. The organization being completed the same day, there were five persons received into the Church; we at once repaired to the water, where they were buried with Christ in baptism by Rev. J. N. Williams, of Reynoldsville, Penn. At the official meeting of the Church the following officers were elected: J. L. Long, Asa W. Scott, deacons; Rosa Fye, clerk. The infant Church was given the name of Bethel Baptist Church. Rev. J. N. Williams served our little flock for about one year, and during his pastorate there were received into Church fellowship about forty members. The Church has been of a steady growth under the pastorate of Rev. H. H. Leamy from November, 1886, to August, 1887; Rev. R. L. Williams from September, 1887, to September, 1890; Rev. J. E. Dean, from November, 1890, to March, 1894. In June, 1891, through the agency of the subject of this sketch, ground was purchased from Christian Stahl for the purpose of erecting a new Church building. The corner stone was laid June 26, 1892, and a Church building was completed at a cost of $3,019, which was dedicated to the Lord, June 11, 1893, free of debt. The Rev. Samuel Mills was present at the dedication. He was the pioneer who preached the gospel of Christ in this association for about fifty years. Bethel Church held their first prayer meeting in the new Church building the evening of January 1, 1893, our subject having charge of the meeting. The Bethel Church kept on in its work of love, and in April, 1894, Rev. W. M. Jennings continued the work for about six months, when he was followed by Rev. W. H. Clipman, who did a grand spiritual work. Next came the services of Rev. W. G. Patterson, for the space of about fifteen months. Since November 1, 1897, the Church has enjoyed the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Palmer, of Punxsutawney, Penn.

"The subject of this sketch united with the First Baptist Church, of Punxsutawney, by being received into church fellowship and baptised in February, 1864. He has ever since contended for the faith once delivered to the Saints. Many and mysterious have been his experiences as a Christian worker for ten or more years. Prior to his organizing the Bethel Baptist Church of Sykesville, his lot was cast in a Pedo Baptist community. In the year 1872 he took his letter of church membership from the Punxsutawney Church to unite with the Soldier Run Baptist Church of Prescottville, for convenience of attending church, yet he had about seven miles to go to attend church. On February 12, 1886, he received a letter of church fellowship from the

Soldier Run Baptist Church of Prescottville, to organize the Bethel Baptist Church, of Sykesville, where he still holds his membership, where he has done his greatest work for the Master. Squire Long's greatest ambition in life has been in working for the good of others."

WILLIAM B. COWAN. Quite a number of the leading and prominent citizens of Jefferson county are of alien birth, and have brought to this land of thrift and plenty the industrious habits of their native country. Among these there is none that is better known or more widely respected than the gentleman whose name appears at the beginning of this sketch. He was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, March 30, 1850, and is descended from three of the most noted families of that country, namely: the Campbells, of which Archibald Campbell, Duke of Argyle, belonged, the Camerons and the Gordons.

Peter Boag, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was throughout life a successful teacher in Scotland, while William Cowan, the paternal grandfather, was a mining boss, and was treasurer of the Mining Association for a great many years. Both died in their native land. One of the daughters of Peter Boag was prominent as a temperance lecturer. She was for many years a leader in her lodge or society, and was made D. D. Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1892. Of the Cowan family, three sons —James, William and Hugh—came together to America, but the third named subsequently returned to Scotland. William is still a resident of Clarion county, Penn. Two of their sisters also crossed the Atlantic—Christina, who married Alexander Davie, both of whom are now deceased; and Mary, wife of Robert Penman. The latter lived in Mercer county for a number of years, but later removed to Wyoming, where she is still residing. Her husband is now deceased. They and most of their children were Mormons, but the Cowan family has for generations been identified with the Presbyterian Church.

James Cowan, the father of our subject, was married in Scotland to Miss Margaret Boag, and three children were born to them previous to coming to the United States with his brother in 1852. On his arrival in New York, he went direct to Schuylkill county, Penn., where he spent five years, and at the end of that time located in Eldred township, Jefferson county. Purchasing a tract of wild land there, he lived in a school house until his own dwelling could be erected; but after improving his place he sold it and removed to Union township, where he also developed a good farm. There his death occurred in 1878; his wife is still living at the old homestead, and is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church at Brookville, having removed her membership from Corsica, in which Church he was serving as elder when called from this life. During his residence here he devoted his time to agricultural pursuits during the summer months, while the winter season was spent in mining coal.

Of the twelve children born to James and Margaret Cowan, all are still living with one exception. They are as follows: Nettie, wife of D. T. Leach; William B., of this sketch; Peter B., who still resides on the old homestead; Margaret, wife of H. D. Haugh; Mrs. Agnes Glen, wife of W. H. Glen; James J., also on the home farm; Alexander D. and John R. (twins), of whom the former is now a railroad man, and the latter a resident of Colorado; Mary, wife of G. Strong; Annie, wife of Isaiah Simpson; Emma, wife of P. T. Dickey; and Elizabeth, who died in childhood. With the exception of the two residing at the old homestead, all are members of the Presbyterian Church.

William B. Cowan was two years old when he crossed the Atlantic with his parents. He was reared and educated in Jefferson county, learning both mining and farming under his father's able direction. He has since successfully followed these pursuits. After his marriage, in 1876, he located upon his present farm in Union township, and has since opened up profitable mines upon the place, the land being underlaid with a fine grade of coal four feet in thickness. He also owns two other tracts of valuable coal land, and upon his home farm, which is conveniently located near Roseville, he conducted a general store for four years, but at the end of that time his stock, on which there was little insurance, was destroyed by fire January 1, 1885. For many years he has been agent for a fertilizer, but devotes his time and attention principally to his agricultural and mining interests, in which he has met with well-merited success.

In 1876, Mr. Cowan married Miss Mary M. Cummings, who was born in Clarion county, May 2, 1853, a daughter of George W. and Paulina (Mills) Cummings, both born in Pennsylvania, the former of Scotch-Irish, and the latter of German descent. Throughout his active business career the father was a farmer, lumberman and stock drover. He died March 10, 1894, his wife November 29, 1888. Their children were: Mary; Arthur, who died unmarried; Nannie J., wife of P. M. Yeany; John D., a farmer; and Cassius E., a farmer and justice of the peace. The parents

and all their children were connected with the Presbyterian Church, and the family is one of prominence. Nine children have been born to our subject and his wife, namely: Arthur L., Margaret P., Nannie M., Adda V., Edgar B., James C., Helen E. and Sarah E.; all are at home; and George B., who died at the age of three months. Like their parents, the eldest three are now members of the Presbyterian Church. The father of these is one of the prominent representatives of the Republican party in Union township, and has served as justice of the peace for five years. He has always taken an important part in Church work, has been a teacher and superintendent of the Sabbath-school for many years, and is secretary of the Jefferson County Sabbath-school Association, in which position he has already served three years, and has been re-elected for another term of two years. The object of this worthy organization is the unity of Evangelical Christians to advance Sunday-school work all over the nation. Mr. Cowan is an honored member of the local lodges of the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias; also the Ancient Order of Artizans. His encouragement and support are given to all measures calculated to promote the educational, moral and material welfare of his community, and he is recognized as one of its most valued and highly esteemed citizens.

Referring to the family of one of the ancestors of the subject of this sketch, his grandmother's youngest sister—Mary McDougal—married, in Scotland, Alexander Eason. They came to the United States about 1850, and when *en route* to California were killed in the Mountain Meadow Massacre, Utah, early in September, 1857.

SAMUEL E. WILSON, one of Punxsutawney's leading citizens, is prominently identified with the wholesale liquor trade, and is also connected with a number of corporate enterprises, being president of the Punxsutawney Street Railway Co., and the Jefferson Light, Heat and Power Co. He is a native of Clarion county, Penn., where he was born, September 10, 1851, and his father, the late Robert M. Wilson, though born in Centre county, passed the greater part of his life in Clarion county, where for many years he followed mercantile pursuits. He was never ambitious for public notice, his attention being given chiefly to his own affairs, but he was held in high esteem among his associates. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Mary Gray, died in 1861, and he survived her sixteen years, passing away in 1877.

As the subject of this sketch was reared to the age of seventeen upon a farm, his education was limited to the country schools of that day. On leaving home he spent one year in the oil fields of this State, and a similar period at Pittsburg in a wholesale grocery. He then assisted his father in the store at East Brady, Clarion county, until 1873, when he took a position as traveling salesman for a wholesale house in Pittsburg. After two years in this employment he went to St. Petersburg, Penn., an "oil town," and remained until 1879, his next employment being at New Castle, Penn., as clerk in the "Leslie House," where he spent one year. From 1880 to 1885 he was engaged in the wholesale liquor trade at New Castle, but he then transferred his business to Punxsutawney. As has been stated, he is connected with various enterprises, and he was a leading promoter and organizer of the two companies named, of which he is now the head.

In 1883 Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Lucy I. Poe, daughter of Capt. Adam Poe, of Georgetown, Penn., and two sons—Robert Poe and Samuel E., Jr., have blessed the union. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the M. E. Church, and our subject is identified with several fraternal orders: the Elks, the F. and A. M., the K. T., the Mystic Shrine, and the Americus Club of Pittsburg.

Politically, our subject is a Republican, and, although he has never been an office seeker, his influence is recognized as a power in his locality. In 1896 he was an alternate delegate to the St. Louis Convention, and he was also a member of the Electoral College from the Twenty-first District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Wilson is the owner of the "Malvern" stock farm of 150 acres, located twenty-one miles from Philadelphia, in Chester county, where he is engaged in raising thoroughbred trotting horses. He is the owner of "Acolyte," the horse that "Coxey" rode into Washington.

Capt. Adam Poe was born in 1816, in Ohio, and on February 16, 1842, he was married to Lucy T. Smith, of Pennsylvania, and to them have been born nine children, three sons and six daughters. The father of these died in 1895, but the mother still survives, residing at Malvern, Penn. Thomas Poe, the grandfather of Mrs. Samuel E. Wilson, was a native of one of the Eastern States. He married a Miss Heffner, who was of German descent, as are also the Poes. Andrew Poe, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Wilson, was known for his encounter with the Indians in Ohio in an early day.

RICHARD E. CLOVER, a well-known resident of Punxsutawney, and one of the proprietors of the "Hotel Pantall," a leading hostelry of that thriving town, was born December 8, 1850, at Brookville, Jefferson county, and although a large portion of his early life was spent elsewhere, the attractions of this section served to draw him back to it in later years.

Harrison Clover, the father of our subject, was a native of Clarion county, Penn., and was a remarkable man, possessing decided mechanical genius, and being also endowed with enormous physical strength, greater than that of any other man of his day in his locality. By occupation he was a blacksmith. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Williams, is still living in the enjoyment of excellent health, residing at Erie, Penn. He died in 1859.

As Richard E. Clover was but a child when his father died, he was taken to Allegheny county, this State, and was reared by an aunt, receiving a fair education. He is an expert bookkeeper, and previous to engaging in the hotel business had done much clerical work as occasion offered. He also spent several years in the oil region in western Pennsylvania, during the excitement over the discovery of that product. Mr. Clover has an amiable and accomplished wife, formerly Miss Annie Edelblute, and is prominent socially as a member of the Punxsutawney Club. He is interested in the political questions of the day, though not as an office seeker, and he is an adherent to the Democratic party.

BENONI CLAWSON. The subject of this personal narrative is one of the successful and progressive farmers of Bell township, Jefferson county. Throughout his active business life he has been identified with the educational and agricultural interests of the county, and in 1865, during the dark days of the Rebellion, he manifested his loyalty and patriotism by enlisting in Company B, 74th P. V. I., serving for six months, when hostilities ceased.

Mr. Clawson was born in 1831, in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, a son of Matthias and Polly (Williams) Clawson. The birth of the father occurred in Westmoreland county, Penn., but when a young man he took up his residence in Jefferson county, where he spent the most of his life, engaged in farming and lumbering. In August, 1869, he went to Kansas, where his death occurred a month later. His estimable wife, who was a native of Mifflin county, Penn., died in 1877. Benoni Clawson was provided with very meagre educational privileges during his youth, but he made the most of his opportunities and fitted himself for a teacher, which profession he successfully followed for twenty years. While teaching he also followed farming during the summer season. He was reared upon a farm, and his later years have been devoted to agriculture and lumbering.

On June 6, 1861, he married Miss Mary A., a daughter of William F. and Margaret (Thompson) Williams, of Jefferson county, and they have become the parents of four children, who in order of birth are as follows: William W., now a missionary located in New York State; and M. Bell, Daniel F., and Elsworth, all at home. The parents are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and their upright Christian lives have gained for them the confidence and respect of all with whom they have come in contact. In his political affiliations Benoni Clawson is a Republican, and although he has served as supervisor and overseer of the poor, he cares nothing for political distinction. His wife, who was the granddaughter of John Williams, was born April 19, 1842, in Jefferson county, and has here, thus far, passed her life. John Williams was a resident of Jefferson county, and died here in about 1865, when about seventy-five years of age. His wife, who is deceased, was, before her marriage, Rachel Thompson.

JACOB C. SMITH, a worthy citizen, at present overseer of the poor in Young township, Jefferson county, was born in 1850, at Bradys Bend, Armstrong county, Penn., a son of Christian and Barbara (Emminger) Smith. His father was born in Germany, but came to America in 1832, locating in Butler county, Penn. In early life he was occupied as a miner, but subsequently engaged in farming and was interested in that calling up to the time of his death. He was a quiet, unassuming man, and a worthy citizen, whose uprightness in all the walks of life uniformly won him respect. He died in 1887. His estimable wife, who was born in Cumberland county, Penn., closed her eyes in death February 5, 1892.

Jacob C. Smith came with his parents to Jefferson county, in 1855. Owing to the inferiority of the schools here at that time, his educational privileges were limited. He had not the privilege of attending school until ten years of age, and then went for three terms only, of three months each, but experience and observation have added largely to his store of knowledge. When he first started to school he had to kindle the fires in

order to earn the money with which to purchase his text books. His training at farm labor was not meagre, for as soon as old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields. He has followed farming and lumbering the greater part of his life, and industry and energy have characterized his entire career. He now owns seventy acres of land and successfully carries on general farming, the well-tilled fields plainly indicating his careful supervision.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Lutheran Church, and, socially, is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He has been a lifelong Republican, prominent in local political circles. He has held many township offices, and is at present overseer of the poor, and he is one of the prominent school directors of his county, is untiring in his efforts to promote progress and thrift in the public schools, of which he is an ardent friend. He has been prominently spoken of for the office of county treasurer. He is a public-spirited citizen, deeply interested in the welfare of his county, and his fidelity to duty in all the relations of life is well worthy of emulation.

WILLIAM F. WANNER, a well-known resident of Brookville, Jefferson county, is one of the leaders in the grocery business of that locality, his store being well stocked with the various lines of supplies required by his fine class of custom. Like many of our successful business men, Mr. Wanner is of German descent. His parents, John and Caroline (Heisline) Wanner, were born, reared and married in the Fatherland, and had two children when they came to America, in November, 1849. The father is still living at the advanced age of eighty-six years, but the beloved mother passed from earth July 27, 1887.

Our subject was born July 22, 1851, in Pine Creek township, Jefferson county, and passed his early years at the old farm, the district schools of the neighborhood affording him his only educational opportunities. At thirteen he became a clerk in a mercantile establishment at Brookville, and remained with the same employer for twelve years, gaining a most valuable training in business affairs. August 10, 1876, he embarked in his grocery business, and has since carried it on with growing trade. His success is due largely to his intelligent and comprehensive view of the demands of the business, and his well-directed efforts to meet them as fully as possible.

Mr. Wanner has never joined the army of Benedicts. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and in his political affiliations is a steadfast Democrat. Owing to the pressure of business cares, he does not take an active part in politics, although he is a ready sympathizer in all movements for the public welfare.

WILDER MACK BOYLE. During the war of the Rebellion there were families that contributed nobly to the cause of the Union by sending their sons to the front, and that paid dearly the sacrifice of life and blood. Of the six sons of George Boyle, an expert cabinet maker and a man prominent in religious work, four enlisted and two died for their country. One of the two survivors, who was wounded and shattered in health, was Wilder Mack Boyle, the subject of this sketch, a well-known and highly respected farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county.

The family are of Irish extraction. The grandfather, Daniel Boyle, emigrated from Ireland to America with his family in 1807. He was a tailor by trade, and settled in Clarion county, Penn. His son, George Boyle, who was born in 1798, learned the cabinet maker's trade, and at Philipsburg, Penn., married Miss Elizabeth McCloskey, a native of that town. Their early married life was spent near Curllsville, Clarion county, but later they removed to Illinois. Returning to Clarion county, Penn., they settled near Rimersburg, where they remained until his death in 1860 at the age of sixty-two years. His wife, the mother of our subject, died September 7, 1873, aged seventy years, one month and two days. George Boyle was a man devoted to Church and humanity. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and for many years a class-leader and earnest worker in that denomination. Kind in disposition, charitable to all, earnest in advancing the best interests of his fellow-men, he was universally esteemed. He and his wife are buried in Rose Church Cemetery at Reinersburg. Their children were as follows: John T., who became a M. E. minister, and died at Savannah, Mo., in June, 1893, being at the time a retired minister; Sarah, wife of Israel Culberson, a farmer of Clarion county; James R., a member of Company F, 103d P. V. I., who died at Georgetown, Va., from wounds received in battle; Wilder M., subject of this sketch; Harriet (deceased), who married John Foster, now living in Ohio; William H., a member of Company F, 103d P. V. I., who died from sickness during service; George E., of Clearfield, Penn., who was a member of Company L, 11th Penn-

sylvania Cavalry; and Charles W., who died in 1873.

Wilder Mack Boyle was born May 5, 1831, in Madison township, Clarion county. He remained at the home of his parents, working on the farm in summer and cutting wood in winter until twenty years of age, when he began a four-years' apprenticeship in Clarion county with John Shandler, a carpenter, receiving the first year $60; the second, $120; the third, $140, and the fourth, $160. On October 18, 1856, at New Bethlehem, Penn., he was married, by Rev. John Thompson, a M. E. minister, to Miss Susan Mohny. She was born, March 2, 1834, at Smithland, Clarion county, a daughter of John and Sarah Pollyard Mohny, both natives of Clarion county. John Mohny was the son of John Mohny, a native of Dauphin county, and a farmer by occupation. Sarah Pollyard was the daughter of Nicholas and Sarah Pollyard, farmers of Clarion county. John Mohny, Jr., was a prominent citizen of Clarion county. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church and for many years a deacon. By occupation a farmer, he served as constable for nineteen years. His wife died in 1853, aged forty-five years, and, in 1854, he moved to Kellersburg, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he died in 1875, aged seventy years. Both are buried in Kellersburg cemetery. The children of John and Sarah Mohny were: Eliza, widow of Charles Sandford, Oakland, Penn.; Lucinda, who married L. W. Corbett, of Armstrong county, both now deceased; Margaret, widow of William Packer, of Philadelphia, Penn.; John, who died aged nineteen years; Sophia (deceased), who married John Hudson. of Oil City, Penn.; Susan, wife of W. M. Boyle; Chambers O., living on half of the old homestead at Kellersburg; Peter, a tinner of Pittsburg, Penn.; Frank, also on the old homestead; Jane (deceased), who married Charles Mapes, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

To Wilder M. and Susan Boyle have been born the following children: John E., a miner of near Rimersburg, Penn., who married Elizabeth Snyder, and has one child—Edith; Elizabeth A., who married Leonard Reynolds, a farmer of Winslow township, and has one child—Sadie; Sadie, deceased wife of Jerome Bowers, a railroad man of Du Bois, Penn.; Charles C., Ferman D., and Loren H., at home.

After concluding his apprenticeship in 1855 our subject for three years engaged in carpentering in partnership with John Shandler. Then for years he followed lumbering during the winters, and in summer until his enlistment, August 13, 1862, in Company F, 103rd P. V. I., under Capt. Josiah Zink. Mr. Boyle was in service three years. He was wounded in the left arm and taken prisoner at Plymouth, N. C., but eight months later he was paroled, until exchanged and sent home. He secured a thirty-days' furlough, afterward extended to sixty days, and remained with his family in Armstrong county, where his wife had gone to live with her sister during Mr. Boyle's service in the army. Rejoining his regiment, he served to the close of the war, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865. During his service Mr. Boyle participated in many active engagements. After he was mustered out he remained in Armstrong county a year, recuperating his health. He then removed to Brookville, where he engaged in lumbering, farming, etc., until 1872. In that year he moved to his present farm. For two years he rented and then purchased four acres, and kept adding thereto from year to year until he now owns the entire 45 acres. In politics he is a Republican. For two years he served as supervisor, then declined renomination. He is a member of Reynoldsville Post No. 192, G. A. R., and is an active member of the M. E. Church, of which he has been class-leader during the past three years.

ABRAM FYE, a general farmer and proprietor of a portable sawmill in Winslow township, has for many years been one of the most important factors in the business life of Jefferson county. His name is inseparably interwoven with its history, and the part which he has taken in its substantial development classes him among those to whom the county will ever be indebted for the broad foundation upon which will be raised the superstructure of its future prosperity.

Mr. Fye was born in Sandy township, Clearfield Co., Penn., May 14, 1840, a son of Samuel and Mary (Dickson) Fye, and is a worthy representative of old and honored pioneer families of Jefferson county. His paternal great-grandfather, a native of Germany, came to America at an early day, and spent his last years in Clearfield county, while his grandfather, Henry Fye, who was also born in the Fatherland, made his home in Clarion county, Penn. The maternal grandfather, Samuel Dickson, was a native of Ireland, and died near Brookville, in Jefferson Co., Penn., where he had reared his family. Near Brookville the birth of both the parents of our subject occurred, and in Jefferson county their marriage was celebrated, but they afterward removed to Clearfield county, locating at the present site of West Liberty when only two families were living there. The father, who was

a farmer by occupation, died at that place in 1855, at the age of fifty-six years, and was buried upon his farm. The mother passed away in Jefferson county, May 13, 1872, aged seventy-five, and was laid to rest in the West Liberty cemetery. In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Eli, who died at the age of fifty; Miss Jennetta, who removed to Kansas in 1864; Mary, who wedded John Heberling, but both are now deceased; Hiram, who died in February, 1895; Ellen, the wife of Henry Lyons, a resident farmer of Prescottville, Penn.; Eliza, wife of George Dakin, who removed to the State of New York in 1857; Harriet, wife of William Kneal, of Kansas; Rebecca, wife of Isaac Neff, of Oil City, Penn.; and Abram, of this sketch.

After he attended school for three terms of three months each the school house was destroyed by fire, and owing to a scarcity of funds in the community it was not rebuilt. Therefore Abram Fye's educational advantages were limited. At the age of fifteen he began the battle of life by working by the day at any employment which he could find, for the first three years being mainly engaged in the manufacture of shingles and at work in the lumber woods of Clearfield county, for which he received $7 per month. Returning home at the age of eighteen, he operated the farm on shares for two years, and then removed to Jefferson county with his brother, Hiram, renting the F. Henry farm in Winslow township. Later he rented a house in the same township for one year, and then leased the Micks farm near Big Soldier for the same length of time. Throughout this period they engaged in lumbering in connection with agriculture, and having succeeded in accumulating some capital, they purchased 100 acres of land in Winslow township, which they divided in 1888. Our subject has added to his portion a tract of forty-three acres, bought in 1890, and to-day has a good farm of ninety-three acres of well-improved and valuable land. He also owns a third interest in a planing and shingle mill at Sykesville, and is still successfully engaged in lumbering and farming.

At the home of the bride's parents in Winslow township, Jefferson county, September 12, 1865, Rev. James Johnson performed a wedding ceremony, which united the destinies of Mr. Fye and Miss Sophia J. Rea, who was born in that township, January 7, 1845. Her parents, Joshua and Frances (Wilkens) Rea, were natives of Clarion county, Penn., and came to Jefferson county at an early day, locating near Prescottville, where the father died in 1850, at the age of fifty years. His remains were interred in Prospect Hill cemetery, Jefferson county. The mother long survived him, dying April 8, 1894, aged eighty-four, and was buried in the Prescottville cemetery. Their children were John, who died at the age of twenty-two; Thomas, a carpenter residing in Kansas; Sophia J., the wife of our subject; and George M., who occupies the old homestead near Prescottville. Mrs. Fye's paternal grandparents were Joshua and Sarah (Meredieth) Rea, the former of Welsh and the latter of Irish descent. They died and were buried in Clarion county. Her maternal grandparents, John and Jane (Brown) Wilkens, natives of Ireland, located in Venango county, Penn., on coming to the United States, but their remains were interred at Brookville, Jefferson county. To our subject and his wife have been born children as follows: William Thomas, December 7, 1866; Rosetta Jane, February 22, 1869; David Elmore, April 13, 1872; George M., January 15, 1879, died February 25, 1879; Ida Cora Belle and Ada Ora Della, January 17, 1876; Samuel Joseph Joshua, May 27, 1880; and John Edgar, April 7, 1883. The father of these, in his political affiliations, is a Republican, and in 1882 he served as supervisor of his township, and has been school director for the past two years. As a progressive, enterprising man, his business interests have ever been prosecuted with vigor and energy, and he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. He is honored and respected by all, and is recognized as one of the representative citizens of Winslow township.

HENRY K. NORTH is one of the substantial citizens of McCalmont township, Jefferson county. His farm of 170 acres near Punxsutawney compares well with any in the locality, and for some years past he has also been extensively engaged in lumbering, one contract which he now has on hand calling for the clearing, manufacturing and delivery of the lumber on 2,000 acres of land in Jefferson county, for the R. & P. Coal and Iron Company.

Mr. North is a representative of a prominent family, the numerous descendants of John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, who came from Ireland to Pennsylvania in 1810, having inherited the sturdy qualities of that worthy couple. The first years of their residence in America were spent in Philadelphia, but in 1818 they moved to Indiana county to enter upon a typical pioneer life. John North followed farming throughout his remaining years, and at times would resume his earlier business of weaving as his

services might be required by his neighbors. He died in 1845 and his wife in 1848.

The late Joseph P. North, the father of our subject, was born in Delaware, June 14, 1816, and, coming to Jefferson county in the early days, experienced the hardships of pioneer life in a roughly-built "shanty." He became wealthy as the locality was developed, and his later years were spent in careful comfort. In 1860 he erected a fine modern residence on his homestead in McCalmont township, where he died March 14, 1891. He was buried in the North cemetery, in the same township, which was named for him. While he was prominent in all local affairs, he was especially so in religious work, being one of the founders of Zion Cumberland Church, and a ruling elder from the time of its organization until his death. He married Miss Marjorie Kinsel, a native of Young township, Jefferson county, who survives him and resides with their daughter, Mrs. Limerick, in Indiana county. Her parents, William and ——— Kinsel, were both born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and died near Punxsutawney, their burial taking place at Whitesville. To Joseph P. and Marjorie North nine children were born, as follows: John G., who died March 6, 1897; Virginia, wife of A. J. Limerick, a farmer in Indiana county; James K., superintendent of a glass factory in Westmoreland county, Penn.; Henry K., our subject; Mary C., wife of Dr. J. W. Arthurs, of Findlay, Ohio; Harvey, who died in September, 1871; Phœbe J., wife of Daniel J. Stiner, a merchant of Knoxdale, Penn.; Lot, a farmer on the old homestead, and Joseph L., a merchant in Punxsutawney.

Henry K. North was born July 5, 1851, in McCalmont township, and was reared to farm work on his father's farm, where he remained until the age of twenty-five. He then engaged in farming at his present homestead, and also became interested in the lumber business. In 1884 he erected a sawmill on his place, and after clearing the land entirely, he transferred the business, in 1893, to Big Run, Jefferson county, where he now has a forty-horse-power mill with a capacity of 30,000 feet per day. Being both industrious and thrifty, he has succeeded to a gratifying degree, and at the same time has made many friends for himself by his excellent qualities and jovial manners. He belongs to various social orders in Punxsutawney, including the K. of P., the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the United Workmen, and the Junior Mechanics. In the political issues of the day he has always supported the Republican policy. In 1890 he was elected constable of the township, and served most creditably in that position for seven years, retiring in 1897. In the fall of the same year he was chosen by election one of the jury commissioners of the county.

On March 19, 1874, at Battle Hollow, Jefferson county, Mr. North was married to Miss Emma Evans, and ten children make their home merry, their names being: William L., Harry C., Maud, Bert, Charles, Zella, Nora, Lula, Mary and Clair. Mrs. North was born February 22, 1858, at Battle Hollow, where her grandparents, Ellis and Rebecca Evans, of Centre county, were pioneer settlers. Her father, the late Josiah Evans, a native of Centre county, followed farming at the homestead in Battle Hollow, throughout his later years, and was a leading citizen, working actively in the Republican organization and holding various local offices. He and his first wife, Lida Gibson, a native of Indiana county, were devout members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She departed this life in 1865, her husband surviving until 1889, aged seventy-four years. The remains of both were interred in the Olive cemetery, in Oliver township, Jefferson county. They had ten children: William, a carpenter at Punxsutawney; John, a machinist at Cleveland, Ohio; Gibson, a carpenter in Oliver township; Elizabeth, wife of Rev. J. R. McCowan, a Presbyterian minister in Iowa; Mary, the wife of J. R. Brown, of Battle Hollow; Emma, Mrs. North; and James, Reed, Silas, and Ellis, who are deceased. By a second marriage, with Mrs. Lida (Tison) Horner, widow of William Horner, Mr. Evans had three children: Minta, wife of William Kriner, who operates an incubator at Battle Hollow; George, a lumberman residing at Glen Campbell, Penn.; and Josiah, who occupies the old homestead.

SAMUEL BUTLER, a leading representative of the agricultural interests of Union township, has spent his entire life in Jefferson county, his birth occurring September 27, 1832.

His parents were Nathaniel and Rebecca (Barnett) Butler, the latter a daughter of Joseph Barnett, in whose honor Port Barnett was named. It was built in pioneer days for the protection of settlers from the hostile Indians, and there most of Mr. Barnett's children were born. They were six in number—Andrew, John, Scott, Rebecca, Sarah and Juliet. The father was one of the earliest settlers of Jefferson county, where he improved a farm and built and operated a sawmill for many years. Nathaniel Butler, the father of our subject, was a native of Vermont,

where he was reared upon a farm, but in 1820, when about nineteen years of age, he came to Jefferson county, Penn., where for the following decade he engaged in lumbering. In the meantime he was married, and bought a tract of wild land, which he transformed into a good farm, making it his home until called to the unseen world in 1878. His wife, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church, had preceded him, dying in 1873. She was born at Port Barnett in 1802, and he was born at Rutland, Vt., the same year. Their five children were as follows: James, a farmer; Samuel, of this sketch; Andrew; Winfield; and Charles, who served his country during the Civil war, and is now a farmer and lumberman.

In the common schools of Jefferson county Samuel Butler obtained his education, here grew to manhood and has since made his home with the exception of four years spent in New York. For some time during early life he worked in a sawmill, but in 1864 entered the Union army as a member of the 29th P. V. I., which was assigned to Sherman's department, joining the command at Savannah, Ga., and serving until the close of the war, at which time they were stationed at Goldsboro, N. C. In the meantime Mr. Butler was for fifty-four consecutive days on the march. After the surrender of Lee he was sent to New York, where, during the last of April, 1865, he was paid off and honorably discharged, but, being ill from exposure and hardships during his long march, he was forced to remain in the hospital at David's Island until June. The following spring, after his return home, Mr. Butler resumed work in the sawmill, with which he was connected for twenty years, and in 1885 removed to his present farm, which at that time was all wild timber land. He now has twenty acres under cultivation, and has erected a commodious house and good barns and other outbuildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. From the government he now receives a pension in return for his faithful service during the dark days of the Rebellion. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, but has never aspired to office.

In 1860, Mr. Butler wedded Miss Mary Bullock, a daughter of William and Mary A. (Sikes) Bullock, the former a native of Vermont, and the latter of New York, where they were married and continued to reside until Mrs. Butler was eight years of age, when they removed to McKean county, Penn. After farming there until 1862 they returned to the Empire State, where Mrs. Bullock died, but the father spent his last days in Michigan, dying there in 1888. They were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Mrs. Butler also belongs. Their children were Simeon, now a resident of South Bend, Ind.; Mary, wife of our subject; Adelia, wife of J. Ellis; Mrs. Jennie Oakes; Seymour, deceased; Martha, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Frank, deceased. Seven children have graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, namely; William, a lumberman; Franklin, a farmer; Carrie, wife of J. Carnihan; Mrs. Martha Berkhouse; Jennie, who died at the age of seven years; and James and Mary, both at home.

JACOB B. SYKES. Prominent among the business men of Jefferson county is our subject, founder of the village of Sykesville, whose name is inseparably connected with its growth and prosperity. By his energy, perseverance and fine business ability he has been enabled to secure an ample fortune. Systematic and methodical, his sagacity, keen discrimination and sound judgment have made him one of the prosperous citizens of the community, and to-day he enjoys the reward of his painstaking and conscientious work.

Mr. Sykes was born June 10, 1852, in Curwensville, Clearfield county, Penn., a son of Henry and Rebecca (Bilger) Sykes, in whose family were the following children: George W., now proprietor of a woolen-mill in Reynoldsville, Penn.; Mary, wife of Frederick Buchheit, a farmer of Indiana county, Penn.; Emaline, wife of John Best, an agriculturist of Salem, Ore.; Jacob B., of this sketch; Ellen, who is engaged in teaching; Benjamin, a resident of Troutville, Penn., who is a partner of our subject in business; and John and James, both farmers of Salem, Ore. The birth of the father occurred in Huddersfield, England, in which country his parents, George Sykes and wife, spent their entire lives, the former being engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods. Henry Sykes, prior to his journey to America in 1836, took a very active part in establishing the first co-operative store in Huddersfield, Eng., of which he became the president. On coming to the United States he first located in Philadelphia, Penn. For two years he was employed as a traveling salesman, and then engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods in Union county, this State. During the construction of the Blair county tunnel, he contracted to board the men employed on the same. In 1850 he went to Clearfield county, where he followed farming for three years, and was later similarly employed in Huntingdon county, Penn., for two years,

after which he returned to Clearfield county. Until 1861 he there engaged in agricultural pursuits, but in that year he took up his residence in Henderson township, Jefferson county, a mile and a half from the present site of Sykesville, where he made his home until 1888. Going to Salem, Ore., he purchased two farms now within the corporation limits of that city, which are still owned by his wife. Industrious, persevering and energetic, he met with excellent success in his undertakings, and became one of the prosperous, as well as one of the most influential, men of his community. Originally he was a Democrat in politics, but later supported the men and measures of the Republican party. With the United Brethren Church, both he and his wife held membership. His death occurred on the Pacific coast in 1894, at the age of seventy-five years, but she is still living in Salem, Ore. She was born in 1829, a daughter of Jacob Bilger and wife, natives of Union county, Penn., who died in Clearfield county.

Until he had attained his majority, Jacob B. Sykes continued to assist his father in his farming and lumber operations, and then went to Minnesota, where for a year he engaged in lumbering. Returning to Jefferson county, he embarked in the same line of business, and is now one of the most extensive lumber merchants of this region, being the senior member of the well-known firm of Sykes Brothers, of Clearfield county. His brother, Benjamin J., is his partner in business. They own and operate a sawmill and planing-mill at Newtonburg, where they have 1,400 acres of timber land; J. B. Sykes also owns 280 acres of land in Jefferson county, on a part of which he has laid out the thriving little village of Sykesville. On locating here the place contained but one house, then occupied by Henry Philippi, whose nearest neighbor was Henry Shaffer. The tract was an unbroken wilderness, covered with a heavy growth of timber, principally pine, and was then owned by Charles Brown, George E. Williams and J. B. Walker, from whom Mr. Sykes purchased it. He first contracted to take the timber off the land, and then bought the 280 acres at $12 per acre. Since then he has sold the coal from under his land for $50 per acre. Sykesville now contains a population of 400, has three good schools, three general stores, a restaurant, confectionery store and planing-mill. From 1878 until 1893 our subject was engaged in general merchandising in connection with his lumber business at that place, and in the latter year erected the "Sykes Hotel," but now gives his attention principally to his extensive lumber interests.

In Winslow township, Jefferson county, in 1875, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Sykes and Miss Florenna Philippi, a native of that township, and a daughter of Solomon Philippi. They have five children: Agnes, who married W. R. Cole, part owner of the People's Planing Mill at Punxsutawney, Penn., and has two children—Alva L. and Annabell; Asa W., now serving as bookkeeper for his father at Newtonburg, Clearfield county; and Thomas O., Effie and Ruth, all at home.

Our subject is an ardent Republican in politics, and served as the first postmaster of Sykesville. He is an honored and prominent member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, at that place, and also belongs to the Royal Arcanum of Punxsutawney. In all places and under all circumstances he is loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame and position. In those finer traits of character which combine to form that which we term friendship, which endear and attach man to man in bonds which nothing but the stain of dishonor can sever, which triumph and shine brightest in the hour of adversity—in these qualities he is royally endowed.

WILLIAM JOHN MORRISON is numbered among the distinguished citizens of Oliver township, Jefferson county, and has attained to a prominent place in its commercial circles entirely through his own efforts. His business policy has ever been honorable, commending him to the confidence and good will of all, and his interests have been prosecuted with vigor and energy, so that as the result of his untiring labors he has now a comfortable competence.

Mr. Morrison was born October 13, 1852, in Rose township, Jefferson county, and is a son of Robert C. and Esther (Hill) Morrison, prominent and highly-respected people. His childhood days were spent on his father's farm, unmarked by any event of special importance. He assisted in the labors of the field, and attended the public schools of the neighborhood, where he acquired a good education. At the age of twenty he began teaching school, and for sixteen winter terms he followed that profession, while in the summer months he studied in different institutes and summer schools, thereby perfecting himself in his work. He was at one time a student in the Edinboro Normal. He won a high reputation as an educator, having the faculty of imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he acquired. He spent one year in the

oil fields of Butler county, Penn., and passed three years in Colorado and Kansas engaged in teaching and mining, going to the West in 1878, and returning in 1881. Since that time he has engaged in the lumber business in Oliveburg, and in 1892 he purchased the general mercantile store of John B. Fink. He conducts a good business along that line, and also enjoys a fair trade as the owner and operator of a sawmill. In addition to these various commercial interests which occupy his attention, he has acceptably served as postmaster for several years. On November 7, 1882, he was married to Miss Minerva Jordan, who was born on the old family homestead in Oliver township, Jefferson county, April 6, 1855. They now have two children: Harry and Carrie, at home. They also lost two, Mary and J. Carrolton, who died in childhood.

His fellow citizens recognizing his worth and capability, have frequently elected Mr. Morrison to township office. He is a very active member in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has served as elder for the past seven years, and has also been superintendent of the Sunday-school In politics he is a stanch Republican. His well-spent life is worthy of emulation, and in the best development of Jefferson county he is an important factor.

JOHN K. BROWN, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Summerville, Penn., is a close and thorough student, a man of deep research, and his investigations into the science of medicine, as well as his skillful application of the knowledge he has thereby obtained, has won him a place in the foremost ranks of the medical fraternity.

The Doctor was born in 1859 in Summerville, his parents being Dr. R. B. and Susan (Laveley) Brown. The father was a native of Butler county, Penn., where he remained until 1848, and in 1851 he came to Summerville, Jefferson county. For many years he was one of the leading physicians of this section, and was also quite prominent in public affairs, representing Jefferson county in the General Assembly in 1875 and 1876. He died in 1892, highly respected by all who knew him, but his wife is still living. In their family were two sons and two daughters, namely: John K., of this review; Harry L., now deceased; Lizzie, wife of Samuel J. Cochran, and Ella, deceased widow of Dr. McKibbon, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

The primary education of our subject was obtained in the schools of Summerville, but this was supplemented by academic and normal courses. After leaving school he engaged in teaching for some four years, and at the age of twenty took up the study of medicine under the able guidance of his father. Later he entered the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and graduated from that institution with the class of 1884, since which time he has successfully engaged in practice at his birth-place—Summerville.

In 1885 Dr. Brown was married to Mattie J. Hamilton, a daughter of Robert Hamilton, of Jefferson county, and to them was born a daughter—Bessie. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1887. The Doctor was again married, in 1890, the lady of his choice being Miss Minnie Hawthorne, a daughter of James Hawthorne, of Jefferson county. One son blesses this union—Reed B. Mrs. Brown, a cultured and refined lady, holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Fraternally, Dr. Brown is a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Blue Lodge and Chapter, Brookville, and Ridgway Commandery; his father at the time of his death was the oldest Mason in Jefferson county. Our subject also belongs to the local and grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the former is past grand. In politics he is identified with the Republican party, but has never aspired to official honors, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his profession. As a physician he enjoys the honor of being the peer of any in Jefferson county, is a prominent member of the State and County Medical Societies, and for a period of twelve years has served as surgeon for the Allegheny Valley railroad. His life has been characterized by energy, perseverance and untiring labor, and to these principles his success is due. In 1896 Drs. Brown and Haven organized the Summerville Telephone Co., which has since been developed until the gentlemen interested now have a company chartered at $20,000 with extensive exchanges in the towns of DuBois, Reynoldsville, Punxsutawney, Brookville and Summerville; also lines that reach all minor points in the county. Dr. Brown has been president of the company ever since its organization, and has given much of his energy and time to its interests, which are shown in its great success,

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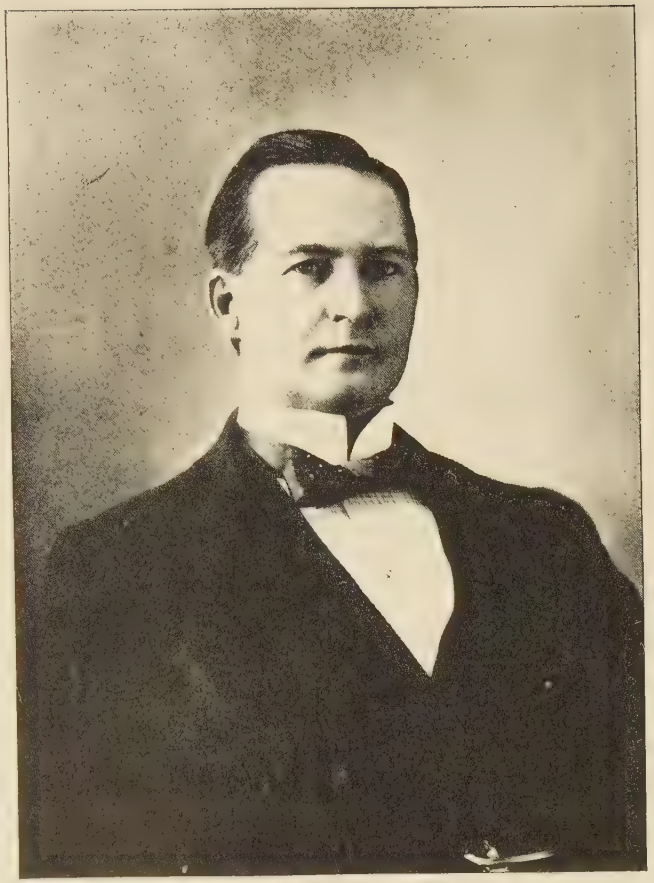
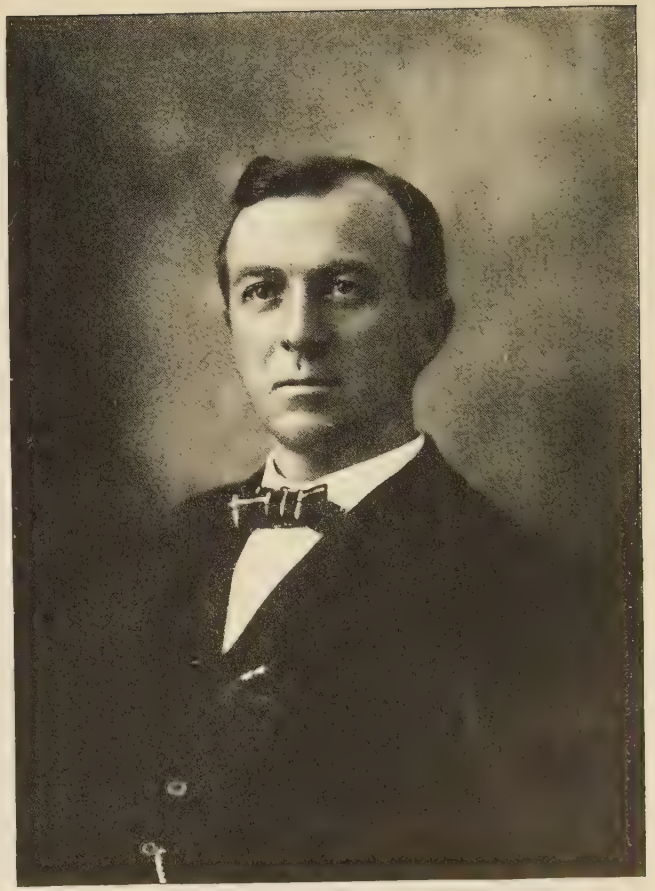
JAMES A. HAVEN, M. D. Among those who devote their time and energies to the practice of medicine and surgery, and have gained a leading place in the ranks of the profession, is Dr. Haven, of Summerville, Pennsylvania.

Born in 1858, in Clover township, Jefferson county, the Doctor is a son of Clark B. and





John K. Brown, M. D. J. A. Haven M. D.

Maria (Alexander) Haven. His father was reared near Emporium, Pennsylvania, but came to Jefferson county about 1847 or 1848, and here worked as a common laborer until the Civil war. For three years he faithfully served his country during that struggle, and received a gunshot wound, from the effects of which he died in March, 1893. His wife, who was a native of New York, passed away April 26, 1895.

In the common schools of Jefferson county, our subject secured his literary education, and during his youth worked at any employment which he could obtain. At the age of eighteen he entered the telegraph office at Summerville, where he learned telegraphy, and was subsequently operator at that place, which position he acceptably filled for twelve years. For a part of this time, during his leisure hours, he read medicine with Drs. R. B. & J. K. Brown, and in 1887 he entered the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, of Pittsburg, Penn., from which institution he was graduated March 27, 1890. He at once entered into partnership with Dr. J. K. Brown, and this firm continued business for one year, when Dr. Haven removed to Clarion, Penn. After engaging in practice at that place for a year, he returned to Summerville, where he has since successfully followed his chosen calling. He has that true love for his work without which there can be no success, and has always been a progressive physician, constantly improving on his own and the methods of others, and gaining further encouragement and inspiration from the performance of each day's duties.

On December 1, 1897, the Summerville Telephone Company, a corporation capitalized at $20,000, with a charter covering Jefferson, Clearfield, Elk, Forest, Clarion, Armstrong and Indiana counties, recognizing Dr. Haven's ability and qualifications for discharging the duties incident to the office, resulting from his long experience with the railroad company as agent and operator, tendered him the position of General Superintendent of their business, which he accepted, and dissolving the partnership existing between himself and Dr. Brown, he at once entered upon the duties of said office, which he continues to hold. The Doctor has had general supervision of the construction of the telephone company's plant and the arrangement of its business, and every indication is that he will prove the wisdom of the company in selecting him for this important trust.

On June 17, 1882, Dr. Haven was united in marriage with Miss Lula B. Carrier, a daughter of Hiram Carrier, a worthy citizen of Summerville, and to them were born two children, but only one survives—Hila Sarah.

From humble surroundings the Doctor has risen to his present position of eminence. Though his medical education was obtained under many trying circumstances, he now ranks high among his professional brethren, and is a prominent member of the Jefferson County Medical Society. Socially, he is a Master Mason and an Odd Fellow, and is past grand in the latter order. His political affiliations are with the Democracy.

GEORGE HORM. Jefferson county has many well-to-do and successful agriculturists who have accumulated what they have of this world's goods through individual effort. Among this class the subject of this notice is entitled to mention. He is now the owner of a fine farm in Washington township, where he is industriously engaged in the prosecution of his noble calling, and is meeting with far more than ordinary success.

Mr. Horm was born in Centre county, Penn., September 25, 1832, a grandson of John Horm, a native of Germany, who for seven years served in the German army, part of the time under Napoleon. After his discharge from the service he came to the United States, locating in Lancaster county, Penn., where he married a native of that county, a woman of German descent. Subsequently he came to Jefferson county, where he transformed a tract of wild land into a fine farm, and spent his remaining days. He and his wife were Lutherans. They were the parents of four sons: John, George, William and Jacob.

John Horm, the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster county, but in early life accompanied his parents on their removal to Jefferson county, where he grew to manhood. Going to Bellefonte, he engaged in stage driving for some time, and in Centre county married Elizabeth Clinger. About 1835 he returned to Jefferson county, where he took up a tract of wild land and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until called from this life in 1860. His first wife had died many years previous, and he afterward wedded Mary A. Morrison, of Clearfield county, by whom he had seven children: Mrs. Sarah Ray, Mrs. Amanda Dean, Mrs. Mary E. Burket, Mrs. Matilda Millern, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Fanny, and Mrs. Lavina Slack. Our subject is the oldest and only survivor of the four children born of the first union, the others being John, Joseph, and Elizabeth (wife of John McKnut). The parents were devout members of the Lutheran Church, and highly respected by all who knew them.

Like most farmer boys, George Horm was

educated in the country schools, and early became familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Leaving home at the age of twenty-two, he began the struggle of life for himself by making square timber and rafting on the river, which occupations he continued to follow for many years. Soon after his marriage he bought a tract of heavily-timbered land, which he improved, but later sold and purchased 150 acres, which comprises his present valuable farm. He has placed eighty acres under excellent culture, and has erected good and substantial buildings upon the place, which to-day ranks among the best in Washington township. For many years he continued lumbering, was considered one of the best pilots on the river, but now gives his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. Politically he is one of the most reliable men in the Democratic party, and takes a lively interest in matters pertaining to the progress and development of his adopted county. In 1856 he was married to Miss Sarah Rea, and to them were born thirteen children, of whom two died in childhood. The others were as follows: Winfield, who died at the age of thirty-six, Elsworth at the age of nineteen, William at eleven, and Luzette at six, all dying of diphtheria within thirty-six hours; Elizabeth, now the wife of G. Milison; Mary A.; Mrs. Lucinda Crawford; Mrs. Ella Sample; Edith; Lewis and Leslie, at home.

Mrs. Horm is a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Yemans) Rea, natives of Clarion county, Penn., and Connecticut, respectively. In 1864 they removed to Iowa, where he died in 1881, and his wife in 1887. They had been among the first to settle in Washington township, Jefferson countys and underwent all the hardships and privation, incident to pioneer life, at one time having to go nearly three miles to borrow fire, as it was before the time of matches. Upon their frontier farm they raised all the food for the family, and not only wove the cloth for their own clothing, but also for their neighbors at Beechwoods. Mr. Rea was of Irish, his wife of English, lineage, and both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Their children were Jerry, Tabitha, George, Harry, Mary, Lucinda, John and Matilda.

ELZA McANINCH, a veteran of the Civil war, is numbered among the substantial citizens of Henderson township, Jefferson county, where he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits for some years.

Mr. McAninch is of pioneer stock, his father, John McAninch, who was born at Brady's Bend, Penn., having settled at an early day in Jefferson county, married Miss Maria Reed, a native of the locality. After his marriage John McAninch bought a tract of land in Jefferson county, and remained there until after his wife's death in 1867. He then removed to Big Run, where he was employed by Henry Brown in cutting timber, and was accidentally killed by a falling tree. Our subject was one of nine children, of whom five died at an early age. Of two sisters who lived to maturity, both are now deceased. Charlotte married Abram Milliron, of Big Run, and died at Reynoldsville in 1890, leaving three children: Seth, Dochie and Ella. Isabella, the youngest sister of our subject, died some years ago, unmarried. His only surviving brother, Seth, who is engaged in mercantile business in Punxsutawney, married Miss Margaret Williams, of Jefferson county, and has three daughters: Myrtle, now Mrs. George Grofford, of Punxsutawney, and Miss Maud and Miss May, both at home.

Elza McAninch, our subject, was born in 1833, at the old home in Jefferson county, and was there reared. In 1858 he was married Miss Henrietta Cochran, a daughter of Matthew and Margaret Cochran, wealthy agriculturists of the same county. After his marriage our subject located at Brookville and worked in a sawmill until 1863, when he enlisted in Company G, 76th P. V. I. The new recruits were first taken to Braddock's Field, near Pittsburg, for equipment and drill, and then went to Philadelphia, where they took boats for Hilton Head, S. C. From that point they were sent into Virginia, and their experience in actual warfare came when they were marched to the front at the fierce fight at the Weldon Railroad, where they drove back the enemy and tore up the rails for several miles. In their next engagement, which was at Drury's Bluff, they were less fortunate, as after four days of incessant fighting the Rebels were reinforced and the Federal forces were obliged to retreat to White House Landing. In June, 1864, the command were at Cold Harbor, and while there our subject was taken ill with typhoid fever. He was taken to a hospital at Hampton Roads, where he remained for eleven months, and on his recovery he was discharged, as peace had been declared. "The following are the principal heavy engagements participated in. However this does not include the many smaller skirmishes, of which no note is taken: Fort Pulaski, Ga., April 11, 1862; James Island, S. C., June 16, 1862; Pocotaligo, S. C., October 22, 1862; Morris' Island, S. C., July 10, 1863; Fort Wagner, S. C., July 10, 1863; Fort Wagner, S. C., July 16, 1863; Chesterfield Heights, Va.,

May 7, 1864; Proctor's Creek, Va., May 14, 1864; Drury's Bluff, Va., May 16, 1864; Cold Harbor, Va., June 1, 2 and 3, 1864; Richmond & Petersburg R. R., June 16, 1864; Petersburg, Va., June 30, 1864; Mine Explosion, Va., July 30, 1864; Deep Bottom, Va., August 14, 1864; Strawberry Plains, Va., August 16, 1864; Fort Harrison, Va., September 28, 1864; Fort Gilmore, Va., September 29, 1864; Darbytown Road, Va., October 27, 1864; Fort Fisher, N. C., June 15, 1865."

Our subject came home by way of Baltimore, Md., and Indiana, Penn., and soon after his arrival at Brookville was employed in Alexander Pain's sawmill. In 1867 he moved to Big Run and engaged in lumbering as a jobber for Henry Brown, and, in 1871, he went to Stanton to work for L. B. Carlisle in a sawmill there. After seven years at that place Mr. McAninch worked three years in the mill of Samuel Kuntz, and then he spent four years at Big Run in the employ of William Reed. In 1893 he moved to the Hindman farm near Big Run, where he has since been engaged in agriculture.

In November, 1895, his beloved wife passed to the unseen world, her death causing sincere grief among a large circle of friends. Six children survive, namely: (1) John, now (1898) forty-one years of age, is a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county. He married Miss Lena Weaver, of the same county, and has two children—Henrietta and Glen, both at home. (2) Calvin, aged thirty-eight years, received a common-school education, and is engaged in farming in Henderson township. He married Miss Florence Gourley, daughter of James and Mary Gourley, wealthy residents of Henderson township, her father being a leading merchant and lumberman of Big Run. After his marriage Calvin purchased a home at Big Soldier, where he was employed for some years in the mills at filing, but in 1891 he sold his property, and, returning to Henderson township, bought his father-in-law's farm, which he has since operated. He has three children: James Blair, Clyde C. and Mary Belle. (3) Alvin Minor, aged thirty-three years, is not married, and at present is working in the woods as a lumberman. (4) Clara Alice, aged thirty-one years, married Michael Painter, formerly of Armstrong county, Penn., and is now a resident of Sykesville, where he is engaged in mining. They have no family. (5) James, aged twenty-three years, is single, and works in the woods in the lumber business. (6) Rollie Baker is aged fifteen years. The parents of these six children united with the M. E. Church some years ago, and their daughter, Clara, is also a member. While our subject has never been a politician, he takes much interest in the questions of the day, and, as his father before him was, he is a stanch Republican, having left the Whig party to join in the great anti-secession movement which secured for all time the unity and indivisibility of our country.

L. M. HURD, general superintendent of the Elk Tanning Company, of Falls Creek, Jefferson county, is a man of excellent business and executive ability, with the brain to devise and the hand to carry forward his plans. He has won success in industrial circles that has made him a substantial citizen, one possessed of superior business qualifications.

Henry Hurd, father of our subject, a native of Greene county, N. Y., for many years was a prominent dealer in live stock in New York City, where he died in 1882. He married Miss Harriet Morss, of the same nativity, who passed away in 1890. Gen. Jehiel Tuttle, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a son of Lieut. John Tuttle, who served in the war of the Revolution. Henry and Harriet Hurd had a family of five children, all living on Long Island, N. Y., except our subject: Morris, L. M. (our subject), Jehiel T. (who is practicing law in New York City), Harriet and Minnie.

L. M. Hurd, whose name opens this sketch, was born January 23, 1852, in New York City, and was reared on Long Island, where he obtained his education. He afterward went to Sullivan county, N. Y., with Medad Morss, and later worked in Susquehanna county, Penn., whence he removed to Lewis county, N. Y. In 1891 he came to Falls Creek, where he entered the employ of Mr. Proctor. He is now general superintendent of the Elk Tanning Company at that place. The plant was built in 1891, and is located in both Jefferson and Clearfield counties, but the greater part is in the former county. In connection with the tannery there are seventy acres of land, upon which has been erected forty-nine residences, all owned and controlled by the company. Employment is furnished to 120 men, and the average annual output is four million pounds of sole leather. In 1893 the business was incorporated under the name of the Elk Tanning Company, and the success of the enterprise is due in a large measure to Mr. Hurd, who has successfully controlled its affairs, and so conducted its interests as to win a liberal patronage and secure a comfortable competence.

In 1888 Mr. Hurd was united in marriage in

Potter county, Penn., with Miss Alice M. Hendryx, and they have many friends in the community, while their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality. In his political views Mr. Hurd is a Republican; in religious faith he is a member and vestryman of the Episcopal Church at DuBois, Mrs. Hurd adhering to the tenets of the Presbyterian faith. He is a citizen whose interest in the welfare of his town and county is shown by his earnest support of all measures calculated to promote the general welfare.

GEORGE R. BELL, D. D. S., of Punxsutawney, is one of the leading dentists of Jefferson county, where his ability, professional knowledge and skill are widely recognized.

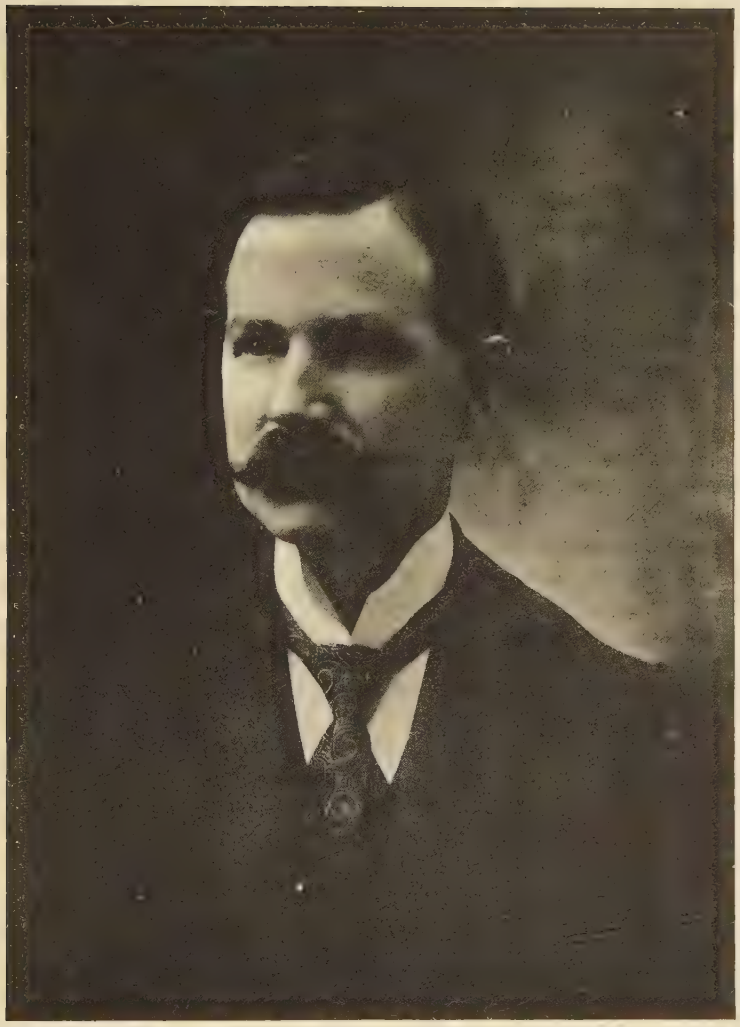
For several generations the Bell family have been residents of Jefferson county. Squire John Bell, his great-grandfather, was born in Northumberland county, Penn. He was a great hunter, being very fond of the sport, and in an early day in his locality he killed many bears, wolves, and deer. Joseph Bell, a son of Squire John Bell and the grandfather of Dr. Bell, was born in 1797, in Jefferson county. He married Sarah McKee, of Pennsylvania, and had two sons: Hugh M., and Franklin W., of Missouri. The mother of these died, and the father married Rachel Campfield, and to this union were born three daughters, namely: Betsy (deceased); Mary Ellen (widow of William Morris), of Jefferson county; and Jane (Mrs. Miller Means), of Lindsey, Jefferson county. Hugh M. Bell married Ellen Martin, and they became the parents of our subject. Both were born in 1825. Hugh M. Bell is now one the leading agriculturists of Jefferson county, a resident of Perry township. His wife still survives, and both, though well advanced in years, enjoy good health. They are kind neighbors, and hold the esteem of a large acquaintance throughout their township and the county.

George R. Bell received a good academic education, and remained upon the home farm until he attained the age of nineteen, when he started out in life for himself. He first engaged in teaching, and successfully followed that honorable calling for eleven years, but at the end of that period resigned his school and took up the study of dentistry. Entering the Philadelphia Dental College, he was graduated in 1889, and at once opened an office in Brockwayville, Jefferson county, where he remained for two years. In 1891 he located in Punxsutawney, and now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. On June 19, 1890, he was married to Miss Hattie I., daughter of James and Adaline (Orr) McGee, of McGee's Mill, Clearfield county, Penn., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Four children graced their union, but Lola, the second in order of birth, is now deceased. Those living are Lillian, Ellen and Thomas. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and hold an enviable position in the social circles of the community. The Doctor affiliates with the Republican party, and while he has no aspirations for political honors, he has efficiently served in school offices, and was for one year president of the board of education in Punxsutawney, of which he is now secretary.

ALBERT JORDAN, a leading agriculturist, lumberman and merchant of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, where his fine estate is among the oldest and most valuable in that locality, is a descendant of an old Colonial family.

Robert Jordan, his great-grandfather, came from Ireland at an early day, and located in Indiana county, where he made his home on a farm on the ridge between Smicksburg and Perrysville. He was a teamster in the American army during the Revolutionary war. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years, and reared a large family of children. By his first wife, Hannah (Hill), he had five children: Alexander, Samuel, Joseph, James, and Margaret (who married Isaac Matson). His second wife, Catherine Pounds, bore him seven children: Robert, Hannah (Mrs. James W. Bell), Nancy (Mrs. Enoch Crissman), Mary (Mrs. George Mogle), Mattie (Mrs. John McHenry), John (who married Martha Sharrard), Margaret (Mrs. Griffin Rowland), and William (who married Eliza Riddle). Of these, William Jordan and his wife are residents of Frostburg, Jefferson county; all the others are now deceased.

Samuel Jordan, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1792, in Indiana county, and at an early age came to Oliver township, Jefferson county. He was married, in Indiana county, to Miss Lida Cochran, a native of Mifflin county, Penn., who died in 1864, aged sixty-four years. Her parents, Isaac and Sarah Cochran, removed from their first home in Juniata county at an early day, and, after making their home of a few years in Indiana county, located permanently in Jefferson county, where they were prominent among the pioneers. In 1815 Samuel Jordan and his wife left Indiana county, and made their home in Jefferson county upon a tract of land which they supposed was open to settlement, but, finding afterward that it had been taken up,



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they moved to Oliver (then Perry) township, where they purchased 160 acres of land at $1.25 per acre. In early life they had been united with the Presbyterian Church, but after his wife's death, Samuel Jordan identified himself with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Their remains were interred in Olive cemetery, near the home where they spent so many years of their useful and honored lives. They had the following children: Isaac C.; Hannah H., now the widow of John McBrier, of Rose township, Jefferson county; Robert, a farmer in Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Fetterhoff, and is now deceased; Sarah, who married (first) James Cary (now deceased), and (second) John McPherson, of Clearfield; John, who married Nancy Bell, and resides at Perry, Jefferson county; Joseph, a resident of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Law (now deceased); William A., a farmer in Oliver township, who married Mary J. Reed; James B., who married Anna M. Smith, and resides in Punxsutawney. He is a veteran of the Civil war and a leading politician of this section, having served six years as county commissioner, and three as county auditor.

The late Isaac C. Jordan, our subject's father, was born July 14, 1816, in Indiana county, but his life was mainly spent in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he owned a large farm. Beginning life in very poor circumstances, he made his own way successfully, and acquired a handsome competence. He was a well-known lumberman, and had several sawmills there and in neighboring townships. His death occurred in McCalmont township, November 12, 1884, after a brief but severe illness while he was visiting one of his sawmills in which his sons, Charles B. and Albert, were his partners. His remains were taken home for burial, and were interred in Olive cemetery. He was a man of prominence, and for many years was a ruling elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Oliveburg; he also held numerous township offices, and was an influential worker in the Republican party. At one time he was the Republican nominee from the county for the Legislature, but there was a Democratic landslide that year, and although he ran ahead of his ticket he was defeated. On October 30, 1839, in Jefferson county, he was married by Rev. Charles R. Barkley, a minister of the C. P. Church, to Miss Leanna Steffy, a native of Rockingham county, Va., born November 21, 1818, and they had ten children: Miss Mary E. resides at the homestead with her mother; Samuel S. is a resident of Oliver township; Charles B. is a farmer and lumberman residing in Oliver township, Jefferson county; Lida A. died at the age of four years; Winfield S. lived but one year and ten months; Albert is our subject; Minerva J. is the wife of William Morrison, a merchant, lumberman and farmer at Oliveburg; Leah married Frederick Parr, a farmer in Oliver township; Lena J. is the wife of J. W. Martin, an attorney at Punxsutawney; J. Simon, a farmer in Oliver township, married Miss Maggie Anthony. All of the surviving children reside near the old home, their parents having encouraged them to do so.

The Steffy family is of German origin, but has long been identified with the State of Virginia. Philip Steffy, our subject's great-grandfather, was a farmer and shoemaker in that State, and his son, Samuel Steffy, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared there. Samuel Steffy married Mary Bowers, danghter of John Bowers, a farmer, and his wife, who were natives of Germany and Virginia, respectively. In 1820 Mr. Steffy removed to Jefferson county, and located upon a farm in Bell township. He was engaged in lumbering as well as in agriculture, and piloted the first raft sent from the upper end of the Mahoning creek. He was a Democrat in politics, and a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His death occurred in 1878, when he was aged eighty-four years, and his first wife, our subject's grandmother, died in 1823, aged thirty, the remains of both being interred in Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Jefferson county. By his first marriage he had four children: Elizabeth, widow of John Corey, of Punxsutawney; Leanna, our subject's mother; John, who died in Kansas; and Simon, who entered the Union army during the Civil war, and died in Libby prison. By a second marriage, with Ann Cook, of Shippensburg, Penn., there were four children: Mary, widow of William Yost, of Millville, Penn.; William, a resident of Punxsutawney; Maria, wife of A. Miller, a farmer in Virginia; and Joseph, deceased.

Albert Jordan, the subject proper of this sketch, was born January 9, 1853. He was reared to agricultural pursuits. He received his education in the schools of his neighborhood, attended the Dayton Academy, and later took a course of study in Duff's Business College, Pittsburg, Penn., from which he was graduated in 1884. After his graduation he served for a time as the bookkeeper of the First National Bank at Punxsutawney, of which he is now a director and stockholder. Up until in October, 1897, when he moved to Punxsutawney, where he now keeps a dry-goods, shoe and bargain store, he resided on the old homestead, on which he carried on

general farming, and since the death of his father he has had the entire charge of the farm. In 1839 his father built a sawmill on the place, and from that time to this there has always been a mill on the property. In 1876 his father, his brother, C. B. Jordan, and himself built a mill on Camp run, which the three conducted until the father's death, and after that up until 1895, when they ceased operations and closed out the business, it was carried on by the two brothers. Our subject has a fine stock farm in the State of Nebraska. He is a man of fine intelligence, fond of traveling, and is prominent in the progressive movements of the locality where his life has been spent. Politically he is a Republican, and in his religious views he adheres to the faith of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to John Jenks Lodge No. 534, F. and A. M., at Punxsutawney. On May 17, 1887, at Coolspring, Jefferson county, Mr. Jordan was married to Miss Maggie McKinstry, by whom he has one son, Don E. Mrs. Jordan was born at Coolspring, May 17, 1863, and on the paternal side is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Her grandparents, Alexander and Jeanette (Crawford) McKinstry, who were natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., met and married near Apollo, in this State, where they resided until 1841; then they removed to Jefferson county, and, after spending four years upon a farm in Oliver township, located permanently at the site of Coolspring. Alexander McKinstry was reared by his grandfather McKinstry, and secured a good education for his time. In early manhood he taught school in Mifflin county, Penn., and, for more than twenty years in later life, he held the office of justice of the peace. He was also for a time one of the commissioners of Jefferson county, and wherever he resided he was held in high esteem for his ability. By occupation he was a farmer and lumberman. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Rachel Bratton, had two children. His second wife, Jeannette Crawford (Mrs. Jordan's grandmother), had been married previously to Samuel McKee, by whom she had four children. She died November 6, 1862, aged sixty-six years, and he survived her until March 19, 1879, when he passed away at the age of seventy-nine years, six months and two days, the remains of both being interred in Perry Church cemetery, in Jefferson county. Their children were: Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Thompson A. (Mrs. Jordan's father); John, who died at an early age; and Mary A., widow of Samuel Sloane, of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

Thompson A. McKinstry, who was born February 22, 1834, at Apollo, Penn., is a prominent resident of Coolspring, where he is engaged in business as a farmer and general merchant, and also operates the McKinstry sawmill. He is an influential Democrat, and has been active in religious work as a member of the Presbyterian Church at Coolspring. He was a trustee for many years, and helped in building the new church edifice. On May 13, 1858, he was married near Punxsutawney, to Miss Sarah E. McKee, by whom he had the following children: Arminta, wife of L. Shaffner, a merchant of Coolspring; John R., manager of a store at Coolspring, who married Miss Kate Hughes, of Punxsutawney; Margaret J., wife of our subject; Emma L., who died at an early age; Miss Ella, who is at home; and Jefferson E., deceased. The mother of these died November 26, 1887, aged fifty-four years.

GEORGE T. WHEATCROFT. The subject of this sketch has for many years been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Jefferson county, having a fine estate in Porter township. Having commenced life with but small means, his financial position is ample evidence of the manner in which he has employed his time, and the good judgment of which he is the fortunate possessor. He has one of the best appointed homesteads in the township, and, on account of his strict integrity and high character, is numbered among its valued citizens.

His parents were John and Eliza J. (Gibson) Wheatcroft. The father was born in England in 1808, but when a boy was brought to this country by his father, Thomas Wheatcroft, who located in Westmoreland county, Penn., where he died many years ago. John was the eldest of his children, the others being as follows: Samuel; George, who worked in Pittsburg for some time, and then removed to Kentucky, where he married and died leaving two sons; Betsy, who became the wife of William Lemmon, of Pittsburg, and died leaving two children, William and Lou Lemmon; Ellen, who died a few years ago in Kentucky; and Mrs. Mary A. Cooper, who also passed away in that State some years ago, leaving one daughter. Until our subject was six years of age his father made his home in Pittsburg, and then removed to Porter township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a tract of 150 acres of timber land, and at once began to clear and improve his farm, but died after a residence here of about four years, leaving his widow with four children, of whom George T. was the eldest. (2) Ellen, born in Pittsburg, in 1837, accompanied her parents on their removal to Jefferson

county, and here married Judge Skinner, of Porter township. They now reside on a farm in Armstrong county, and have eight children—Alfred, Laurence, George, Elmer, Ham, Lee, Jennie, Matt and Minnie. (3) Annie married a Mr. Lardon, of Butler county, Penn., but died soon afterward. (4) Catharine wedded Wesley Coleman, of Armstrong county, and they now live in Roak Ridge, Clarion Co., Penn. Their children are Charles, Alice and Miles, all at home.

In Allegheny county, Penn., George T. Wheatcroft was born July 30, 1834, and during early life worked in the lumber woods. He was married in 1856, the lady of his choice being Miss Bell Allen, of Indiana county, Penn., by whom he has five children: (1) Thomas, born in Porter township, Jefferson county, in 1857, was educated in the common schools, and is now engaged in farming in Armstrong county. He married Caroline Yarger, of that county, and has six children—Archy, John, Effie, Wieda, Bell, and Grace. (2) John, born in Jefferson county, in February, 1859, is now conducting a grocery store in Braddock, Penn. (3) Robert, born in Armstrong county, in 1862, married Annie Goss, of that county, and lives on a farm in Porter township, Jefferson county, His children are Elda and George. (4) William, born in Armstrong county, in 1865, wedded Mollie Goss, of that county, and lives on the old homestead with his father. (5) Della E., born in July, 1867, was educated at Dayton, Armstrong county, and married George Grove, of that county. They make their home in Whitesville, Jefferson county, where he follows farming. They have one daughter, Gladys.

After his marriage Mr. Wheatcroft purchased a half interest in the Glen Foundry, and for some time business was carried on under the firm name of Glen & Wheatcroft, but he sold out to his partner in 1863 on his enlistment in the Union army. He joined Company B, 78th P. V. I., was sworn into the United States service at Harrisburg, and as a member of the Army of the Cumberland served under Captain McCann and General Thomas. His first engagement was at Chattanooga, in the fall of 1863, and this was followed by the battle of Missionary Ridge. After the winter spent at Lookout Mountain, the troops marched to Atlanta, and participated in the battle of Buzzards Roost, where they were under fire for thirty-six hours. They then fell back to Resaca, where another hard-fought engagement occurred, and later took part in the battle of Dallas. Here Mr. Wheatcroft was wounded, May 27, 1864, in the hand, which unfitted him for further service. He was first taken to the hospital at Nashville, was later sent to St. Louis, and then to Camp Dennison, Ohio, where he was honorably discharged November 2, 1864. He then returned to his family, and in 1869 purchased the old homestead in Porter township, Jefferson county, where he has since made his home. Besides his fine two-story residence he has erected a large barn and substantial outbuildings, and has made many other valuable improvements upon the place. He is a progressive, wide-awake business man and a citizen of which any community might justly be proud. Reared as a Whig, he became a Republican on the organization of that party, and has since been one of its ardent supporters. In religious belief, he and his estimable wife are Methodists.

DANIEL H. CLARK, of Cortez, Jefferson county, has, in a comparatively brief time, identified himself with the representative business men of that locality. The firm of Clark, Kizer & Kipp, extensive lumber dealers and manufacturers, was organized in December, 1893, and since that date Mr. Clark has been in charge of the outside interests, his energy and sound judgment contributing largely to the successful development of the business. He is a self-made man, and his thorough knowledge of business methods has been gained by a varied experience.

He is a native of Liberty Falls, Sullivan county, N. Y., where he was born April 6, 1855. His father, the late Luke Clark, a prosperous agriculturist, had come from Ireland in early manhood, and was well-known and highly esteemed in the locality. His first wife, Ellen King, our subject's mother, was a native of Ireland and her parents, Daniel and Mary King, passed their lives upon a farm in the Emerald Isle. She died in 1858 at the age of thirty years, and in the following year Luke Clark formed a second matrimoniel union with Miss Julia Keough, of Ireland, who passed away in 1869, aged forty years. A third marriage followed, with Mrs. Catherine Ragen, who is still living and occupies the old homestead, but in September, 1894, our subject's father passed to the unseen world at the age of seventy-six years. By his first marriage he had two sons: John, who died in infancy, and Daniel H., of this sketch. By the second union there were also two sons: Richard James, a partner in the firm of Clark, Kizer & Kipp until December 10, 1897, and Matthew J., who is employed by the same firm as a contractor. Five children were born of the third marriage: Delia, Michael and Elizabeth,

who are at home; Franklin, an employee of the firm, and Lawrence, now at home.

Our subject remained at the old home until the age of fifteen when he was employed by a tanner, and the next five years were spent in working at that trade in the woods as well as in the tannery. He then began contracting for peeling bark and in lumbering, and continued eight years as foreman for Thorne, McFarlan & Co., of Laporte, Penn. For one year he was in charge of construction work on the Lehigh Valley R. R., and then became foreman of a lumber company, remaining two years, when he again began contracting in the same line of business. In 1888 he and his brother, R. J., formed a partnership in mercantile and lumber business in Lopez, Penn., and continued six years, but our subject did not reside at the place, and for one year of this time he was at Rickett, Wyoming Co., Penn., as superintendent for the Trexler & Turrell Lumber Company. On the organization of the firm of which he is now a member he made his home at Cortez. As a shrewd business man Mr. Clark has never diverted his energies to politics, but his sympathies are with the Democratic party on questions of national policy.

The company owns 6,200 acres of timber land in Jefferson county, in McCalmont and Oliver townships, valued at $200,000, and they have about eight miles of railroad connecting their mill with the P. & N. W. R. R., their rolling stock costing $50,000. Their first mill burned in July, 1894, soon after its completion, but notwithstanding a loss of $15,000 the firm rebuilt and were again ready for business in November, 1894. Daniel H. Clark and G. W. Kipp attend to the mill work and office, and E. F. Kizer is in charge of the company's interests at Towanda, Pennsylvania.

On April 15, 1885, Mr. Clark was married at Dushore, Sullivan county, Penn., to Miss Mary McDonald, and this union has been blessed by five pretty little daughters, Mary E., Anna, Catherine, Margrette and Mildred E. Mrs. Clark was born September 24, 1858, in Sullivan county, Penn., is of Irish descent, her grandfather, Andrew McDonald, having come from Ireland in 1835. His wife, Mary Hayden, a native of Ireland, and their only son, John, came with him, and their home was established in the woods near Dushore, where he at once began to clear a farm. He was killed by a falling tree not long after his arrival, but his wife lived to the age of eighty-seven. The remains of both were interred in the cemetery at Dushore. John McDonald, Mrs. Clark's father, was born in England in 1830 but has been a resident of Sullivan county, Penn., since he was four years old, his home being now at Bernice. For some years he was engaged in agriculture, but later he became interested in mining, and he is one of the substantial citizens of the locality. In religious faith he is a Catholic, while his political allegiance is given to the Democratic party. He was married in Sullivan county to Miss Julia Sheridan, a native of Connecticut, born in 1837, whose parents, John and Catherine (Farrell) Sheridan, came from Ireland early in life and spent their last days at Wilkesbarre, Penn. To Mr. and Mrs. McDonald ten children were born: Andrew, a molder at Towanda, Penn.; Catherine, wife of Frank Farrell, of Dushore, a manufacturer of temperance drinks; Mary, Mrs. D. H. Clark; Julia, wife of R. J. Clark, our subject's brother; Prudence, who married John Daly, a hotel keeper at Bernice; Miss Clara, the bookkeeper for Clark, Kizer & Kipp; Janey, wife of Thomas Fitzgerald, a telegraph operator at Bernice; Miss Mildred, Miss Florence, and Lawrence, who reside with their parents.

FRANK A. McCONNELL, for some five years proprietor of "Hotel Pantall," at Punxsutawney, and now the popular and courteous landlord of "Frank's New Tavern" at Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, is a progressive and wide-awake citizen, well worthy of emulation. His life record is that of one who started out in the world empty-handed, and steadily, by perseverance and energy, worked his way upward to success.

Mr. McConnell is a native of Jefferson county, Penn., born March 4, 1853, a son of David B. and Charlotte M. (Campbell) McConnell, the former of whom was born in Centre (now Clinton) county, Penn., September 24, 1821, and was a son of William and Margaret (Moore) McConnell. They had a family of eleven children, one of whom lies buried in Centre county, and nine rest in Beechwood cemetery, our subject's father being the only one of the eleven now living. The latter resided in his native county some ten years, and then came with his parents to Jefferson county, where he is passing the sunset of his life. He served a three-years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and afterward followed that pursuit for two summers in Clarion county, Penn. He and his brother then purchased the old homestead, where they spent the winter months, while in the summer David B. McConnell followed his trade. His time was thus passed until 1864, when the partnership between himself and his brother was dissolved, the broth-

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er selling his interest. The farm, however, did not yield sufficient to support Mr. McConnell and his partner, and in 1868 he sold out and removed to Pine Creek township, where he purchased the farm upon which he now resides. Since that time he has carried on agricultural pursuits. Although he is now seventy-six years of age, he is enjoying good health, and is a well-preserved man. His wife died April 14, 1880. Our subject is the third of their six children, the other surviving members of the family being Nina, wife of Barton Hutchins; Frank; J. Ray, who lives on the home farm; and Ed L., who resides in Punxsutawney.

James Moore, the maternal grandfather of David B. McConnell, was born in Ireland in about 1756, and was a weaver by trade. In his native land he married a Miss Lindsay, and six sons and two daughters were born to them, all of whom, except Joseph, came to America, settling in Chester county, Penn. Later, James Moore moved to Centre county, where he died in 1829. His children were Joseph, Jacob, Edward, John, James, Amzi, Margaret and Nancy, all of whom died in Pennsylvania.

The paternal great-grandfather of David B. McConnell never came to America, but passed his entire life in Ireland. The names of his sons, as far as there is any record, are as follows: William, George, and Alexander, and there was also one daughter; of these, William and George were the only ones to come to America.

William McConnell, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1774, in Ireland, died in 1840, and is buried in Beechwood cemetery, Jefferson county, by the side of his wife who was called from earth in 1850; she was born about the year 1780.

Frank A. McConnell, whose name introduces this sketch, enjoyed the free open life of the farm during his boyhood, and midst play and work the days of his youth were passed. At the age of twenty-two he went to Brookville, where he was employed as a clerk in the "American House", until February 22, 1877, when he moved to Parker, Penn., and there continued in the hotel business until June, 1878. In September following, after a short rest, he went to Bradford, Penn., and engaged in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine, establishing the second steam manufactory for that article in the United States. On January 13, 1879, he sold out and returned to Brookville, where on the 11th of February he purchased the St. Charles restaurant and saloon, conducting the same for three years, when he disposed of his business there, and bought a restaurant in Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, which he placed in charge of his brother. In September, 1882, he bought the Flinn drug store at Reynoldsville, conducting the same in partnership with H. A. Stoke, for five years. He also carried on the restaurant until 1886, and, in the spring of 1883, he became proprietor of a jewelry store in Reynoldsville, admitting to a partnership in the business A. C. Guth, who in 1888 sold his interest to Ed L. McConnell. In 1891 the jewelry store was sold to Casper F. Huffman. Varied have been the business interests of our subject, and his energy and activity have been not only of material benefit to himself, but have largely advanced the commercial activity of the communities with which he has been connected.

In 1886 Frank A. McConnell purchased and opened "Hotel McConnell," in Reynoldsville, one of the leading hostelries of central Pennsylvania, and continued its operation until August 24, 1891, when he sold to Black & Reynolds. In 1892 Mr. McConnell came to Punxsutawney and successfully conducted "Hotel Pantall" until January 12, 1897, when he sold out to H. D. Edelblute, and May 10, following, purchased and took charge of what is now "Frank's New Tavern" (formerly the "Reynolds House"), in Reynoldsville, the oldest hotel building in Jefferson county. He has refitted the house throughout, introducing all modern improvements, and now prides himself in having one of the best equipped and foremost hotels in central Pennsylvania. He owns other real estate in Reynoldsville, and has an interest in some coal fields in Jefferson county, which return a good royalty.

On May 22, 1890, Frank A. McConnell was married to Alice S. Miller, a native of Indiana county, Penn., and a daughter of John Miller, a resident of that county. Three children have graced this union: Bert, Fay and Zoe. Mrs. McConnell is a member of the Lutheran Church. Socially Mr. McConnell is affiliated with the F. and A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a stanch Democrat. Mr. McConnell's success in business has been worthily achieved, being the outcome of earnest effort and capable management.

JACOB K. JOHNSTON, of Winslow township, belongs to that class of citizens whose sterling worth, public spirit and progressiveness have been the means of procuring the substantial development of Jefferson county. He is a worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of the county, and was born in Shelocta, Indiana Co., Penn., March 25, 1834, a son of

William and Margaret (Keener) Johnston. The birth of the paternal grandfather, Andrew Johnston, occurred in Ireland, but when only four years old he crossed the Atlantic and first located in Cincinnati, Ohio. He died, however, in Indiana county, Penn. Jacob Keener, the maternal grandfather, was a native of the Keystone State, and became a farmer of Indiana county, where his death occurred. All of the grandparents lived to a ripe old age.

William Johnston, the father of our subject, was born in Butler county, Penn., December 20, 1796, and the birth of his wife occurred in Indiana county, February 10, 1810. In 1841 they migrated to Winslow township, Jefferson Co., locating upon the farm where our subject now resides and there spent their remaining days. They had traveled by wagon, and located here when it was almost an unbroken wilderness. The father, who was very fond of hunting, had ample opportunity to indulge in that sport, as deer, bears and other wild animals were still quite numerous. Only a quarter of an acre of his land had been cleared. He was a gunsmith by trade, but after locating in Jefferson county he engaged in teaming for some years, hauling iron from Bellefonte to Erie, and returning with Ohio cheese. He successfully engaged in speculating, and became one of the well-to-do and prosperous citizens of his community. He died December 17, 1872, and his wife, who was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, passed away March 29, 1879, both being buried at Prospect, Winslow township. In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Mary, now the widow of Henry Gray, of Winslow township; Nancy, who died in childhood; Andrew, a resident of Washington county, Penn.; Jacob K., of this review; Harriet, a resident of Westmoreland county, Penn., and the widow of Thomas Rutter, a millwright; Reuben, who engaged in sawmilling, but is now deceased; William, a blacksmith of West Virginia; Joseph S., of Rathmel, who is now serving as supervisor of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Maggie, wife of George W. Mohney, a miner of Rathmel; Anna, widow of John Hendricks, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Evaline, wife of Elisha Evans, who is engaged in clerking; George, a miner of Winslow township; and James, who died when about a year old from drinking a bottle of aquafortis, which his father used for staining wood, stocks of knives, etc.

Our subject continued with his parents until they were called to their reward, and is still living on the old homestead, where also his entire life has been spent. In 1847 he went to Wilkinsburg, Penn., where for a year and a half he cut logs for railroad ties, receiving fifty cents per day and board. Saving his wages, he helped pay off the debt on his father's farm. The place at first contained but sixty and a half acres, which cost $3 per acre, but he has added to it, and now has a good farm of eighty acres, and has sold the coal underlying it for $60 per acre. Being a natural mechanic, he has given considerable attention to various trades, and early in life became a competent wheelright. In 1874 he established a shop in Reynoldsville for the manufacture of carriages, wagons, etc., and there continued to reside for four years, but at the end of that time returned to the old home farm, where he had also built a shop in 1865. He continued business along that line until 1892, when it became unprofitable owing to the many cheap machinery-made vehicles placed on the market. Mr. Johnston was married, August 22, 1872, to Miss Margaret Smouse, and six children were born to this union: Ed, at home; Iris, who is successfully engaged in teaching; Almeda, the youngest daughter, died on December 11, 1897, of diphtheria, aged twenty years, one month and eighteen days (she was a successful teacher); Hettie and Frank, who died in childhood; and John, at home. Mrs. Johnston was born in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, August 5, 1842, and is a daughter of Conrad and Margaret (Thomas) Smouse, natives of Bedford and Armstrong counties, Penn., respectively. Her paternal grandfather, George A. Smouse, was also born in Bedford county, and died in Armstrong county at the advanced age of ninety-six. John Thomas, the maternal grandfather, who also passed away in Armstrong county, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., and became an extensive land owner.

The parents of Mrs. Johnston were married in Armstrong county, and came to Jefferson county in the spring of 1842, where the father continued to follow the occupation of farming until called to his final rest. He was born September 28, 1804, and died July 30, 1885, while his wife was born February 27, 1810, and died June 30, 1885. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and were held in esteem by all who knew them. They were parents of the following children: Rosanna, now the widow of Joseph R. Craft, and a resident of Punxsutawney; Caroline, wife of Adam B. Hoeh, a farmer of Kansas; Mary A., wife of William R. McGee, a lumberman of Jefferson county; Sarah A., who died in childhood; Margaret M., wife of our subject; Elizabeth, wife of William Charleton, a miner of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Sophia, who died in

childhood; Fidelia, wife of Jacob Kuntz, a farmer of McCalmont township; and Henrietta, who resides on the old homestead, and is now the wife of James A. Sweeney. Our subject is unfaltering in his support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and withholds his aid from no interest calculated to prove of public benefit. His well-spent life has won him the unqualified regard of all, and his name is high on the roll of Jefferson county's most eminent and worthy citizens.

JOHN S. MILLER, who has long been connected with the farming and lumbering interests of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, is a man whose well-spent life commends him to the confidence and regard of all. Esteemed for his sterling worth and manly character, he well deserves mention in this volume. Born in Westmoreland county, Penn., in 1819, he is a son of Henry and Catherine (Wilkins) Miller, both natives of Somerset county, Penn. After their marriage they removed to Westmoreland county, where the father died at the age of seventy-five years, the mother when ninety-eight.

They had children as follows: (1) John S. is the eldest. (2) Jacob was married in Westmoreland county, where he spent the greater part of his life; he served for four years as a soldier in the Civil war. (3) Margaret became the wife of Simon Fultz, of Westmoreland county, and died some years ago. (4) Susanna is the wife of Samuel King, and is living in Westmoreland county. (5) William died in that county, leaving a wife and one child. (6) Samuel, a soldier of the Union army, died in Westmoreland county. (7) Daniel served for four years in the Civil war, and died in the same county. (8) George, a native of Westmoreland county, who was also numbered among the "boys in blue," married, and spent the remainder of his days in his native county. (9) Lavina became the wife of Lewis Brinker, and died leaving three children. (10) Sarah became the wife of Paul Walter, and died leaving three children. (11) Lizzie is the widow of Simon Fultz, by whom she had three children, and her home is now in Greensburg, Penn. (12) Isaac died at the age of one year. (13) Henry, born in Westmoreland county, married Miss Poorman; he joined the Union army, but at Pittsburg was taken ill and started home, his death occurring a few days after his arrival.

John S. Miller was reared in his native county, and in 1842 married Elizabeth Fultz, of Westmoreland county, daughter of George and Maria Fultz. In 1846 he removed to Winslow township, Jefferson county, where he followed lumbering until 1871, when he went to Bell township, Clearfield Co., Penn. There his son Noah purchased the Samuel Woodward farm of 114 acres, and one hundred acres were placed under a high state of cultivation, our subject making his home thereon until a few years since. He was a progressive, enterprising business man, and by his close application and earnest purpose accumulated a comfortable competence.

In 1889 Mr. Miller was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in November. They had six children: (1) Isaac W., the eldest, born in Westmoreland county, in 1843, enlisted at the age of eighteen years in Company K, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. Wilson, of Punxsutawney. He was sworn into the service of the Army of the Potomac, and in the Seven-days' battle was seriously wounded by the bursting of a shell. He was taken to Mill Creek hospital, where he died of his injuries. (2) Noah, born in Westmoreland county, in 1846, married Miss Nancy Bender, of Jefferson county, and is now living on a farm in Bell township, Clearfield county. They have seven children—(a) Lizzie and (b) Rachel are twins, the former of whom is now the wife of Peter Rupert, of Newtonburg, Clearfield county, by whom she has three children—Earl, Minnie and Glenn; Rachel is the wife of Curtis Kerr, of Newtonburg, and they have children, Edward, John, Elmer and Bell. (c) Martha died in early womanhood. (d) Jane is the wife of John Hellyard, of Clearfield county, and they have two sons, Henry and Miller. (e) Alice, (f) Andrew and (g) William H. are at home. (3) David, born in Jefferson county, in 1850, died at the age of seven years. (4) Maria C., born in Jefferson county, in 1855, is the widow of Thomas Miller, who resides in Henderson township, Jefferson county, until 1887, when he was killed by the falling of a tree while engaged in lumbering. He left a widow and three children, the eldest being John, who is now twenty-one years of age. The second, Hannah E., born in Gaskill township, in 1878, was married in September, 1895, to Frank Frampton, of Clearfield county, now residing on a farm near Newtonburg, by whom she has one child, Olive L. The third, Noah S., was born in 1880, and is with his mother. In 1886 Mrs. Miller became the wife of Samuel De Haven, who died two years ago. She is still living on a farm in Gaskill township. (5) Mary S., the fifth child of John S. Miller, was born in Jefferson county, in 1858, and is the wife of John Shehley, of Jefferson county, who is now following lumbering near Sykesville. They have five

children—Ellen, Catherine, Myrtle, Harry and Herman. (6) Malinda J., born in Jefferson county, in 1859, is the wife of August Reiter, of Du Bois, Penn., in which town he was engaged in the dairy business.

John S. Miller has voted both the Republican and Democratic tickets, but is now a Prohibitionist. He belongs to the United Brethren Church, and his has been a consistent Christian life, commending him to the confidence and respect of the entire community. He is numbered among the honored pioneers of the county, wherein by the careful prosecution of his business interests he has secured a comfortable home.

GILBERT W. PALEN, superintendent of the West Pennsylvania Tannery or Elk Tanning Co., Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, has attained the management of this extensive plant through merit and his thorough knowledge of the industry. He has been a tanner all his life; his father was a tanner; and his grandfather followed the same vocation. It would be strange if, with this family history, and with the diligent and conscientious application of Mr. Palen to his work, he were not a most efficient craftsman. The enviable reputation which he enjoys, as superintendent of one of the largest tanneries in the State of Pennsylvania, is therefore pre-eminently a deserved one.

Born in Fallsburg, Sullivan Co., N. Y., June 19, 1856, Mr. Palen is a son of Gilbert W. and Caroline (King) Palen, natives of Dutchess and Greene counties, N. Y., respectively, and grandson of Peter Palen. The last named emigrated to America from Holland and settled in Dutchess county, N. Y. In religious conviction he was a Quaker, and in business affairs a man of considerable prominence. He owned and operated several tanneries, and died in Acra, N. Y., where at the time he was operating a tannery, Gilbert W. Palen, Sr., father of our subject, was born in 1818. He learned the trade of his father, and followed it at Acra and Fallsburg, N. Y., and elsewhere up to his death, which occurred at the latter place in 1870. His wife died at Cairo, Greene county, N. Y., in September, 1895, aged sixty-eight years. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The three children of Gilbert W. and Carlone Palen are: Frank W., a produce merchant at Madison, Neb.; Rose K., wife of W. R. Vedder, civil engineer for the city of Syracuse, N. Y.; and Gilbert W., of whom we more particularly write.

Our subject remained at home, attending the schools until he was sixteen years old. For five years he clerked in a dry-goods store at Middletown, N. Y., and he attended the high school at that city for a year, after which he spent a year on a farm with his grandparents, and in 1876 he went to Limestone, N. Y., where he worked for a year in a general store. Then he took up the work of his father and grandfather. For five years he was employed in a tannery at Corbettsville, N. Y.; thence he went to Clearfield county, Penn., and for two years was with J. B. Alley & Co., tanners at Curwensville and at Osceola Mills. In January, 1884, he became yard foreman in the tannery of Hall & Vaughan, Reynoldsville, now owned by the Elk Tanning Co. In 1890, when the superintendent resigned, Mr. Palen was appointed by Hall & Vaughan as his successor, and he has since continuously filled that important position. The Reynoldsville Tannery is one of the largest in the State, and is one of twenty-six now owned by the Elk Tanning Co., a company which was organized in May, 1893, and in that year acquired possession of the Reynoldsville Tannery. All the buildings were destroyed by fire in 1893, but were rebuilt in 1894. The plant at present covers twenty acres, upon which are located ten buildings. When running full time, about 150 men are employed, and 660 sides are finished per day. The general offices of the Elk Tanning Co. are located at Ridgway, Pennsylvania.

Our subject was married, June 14, 1888, at Greenville, Greene Co., N. Y., to Miss Gertrude Hartt, daughter of Edgar and Augusta Hartt, residents of that place, where Mr. Hartt is now engaged in general mercantile trade. Mr. Palen is a member of the Presbyterian Church; in politics he was formerly a Republican, but he is now an advocate of the principles of the Prohibition party. He is universally regarded as one of the intelligent and prominent men of Reynoldsville, and he wields an influence that is always directed toward the improvement of the people among whom he lives. He is public-spirited, and thoroughly alive to all the leading issues and questions of the day.

WILLIAM NULL, a well-known agriculturist and lumberman of Henderson township, Jefferson county, may justly take pride in his fine homestead near Sykesville, which was cleared and brought under cultivation by him nearly a half century ago.

Mr. Null is a member of an old Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, family. George Null, his father, who was born in that county, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and by occupation was a

farmer, owning a good estate near the city of Lebanon. His death in 1859 was caused by an accident, a limb of a tree falling upon him. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Gibbony, married a second husband, Henry Isehower, and moved to Fayette county, Ind., where she died in 1892. By her first marriage she had four sons, all of whom were born at the old home in Lebanon county: (1) Peter married a Miss Bucher, and for some years resided in his native county where he was employed as a lock-tender on the Pittsburg & Pennsylvania canal. Later he removed to the State of Indiana, where he now resides. He has three children. (2) John, a veteran of the Civil war, enlisted in 1861 from Lebanon county and served throughout the struggle. He married Miss Shepler, of Lebanon county, and now resides in Annville, seven miles west of Lebanon, where he follows huckstering as an occupation. He has one son, John, Jr. (3) Joseph, who accompanied his mother to the West, enlisted in the Union army from Indiana, and met a soldier's death. (4) William Null, of this review.

William Null was born in 1834, and until he was eight years old he remained at the old homestead in Lebanon county. He was then taken to Clearfield county to make his home with an uncle, John Elniger, and five years later he began to earn his own livelihood, working in the woods and at the carpenter's trade. In 1850 he was employed by William Irwin, of Curwensville, with whom he remained one year, and then he located in Henderson township, Jefferson county, where he has ever since resided. On May 17, 1851, he married Miss Elizabeth Hall, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and in 1853 he bought his present homestead of fifty-one acres, then a mere tract of woodland. His energy and industry enabled him to clear the place and sell the timber, and it was not long before he had built a comfortable house and a good barn, and had made other substantial improvements. In 1889 Death invaded the family circle, taking his beloved wife, who had shared helpfully in all the toil and hardships of his early days. Of their six children, five are living, and by their excellent character and standing reflect credit upon their parents. (1) John, born January 7, 1854, received a public-school education, and is now a successful contractor and builder at Sykesville. He married Miss Sallie Duff, of Jefferson county, and has nine children: Clifton, who died in childhood; Edith, Aden, Edward, Harry, Ray, George, Ivan C. and Delbert Agnew are at home with parents. (2) James, born September 8, 1858, married Miss Bertha Rogers, of Jefferson county, and now resides in Clayville, where he follows farming and manufactures brick. He has two children—Mary and Walter. (3) Lodiana, born September 26, 1861, died February 20, 1866, in her fifth year. (4) George, born October 20, 1865, married Truzy Rupert, of Sykesville, and he now resides in that town, following mining as a business. They have no family. (5) Milton, born October 30, 1867, married Miss Polly Clayton, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and located in Sykesville, where his wife died in 1893, leaving three children, Elizabeth, Emma and John, all at home. (6) William Grant, born March 29, 1872, married Miss Mary Walker, of Sykesville, Jefferson county, and now resides in Sykesville, where he follows mining for the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron Co. They have one child, Pearl.

Our subject affiliated with the Old-line Whig party in early life, and later became a stanch Republican. While taking a keen interest in the questions of the day he has refrained from partisan work, his influence being exerted in quiet ways. In religious faith he is a Baptist, and he and his family are all active members of the Church at Sykesville.

C. H. BUTLER & BRO., of Brookville, Jefferson county, prominent dealers in general merchandise, are among the most enterprising and progressive citizens of the county. They are descended from one of the early families of Jefferson county, and their father, James Butler, was born there, and has always had his home within the county limits, his attention being mainly given to agriculture. His years of quiet usefulness have left him in good physical health, and he is still active in the management of his farm. His wife, Mary Huhn, to whom Time has also been kind, was born in Germany, and came to America with her parents when she was only five years old.

The Butler Brothers were both born in Jefferson county, C. H. in 1856, and Morton E. in 1862. The education of the former was limited to an attendance at the district schools near his father's home, and at eighteen he left the farm to work in a sawmill. After a time he went to DuBois, Penn., and secured employment in a printing office, where he acquired the trade of type setting. Owing to the failure of his health he took a trip to the Far West, and spent two years traveling through that region. On his return to his native county he became clerk and business manager for J. K. Moore, the lumberman, remaining with him four years. He then went to

Brookville, and, after spending two years as clerk for M. W. Dickey, he engaged in his present business. In addition to that, he is now the secretary and business manager of the Brookville Furniture Company, in which he and his brother are stockholders. He was married, in October, 1888, to Miss Carrie Steele, daughter of James Steele, one of Brookville's leading citizens, and four children—Steele, Wade, Guy and Marvin—make their home merry. Mrs. Butler is a prominent member of the M. E. Church. C. H. Butler belongs to the Ancient Order of Artisans. In politics he is a Republican, but he has no inclination to enter the arena as a candidate for public honors, although his keen desire to secure better educational advantages for the youth of to-day has led him to serve in positions where he could best promote those interests.

MORTON E. BUTLER supplemented his district school training by a course in the Williamsport Commercial College, graduating in 1886. He taught school for about eight years, but for the past five years has been connected with the business in Brookville. In 1896 he was united in matrimony with Miss Eva Cooley, of Brookville. Like his brother, he is a believer in the doctrines of the Republican party, and he belongs to the fraternal order of Foresters.

DANIEL BISH. Many of the leading citizens of Jefferson county served their country during the Civil war, making a record honorable and glorious. Among these was the subject of this sketch, a son of David and Rebecca (Confare) Bish.

David Bish, the father, was born and reared at McNicholas Furnace, Butler Co., Penn., and when a young man removed to Clarion county, where he was married. He then took up his residence in Madison township, Armstrong county, where he purchased fifty acres of woodland, cleared a farm and erected good buildings, making a well-improved property of the place. In 1855, however, he sold his farm, and he and our subject bought one hundred acres of partially-improved land in Porter township, Jefferson county, from Henry Byers. In connection with the further development and cultivation of his land, Daniel Bish followed wagon making until August, 1863, when he offered his services to his country, becoming a member of Company B, 82nd P. V. I., under Colonel Basset and General Terry. At Pittsburg he was mustered in, then joined the regiment at Catlet Station, Va., and took part in his first battle at the Rappahannock, where the Rebels were driven back, and a whole brigade of cavalry and several hundred infantry were captured. The Union troops then marched to Culpeper, and after the engagement at that place fell back to Brandy Station in November, 1863. They were next engaged in skirmishing at Mine Run for about a week, after which they returned to Brandy Station. In the fall of 1863, Mr. Bish was injured by a fall, and all winter was confined in the hospital. Being unfit for regimental duty, he joined the ambulance train in the spring of 1864, and remained with the Sixth Army Corps until the close of the war. After the surrender of General Lee, his command marched to Greensboro to head off Johnston's army, and at that place the latter general surrendered. After a week spent at Birkville Station, the Union troops marched to Richmond, then by boat proceeded to Washington, D. C., where they participated in the grand review, and where our subject was discharged. After being paid off at Philadelphia, he returned home and resumed farming upon his present place.

In 1867 Mr. Bish was married to Miss Lavina Young, a daughter of George and Mary Young, well-to-do people of Jefferson county. He brought his bride to his present home, which has been brightened by the birth of ten children: Mary R., who died in childhood; Sarah J., who died at the age of two years; Rebecca, an invalid residing at home; Agnes, who died in infancy; M. Walter, who assists his father in the operation of the farm; Lucetta C. and Joseph H., at home; George Elmer, born in November, 1882; David S., born in 1884; and Margaret Ida, born in 1887, all at home. In 1879 the father of these had the misfortune to lose his house, wagon shop and all his household furniture by fire, leaving him without a shelter for his family, but with characteristic energy the same year he built a commodious two-story frame residence. He has made many other useful improvements which add greatly to its valuable and attractive appearance, making it one of the best farms in Porter township. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat, and has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of supervisor. He has led an honest, honorable life, is always ready to extend a helping hand to the needy, and is held in deservedly high repute by the entire community. In religious belief he and his wife are Lutherans.

JOSEPH H. AKE, postmaster and general merchant, ranks among the leading and popular citizens of Sykesville, Jefferson county. He is a man to whom the most envious can scarcely grudge success, so well has he earned

it, so admirably does he use it, so entirely does he lack pride of purse. His integrity stands an unquestioned fact in his history. Endowed by nature with a sound judgment and an accurate discriminating mind, he has not feared the laborious attention to business so necessary to achieve success, and this essential quality has ever been guided by a sense of moral right which would tolerate the employment only of the means that would bear the most rigid examination, by fairness of intention that has neither sought nor required disguise.

Mr. Ake was born December 20, 1857, at Gettysburg, Hillsdale post office, Indiana Co., Penn., a son of Jacob G. and Eliza (Notley) Ake. David Ake, the paternal grandfather, was of German extraction, and became a successful farmer and extensive land owner in Blair county, Penn., where he was buried. He and his two brothers, John and Joseph, were the founders of Williamsburg, where their heirs still own about 130 lots. Jacob G. Ake, the father of our subject, was born in Blair county, but the mother was a native of Ireland, and, in 1830, when ten years of age, came to America with her parents, John and Eliza Notley. The sailing vessel on which they embarked was about one hundred days in crossing the Atlantic, and on reaching the shores of the New World they went at once to Indiana county, Penn. Her parents were laid to rest in the cemetery of Cherry Tree, that county.

Upon their marriage the parents of our subject located in Williamsburg, Blair county, and during early life the father followed farming and lumbering, and also conducted a hotel for a time, but subsequently turned his attention to merchandising, conducting a store in Gettysburg and in New Washington, Clearfield Co., Penn. As one of the prominent and influential citizens of his community, he was called upon to serve in several township offices, and was a leader in the local Democracy. He died in April, 1882, at the age of seventy-one years, in the faith of the Methodist Protestant Church, of which he was a consistent member. His estimable wife still resides at the old homestead in Gettysburg. In his family were the following children: David S., a prominent business man residing on the old homestead, is extensively interested in railroading, merchandising, farming and lumbering; Mary J. is the widow of John Mahaffey, late a hotel keeper of Gettysburg; James D. is in partnership with his brother, David S.; Agnes B. is the widow of George Prothero, of Indiana, Penn.; Joseph H. is next in order of birth; John N. is a merchant of Burnside, Clearfield county; Anna B. is the wife of George McKeage, who is engaged in business with her brothers in Gettysburg; and Amanda is the wife of A. B. Clark, a liveryman of Hastings, Cambria Co., Pennsylvania.

Until twenty-four years of age, Joseph H. Ake remained under the parental roof, assisting his father in the work of the farm and attending school. After completing his education by two terms' attendance in the Purchase Line Academy, he taught school at Mahaffey, Penn., in the fall of 1879; but as that profession did not agree with his health, he began teaming in the lumber woods, following that occupation for a few months. Subsequently he engaged in the lumber business in Clearfield and Cambria counties until 1882, when he returned home and operated the farm for one season. The following fall he embarked in merchandising in Armstrong county, Penn., but at the end of a year returned to Indiana county, where he carried on the same business until the spring of 1886. Since that time he has been numbered among the wide-awake and successful merchants of Sykesville, and on locating here he purchased the site of his present store, but later sold 50 x 150 feet to the Knights of Pythias, of that place, who erected the building.

At Purchase Line, Indiana county, on June 21, 1882, our subject was married to Miss Sarah J. Robinson, and to them were born five children: Grace, at home; Mahlon R. and Golden, now deceased; and Norman E. and David F., at home. Mrs. Ake was born January 31, 1862, near Hollidaysburg, in Blair county, Penn., a daughter of Mahlon and Mary (Moore) Robinson, natives of Blair and Clearfield counties, respectively, who were married in the latter county. The father, who was a prominent farmer and lumberman, died on the old homestead in Blair county, in 1864, at the early age of twenty-six years, and was buried at Hollidaysburg. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belongs. Two children were born to them: Sarah J., wife of our subject; and Maxamella, who died at the age of six years. The mother, who is now living on a farm in Indiana county, was born August 27, 1841, and, after the death of her first husband, became the wife of Joseph Nichol, of that county. By this union there are six children: Joseph F., who operates a farm adjoining the old homestead in Indiana county; William, who is on the home farm; Laura, wife of William Mundorf, a machinist of Punxsutawney, Penn.; Horace, a druggist of Barnesboro, Penn.; Clara, wife of Bert Long, a merchant of Sykesville; and Walter, at

home. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ake were David and Sarah Robinson, of Blair county, where the former engaged in farming. He was killed by falling from a buggy. The maternal grandparents were William and Jane (Ulric) Moore. William Moore was also accidentally killed, being drowned in the Susquehanna river while rafting. By occupation he was a farmer and lumberman.

Being a pronounced Democrat in politics, Joseph H. Ake was appointed postmaster of Sykesville, in 1886, and has since creditably filled that office, with the exception of the four years of Harrison's administration. Socially he is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 185, of Sykesville, of which he was trustee for fome time, and he also belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 753, of Troutville, and John M. Reed Lodge No. 536, F. & A. M., of Reynoldsville, Penn. Although he is not connected with any religious denomination, he contributes to the support of the Baptist Church, of which his wife is a faithful member. As a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, he has done much to promote the welfare of his community, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

WILLIAM JOHN BONER. There are in every community men of great force of character and exceptional ability, who by reason of their capacity for leadership become recognized as foremost citizens, and bear a most important part in the development and progress of the locality with which they are connected. Such a man is Mr. Boner, who is now prominently connected with the agricultural and commercial interests of Jefferson county. He was born March 23, 1835, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, now follows general farming in Winslow township, and is a general merchant and railroad agent at Sherwood Station.

John Boner, his paternal grandfather, died in early life (in 1812), leaving two sons who were reared by the grandmother, Mrs. Esther Boner, who was of Scotch lineage. She died in 1848. One of these sons, Charles Boner, the father of our subject, was born August 6, 1806, in Westmoreland county, Penn., and was married there, October 25, 1832, to Martha McGarey, a native of the same county. A year later they came to Jefferson county, locating in Beaver township, where they remained three years. They then went to Brookville, and, in 1842, the father began lumbering near that place. In 1846 he removed to the McCauley farm, where he carried on blacksmithing and farming. In 1851 he located on the Boner homestead in Rose township, Jefferson county, where he followed farming and blacksmithing for some time, but spent his later years in retirement. During the last four years of his life he was a cripple, owing to a kick received from a horse. He died November 5, 1877, and his wife, who was born March 11, 1812, passed away in February, 1897, and was buried by his side in Beaver Run cemetery.

This worthy couple were the parents of the following children: Sarah A., born January 14, 1834, is living on the old homestead; William John is our subject; Mary Jane, born November 20, 1836, became the widow of John Fitsimmons, of Rose township, Jefferson county, and died November 7, 1897; Esther, born March 20, 1839, lives on the old homestead; George, born February 15, 1841, is now proprietor of a meat market in Brookville; Elizabeth, born March 8, 1843, is the wife of James McGee, a lumberman and farmer of Winslow township; Rachel M., born January 18, 1845, is the wife of John McGiffin, an agriculturist of Rose township; Nancy, born October 12, 1846, died July 24, 1847; Margaret, born April 21, 1848, became the wife of Andrew Smith, and died May 5, 1881; Matthew T., born July 29, 1850, is a lumberman of Elk county, Penn.; Maretta, born April 1, 1853, is the wife of Calvin Yoman, of Elk county, Penn.; and David M., born February 15, 1857, follows farming in Knox township, Jefferson county.

William John Boner spent his childhood days upon his father's farm, and assisted in the labors of the fields during the summer, while in the winter season he worked in the lumber woods. Between the ages of seventeen and twenty-two he followed the carpenter's trade, and gave his earnings toward the support of the family. A year after attaining his majority, he went to Washington township, Jefferson county, where for two years, in connection with his uncle, David McGarey, he engaged in contracting in the lumber woods. On the expiration of that period he purchased 150 acres of land, largely covered with pine timber, and since that time he has successfully operated as a lumber merchant. He is also an enterprising, progressive farmer, and owns 200 acres of good land. He conducts a general mercantile business, which was established by his wife in 1885. She successfully conducted the store for seven years, and then leased it to Mrs. N. J. Steele, whose time expired in 1894, when Mr. Boner assumed the management of the business. He is a wide-awake merchant, carrying a large and well-

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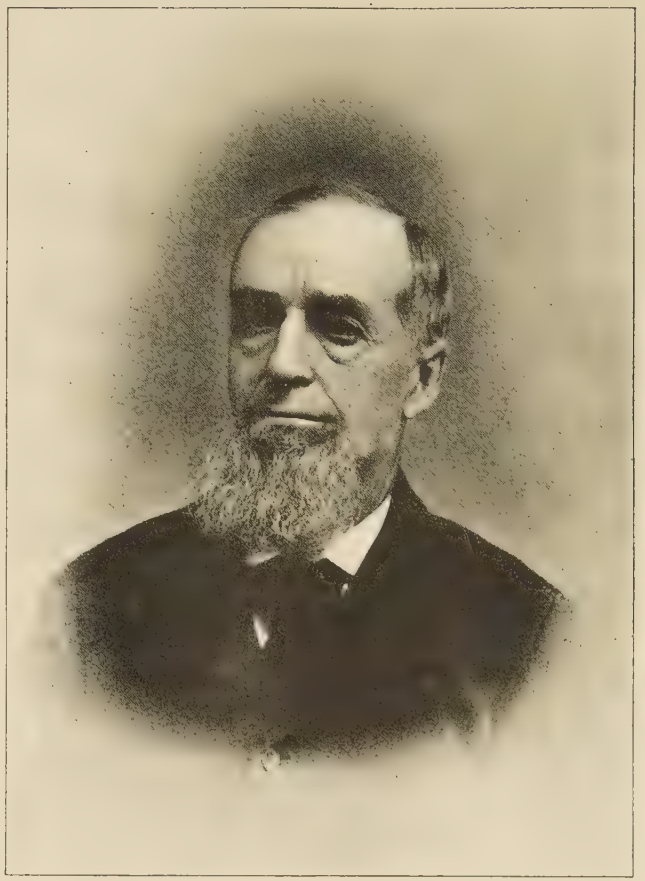

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assorted stock, and from the public he has secured a liberal patronage.

On October 23, 1861, at Sandy Valley, by Rev. John Rea, pastor of the Beach Wood Presbyterian Church, Mr. Boner was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Burrows. She was born October 23, 1841, in Warsaw township, Jefferson county, and is a daughter of Gilbert B. and Lucina (Barlow) Burrows. Her father was born May 9, 1798, at Groton, Conn., her mother on February 1, 1802, at Barnard, Vt., and was probably descended from one of three brothers who came to America in the "Mayflower." George Burrows, the paternal grandfather, was a sea captain, who died at his home of yellow fever. The parents of Mrs. Boner were married February 15, 1824, in New York, and in the spring of 1841 removed from that State to Warsaw township, Jefferson Co., Penn. In 1847 they came to what is now Sandy Valley, and the father sold the first corn-brooms in Beech Woods. He was an extensive land owner, lumberman and farmer, and a very prominent and influential citizen. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant Church, in which he was a licensed exhorter. He took an active part in politics, aided in establishing the "Underground Railroad" before the war, and for many years was justice of the peace. By the capable management of his business interests, he became quite wealthy, and contributed $1,000 to Adrian (Mich.) College, being a stanch adherent of the cause of education.

The children of Gilbert B. Burrows and wife were as follows: Eliza A., born July 4, 1827, married Benjamin Jaquet, and, after his death, she married Daniel Gove, but is again a widow, living in Delavan, Wis.; Timothy, born September 15, 1829, was a minister of the Baptist Church, became captain of a company in the Union army during the Civil war, and died in hospital at Paducah, Ky.; Sarah J., born October 7, 1831, died in the spring of 1841; Phœbe A., born September 20, 1833, is the wife of William R. Cox, of Millville, Columbia Co., Penn.; Daniel B., born December 30, 1836, died October 15, 1851; George, born in November, 1838, died in 1840; Elizabeth J. (Mrs. Boner) is next in order of birth; Julia Ann R., born January 22, 1844, died in 1856; and Miran S., born August 19, 1847, died October 14, 1850.

Our subject and wife have reared an interesting family, namely: (1) Orpha, born in August, 1863, married John Waite, of Winslow township (ex-treasurer of Jefferson county), and they had two children, both now deceased. The mother's death occurred September 3, 1889. (2) Charles G., born in September, 1865, is engaged in lumbering at Bobo, Coahoma Co., Miss. (3) Martha L., born in October, 1870, died in October, 1880. (4) Alvin K., born September 1, 1872, died in November, 1878. (5) Frank B., born May 18, 1876, is now a student in Grove City College, in Pennsylvania. (6) Edgar H., born in April, 1881, is at home. The family is one of prominence in the community. Both Mr. and Mrs. Boner are highly cultured people of superior literary taste, and are recognized leaders in society circles. They hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Boner has served as elder for the past twenty years. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and has been honored with various public offices, having served as school director for three years, as supervisor three years, and as overseer of the poor for the past fifteen years. In 1876 he was appointed postmaster at Sandy Valley, and for twelve years has occupied that position, having been again appointed to it in 1897. His public career and his private life are alike above reproach, and he is one of Jefferson county's honored and prominent citizens. Mrs. Boner has for the past twelve years been president of the Pancoast W. C. T. U.; helped to organize the Jefferson County W. C. T. U.; and is one of the county superintendents of that work.

JOSEPH W. WILSON, Esq., who is now acceptably serving as justice of the peace of Punxsutawney, was born in that city in 1857, a son of John B. and Caroline B. (Winslow) Wilson, natives of Indiana and Jefferson counties, Penn., respectively. From the age of nineteen years the father made his home in Punxsutawney, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits for many years, and took quite a prominent part in public affairs, serving as associate judge of Jefferson county for some seven years, and afterward as justice of the peace. He was called to his final rest in 1894, and his estimable wife died in May, 1896.

Our subject received his literary education in the public schools of Punxsutawney, which he attended until thirteen years of age, and then entered his father's store, where he served as clerk for about six years. For the following twelve years he engaged in the sale of pianos and organs, after which he was appointed postal clerk in the mail service, and was on the road between Bellwood and Punxsutawney for two years and a half. Returning to the latter place on the expiration of that time, he resumed the sale of musical instruments, which he continued

until 1892, when he was appointed assistant deputy under Sheriff Young, of Jefferson county, and filled the position during the entire term. It was in February, 1895, that he was first appointed justice of the peace at Punxsutawney, and at the following election was elected to that office, which he has since filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

In 1877, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Martha J. Mitchell, of Punxsutawney, and five children now grace their union, as follows: Max M., Daisy D., Winifred W., Edith E. and Dorothy D. Mrs. Wilson died May 5, 1897, of pneumonia, after an illness of five days. She was a member of the Baptist Church, with which her family have for several generations been connected, and Mr. Wilson's grandfather, Thomas Wilson, was a pioneer Baptist minister of Pennsylvania.

Our subject takes an active interest in civic societies, and is now Exalted Ruler of Punxsutawney Lodge No. 301, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; he also is identified with the Knights of the Maccabees, the Senior Order of American Mechanics, and the Knights of Pythias, in which he is a past chancellor and now keeper of records and seals. On political questions he always votes with the Democratic party, is an ardent advocate of its principles, and in 1892 was elected and served as chairman of the county Democratic committee. He may truly be considered one of the representative men of Punxsutawney, with whose interests he has long and prominently been identified.

On the death of Mrs. Wilson one of the Punxsutawney papers contained the following notice:

Although Mrs. Wilson expressed a strong desire to remain here, yet her friends know that when she realized that death was inevitable, her spirit rejoiced. She seemed to relinquish her grasp of friendly hands here only when she saw others extended to her from some better world. Those who witnessed her departure from this life can testify that she was fully conscious of a life beyond. Her friends, and that includes everybody who knew her in this life, her brothers and sisters, and her family can never forget the dying words uttered seemingly after the soul had vacated its earthly tenement. Her spirit seemed to linger and hover near the little ones she was leaving behind, in a world which to her must have appeared cold and gray by contrast with the bright visions ahead, trying to tell them of the future that awaits the Christian. The friends and relatives who assembled at the household on Saturday and the family, overcome with grief, reflected the influence of her last words on earth. The beautiful floral offerings, the rich draperied casket, the words, the sobs, the tears, all spoke eloquently of the esteem in which she was held by her acquaintances and family.

At the head of the casket rested a large wreath of flowers, the offering of the Punxsutawney Elks, which was comprised of white lilies, pink and white roses and daisies, mounted on a platform and arranged with a heavy background of ferns and green vines. To the left of the wreath stood a miniature monument covered with an arrangement of calla-lilies, red and white roses, pink and red coronets, smilax and daisies, the gift of the Elks' Lodge of Du Bois. On the foot rested a large tent of flowers consisting of lilies, coronets, tulips, roses, smilax and many other rare flowers, which was contributed by the Punxsutawney Maccabees. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church arranged some beautiful floral designs, which were placed on the casket and around the form of their dear sister to be buried with her.

The funeral services occurred at the residence on Penn street on Saturday, May 8, at 11:30 A. M., conducted by Rev. Palmer, of the Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. J. G. Noble. The choir sang, with much feeling, two selected hymns which were the request of Mrs. Wilson shortly before she expired. Rev. Palmer read a selection from the Bible and offered a solemn prayer for the departed, after which he spoke some touching words of sympathy to the friends assembled. Rev. Noble spoke in broken tones of grief about the lost sister, and pointed the family to the road that leads to her future home. Mrs. Burt sang "Flee as a Bird" by request, with such pathos that nearly every one present was moved to tears, as the selection was the favorite song of Mrs. Wilson. A large concourse of people followed the hearse to Circle Hill cemetery where the last sad rites were performed that the living can pay to the dead.

Mrs. Martha J. Wilson (*nee* Mitchell) was the daughter of Thomas L. Mitchell, brother of Judge James Mitchell, late of Punxsutawney. Her parents both preceded her many years ago. Of her family, six are yet living, four brothers and two sisters. Her brothers are Cam Mitchell, of Reynoldsville; Frank W., of Driftwood; John F., of Seattle, Wash., and Elmer, of Richmond, Ky. Her sisters are Mrs. W. S. McClain, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. C. K. McCartney, of this place.

She was wedded to Joseph W. Wilson, of Punxsutawney, October 6, 1877, the result of the union being one son, Max, and four girls: Daisy, aged sixteen; Winnie, fourteen; Edith, eleven, and Dorothy, five. Her husband and children realize deeply their loss, but as the years go by her memory will become more and more cherished. Mrs. Wilson had been a member of the Baptist congregation for more than five years, but her goodness and religious temperament were always marked. She and her bereaved husband both have lived in this town all of their lives, and both have alike enjoyed the friendship of everybody. The influence of her memory will always be the guiding star of the family.

D M. POSTLETHWAIT, a thorough and systematic farmer, and a business man of capacity, is a representative of the agricultural and lumber interests of Perry township, Jefferson county, where he is recognized as an important factor in preserving the reputation of the locality as one of the most highly cultivated sections of the county.

Mr. Postlethwait is also a worthy representative of one of its leading families, his parents being David and Jane (Bell) Postlethwait. The father was born near Mifflin, in Mifflin county, Penn., accompanied his parents on their removal to Westmoreland county when about twelve years of age, and after a little over a decade spent there, came to Jefferson county, locating at Perrysville, where his father, John Postlethwait, purchased 200 acres of land and developed a farm. He died there a number of years ago, leaving five children, of whom David was the eldest. The other members of the family were as follows: (2) John married Eliza Timlin and located on Pine Run, in Ringgold township, Jef-

ferson county, where he cleared and improved a farm, on which both he and his wife died, leaving a family. (3) William, born in Westmoreland county, married Jane McHenry, of Jefferson county, and located in Perry township, where he developed a farm and reared his family. (4) Hannah became the wife of William McKee, of Westmoreland county, where they lived on a farm and reared a large family. (5) Mary wedded William Johnston, of Perry township, and lived on a farm three miles north of Perrysville. (6) James R. married Betsy Piper, of Jefferson county, and located on his father's homestead, where his wife died, after which he removed to Minnesota. His death occurred there some years later, and his family still reside in the West.

On leaving the parental roof David Postlethwait went to Ringgold township, Jefferson county, where he purchased 300 acres of timber land and erected a hewed-log house and round-log barn, and also cleared considerable land. In 1840 he bought 625 acres one mile east of Perrysville, adjoining the village of Whitesville, where he also developed a good farm and engaged in lumbering, becoming one of the pioneers in the latter occupation in the county. For many years he followed rafting on the Mahoning creek and Allegheny river, met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings, and through his industry, good management and excellent business ability succeeded in accumulating a large amount of real estate in timber and farming lands. Previous to his death he owned over 1,000 acres of land in Ringgold and Perry townships, which he divided into farms for his children. His sons still reside on the property, and all are are highly respected business men. In 1855, his worthy wife, who had shared all the hardships of his early life, passed to her reward, and in 1876 he, too, was called to his final rest.

Their children were as follows: (1) John B., born in Perry township, married Margaret Weaver, of the same township, and located on his father's first home in Ringgold township, where he reared his family. Later he sold the place and removed to Smicksburg, Indiana county, living on a farm there until his death in 1894. His widow still resides on that place. His children were: Hannah J., George, B. F., Samuel, Philip H., Mary, Margaret and John. (2) Emily J. became the wife of Dr. Theophalis Smith and lived on her father's farm in Perry township, where she died in 1862, leaving seven children—David P., Jessie, Rachel J., Franklin, William, James and Monroe. (3) Sarah, born in Jefferson county, married James Means, of Perry township, where they resided on a farm and reared their family of five children—Scott, who died at the age of sixteen; Bell; Eunice J.; Thomas and David. (4) James M., born in Ringgold township, married Jerusha Howard, of Porter township, Jefferson county, and they now reside near Lake Pepin, in Wisconsin. (5) Mary M., born in Ringgold township, resides with her brother in Whitesville. (6) Joseph W., born in Ringgold township, married Sarah Heimer, of Perry township, and lives on Mahoning creek in Indiana county, along the Jefferson county line. Their children are—John, Barclay, Scott, Lany, Bessie and Ruth. (7) D. M., our subject, is the next of the family. (8) Thomas J., born in Ringgold township, married Elizabeth Means, of Perry township, where he lives on his farm. They have two children—Cora and Claude. (9) Benjamin F. died in infancy. (10) William, born in Perry township, married Elizabeth Means, of Whitesville, where they make their home. Their children are—Lillie, David N., Pearl, Warren, Homer and Paul.

D. M. Postlethwait was born in 1834, in Ringgold township, was reared to manhood on the home farm, and acquired a good practical education in the common schools. In 1859 he was married to Miss Sarah J. Blose, of Perry township, a daughter of George and Esther Blose, highly respected agriculturists of that locality. On a part of his father's original purchase, one mile east of Perrysville, Mr. Postlethwait began his domestic life in a small house, which he replaced in 1886 by a comfortable two-story residence. He has also erected good barns and other outbuildings, cleared the land and placed it under a high state of cultivation, making it one of the most desirable places of Perry township. To our subject and wife were born four children, namely: (1) Clara V., born on their present home in 1861, was provided with good educational privileges, and is now the wife of Scott Brown, of Horatio, Young township, Jefferson county. They have two children—Edith and Sarah. (2) William J., born in 1864, married Winifred White, of Forest county, Penn., and they make their home in Oliveburg, Jefferson county. They have one child—Cora. (3) David B., born in 1870, obtained his early education in the common schools, and was later a student for two terms in the Clarion State Normal. He is still on the home farm with his parents. (4) Sarah A., born in 1882, is also at home. The parents are both consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and with their family hold a high position in social circles. Mr. Postlethwait is a thorough Democrat in politics, gives his support to all measures which he be-

lieves calculated to prove of public benefit, and is recognized as one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of his community—a worthy representative of an honored family.

THOMAS E. BENNIS, proprietor of the "Hotel Bennis," of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, has met with a well-deserved success in his life work, and is essentially the architect of his own fortune, for, on starting out in life for himself, his capital consisted of only a pair of willing hands and a determination to succeed, but he has steadily overcome all obstacles and difficulties found in his path until he has now reached a position of affluence.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Bennis was born in Bradford county, August 18, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Bridget (Nailon) Bennis, who were both natives of Ireland but came to America when quite young, locating first in the State of New York. Subsequently they came to Pennsylvania, the father spending the last years of his life in Bradford county, where he passed away in 1890. In early life he was a contractor by occupation, but subsequently turned his attention to farming, in which he was engaged at the time of his death. His faithful wife, who is yet living, now resides in Punxsutawney.

The educational privileges of our subject were such as the district schools afforded. He was reared on the home farm until the age of nineteen years, when he left the parental roof, accepting a clerkship in the "Henry House" in Towanda, Penn. Later he held a similar position in the "Tioga House" of Waverly, N. Y., where he remained for three years, and then returned to Towanda, this time becoming a clerk in the "Seeley House." On July 1, 1885, Mr. Bennis took up his residence in Punxsutawney, where for two years he successfully conducted the "Punxsutawney House," and then erected his present hotel, which is up-to-date in all its appointments, and one of the most inviting and convenient hostelries in the city. The interests and comfort of his guests are the great object that Mr. Bennis is striving for, and no more genial or pleasant landlord can be found in Jefferson county. Over seventy-five persons can easily be accommodated, and the hotel has become a general favorite with the traveling public.

In October, 1882, Mr. Bennis was married to Miss Susie J. Quigley, of Waverly, N. Y., by whom he has five children—Leo, Arthur, Irene, Helen and Edna. They are both devout members of the Church, and are well esteemed citizens of the community where they now find a pleasant home. Politically Mr. Bennis is a stanch adherent of the principles formulated by the Democratic party, but cares nothing for public office. His upright, honorable course, justly entitles him to the high position he occupies in business circles. He owns a fine farm of eighty-three acres in Bell township, Jefferson county, which he operates in connection with his hotel. The farm is well stocked with horses and Jersey cows, and all told is one of the best farms of southern Jefferson county. Mr. Bennis is also interested in coal mines in Randolph county, W. Va. In addition to his hotel property he has valuable city property in Punxsutawney.

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WILLIAM KEYS is one of the leading and representative agriculturists of Jefferson county. He is meeting with a well-deserved success in his calling, and his fine, well-ordered farm in Washington township, with its carefully cultivated fields, its neat buildings, and all their surroundings, denote the skillful management, industry and well-directed labors of their owner.

A native of Montgomery county, Penn., Mr. Keys was born, August 22, 1835, near Philadelphia, a son of Alexander and Susan (Roberts) Keys. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Keys, was a native of the Emerald Isle, and came to America about 1858 to join his son Alexander, with whom he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He had previously served as overseer on a farm in Ireland, where the death of his wife occurred. Alexander Keys was born, reared and educated in Ireland, but when a young man determined to try his fortune in the New World with the hope of benefiting his financial condition, and accordingly in 1822 crossed the Atlantic. He first located in Philadelphia, where he was married, for some time was employed on public works, and subsequently in a marble stone quarry. Coming to Jefferson county in 1842 he purchased property, and the following year brought his family here. He cleared and improved the farm on which our subject now resides, met with excellent success in his undertaking, and subsequently engaged in loaning money. His success was due entirely to his well-directed efforts, perseverance and industry, and he was accounted one of the most valued citizens of the community. In his political affiliations he was first a Whig and later an ardent Republican, but never aspired to office, though he filled some minor positions, such as tax collector. Both he and his wife were prominent members of the United Presbyterian Church,

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and died in that faith, the former in 1877 and the latter in 1873. They had six children, namely: John, a farmer by occupation; William, of this sketch; Susanna, wife of A. H. Smith; Henry Harrison, who died unmarried; Alexander, now a farmer of Iowa; and Thomas, who is at present serving as justice of the peace of Brockwayville, Jefferson county.

The education of our subject was acquired in the common schools near his boyhood home. Early in life he began to assist his father in the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm, and at the age of seventeen he also began rafting and lumbering on the creek. After attaining his majority he was employed in the woods until 1861, when he laid aside all personal interests and responded to the President's call for troops to put down the Rebellion. At Rockdale, on August 29, he enlisted in Company H, 105th P. V. I., for three years, and was mustered in at Pittsburg, where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, Third Army Corps, but was later transferred to the Second Corps. Although he participated in a number of hard-fought battles, he was never wounded, but was captured at Bristol Station. Three days later, however, he was paroled. On the expiration of his term he was mustered out in front of Petersburg, and on receiving an honorable discharge at Pittsburg, September 10, 1864, returned home. After recuperating, Mr. Keys began helping his father on the farm, and worked by day's work and rafting until April, 1869. He then went south, and while traveling purchased a tract of land in middle Tennessee and located thereon. Although he still owns that property, he returned to Jefferson county in 1871, and three years later located on the old homestead where he has since resided. He and his brother purchased the place in 1877, and in 1881 sold the coal right, and since then our subject bought his brother's interest. The original farm comprises 165 acres, but he has sold fifty acres to the coal company. He also owns other tracts of land, including property in Coal Glen, which adjoins his farm, and he has sold a number of lots there to miners, as it is a thriving little mining town, to which a railroad has recently been constructed. Upon his farm he erected a commodious and comfortable residence in 1892, and has made many other improvements which add to its value and attractive appearance.

In 1870 Mr. Keys was married to Miss Calista C. Hogan, who was born in Clarion county, Penn., in 1852, a daughter of William and Fila M. (Hulbert) Hogan, of Onondaga county, N. Y. Her father became an early settler of Clarion county, where he purchased a large tract of land and was prominently identified with the development of that region. At his death, in 1852, his land was divided among his children. Mrs. Hogan, a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is still living, and is the mother of seven children—James A., George, Liddia A., Benjamin F., John, Horace and Calista C. John and Horace are now deceased.

Four children grace the union of our subject and his wife: William E.; Alexander; Milla M., now the wife of R. J. Ward, a miner; and Susannah Maud. Mr. Keys is a stanch adherent of Republican principles. At one time he was the Republican candidate for the nomination for county commissioner, and, although he received a large vote, was defeated. He has creditably filled a number of township offices, and has always done all in his power to promote the interests of the locality where he is so widely and favorably known. He is an honored member of the Union Veteran Legion and of the Grand Army of the Republic; as a slight compensation for his services in the Civil war he now receives a pension.

CHARLES H. SHAWKEY, a well-known lumberman and representative citizen of Barnett township, Jefferson county, was born in 1858, in Venango county, Penn., the eldest child of George and Anna Elizabeth (Witherspoon) Shawkey.

The father was a native of Germany, and when six years of age left the Fatherland and sailed for America. He located first in Venango county, Penn., where he grew to manhood and was married, and in 1864 came to Jefferson county, taking up his residence in Eldred township, where he is still living—one of the leading and influential citizens of his commnuity. Throughout his active business career he has followed the occupation of lumbering. Mrs. Shawkey is a native of Clarion county, Penn., and, like her husband, enjoys the high regard of all who know her.

Charles H. Shawkey received but a limited education, as he was the oldest son and his services were needed at home, but the younger members of the family were provided with better school privileges. He has a number of brothers and one sister, who in order of birth are as follows: L. W., an engineer occupying a position in the power house in Leechburg, Penn.; John W., a farmer of Jefferson county; Rev. Frank A., who is now preaching in North Dakota; Prof. Morris P., assistant principal in a West Virginia

business college; Arthur A., who is now finishing a collegiate course in the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio; Oscar A., a teacher of Jefferson county; and Elsie, at home. Our subject began his business career as a lumberman, and has since successfully engaged in that pursuit, being one of the most extensive jobbers in Barnett township. In 1887 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Kahl, a daughter of Perry Kahl, of Eldred township, who was one of the early settlers of Jefferson county. Six children grace this union, namely: Minnie A., H. Dallas, Myrel W., Edna, Blanche and Zula, who constitute an interesting family. The parents are active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally, Mr. Shawkey affiliates with the Senior Order of American Mechanics, and, politically, he is identified with the Republican party. While not an official aspirant he has served in various local positions, holding some township office ever since attaining his majority, and being district constable for five years. He has also been a committeeman since reaching manhood, and in the discharge of every duty, whether public or private, has been true and faithful to every trust reposed in him. He is a man who is thoroughly honest, upright and reliable, and is highly honored and respected by the entire community.

S. M. McDONALD, who is actively engaged in general farming and lumbering in Porter township, Jefferson county, was born on the 12th of March, 1835, in Indiana county, Penn., a son of David and Susan (Lantz) McDonald.

The father was a native of Smoky Valley, Centre Co., Penn., from there removed to Indiana county, and later took up his residence in Jefferson county, where he purchased 160 acres of wild land. After clearing and improving a portion of this, he sold and removed to Westmoreland county, where he engaged in boring for salt during the following decade. He then returned to Jefferson county and bought 160 acres of unimproved land in Porter township, where he erected a log house and stable, and made a few other improvements. He died here in March, 1841, leaving a widow and the following children:

(1) Elizabeth, the eldest, married James Ewing, and resided in Crawford county, Penn., where she died thirty-eight years ago, leaving a husband and one son, Homer. (2) John, born in Jefferson county, married Miss Fiskiss, of Clarion county, where he followed lumbering until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the 63rd P. V. I. He participated in all the engagements of his regiment up to the battle of Fair Oaks, where he was killed. He left a wife and four children who are still living in Clarion county. (3) Sarah is the widow of Seneca Barnett, of Porter township, Jefferson county, and resides on the farm left her by her husband. Her children are—Mrs. Anna Van-Horn; Elisha, who is married, and lives in Porter township; Mrs. Elizabeth Chilson, of the State of Washington; Catharine, wife of A. Welshoush, of Clearfield county, Penn.; John, a resident of Porter township; Emma, wife of William Neal, of Jefferson county; and George, who is married, and resides in Porter township. (4) David, born in Westmoreland county, married Miss Laura Welshonce, and lived upon his farm in Indiana county until his death, in 1893. He left a wife and one son, Alexander. (5) Julia, born in Westmoreland county, became the wife of Peter Davis, of Clearfield county, who, soon after his marriage, enlisted in the 110th P. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Hatcher's Run. His wife died in 1866, and his only child, Peter, is now a resident of Indiana county. (6) Ruth, born in Westmoreland county, married William Gall, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and died some years ago, leaving the following children—James, William, Joseph, Daniel, Samuel, Lott and Silas. (7) Susan, born in Westmoreland county, wedded Franklin Showers, of Clarion county, Penn., and with their family they now live in Michigan. (8) Robert, born in Indiana county, became a resident of Hanging Rock, Ohio, where he died in 1856. (9) S. M., of this sketch, is next in order of birth. (10) Nancy, born in Indiana county, married Peter Davis, and made her home in her native county until her death. (11) Evaline, born in Indiana county, died in girlhood.

Our subject was reared and educated in the county of his nativity. In 1861 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Timblin, of Jefferson county, and after their marriage he purchased a farm in Indiana county, near Perrysville and the Jefferson county line, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until 1864, when he joined the Union army, becoming a member of the 57th P. V. I. After being sworn in at Harrisburg, the regiment was assigned to the Second Corps, Army of the Potomac, and was in active service until after the surrender of General Lee, when it was discharged after participating in the grand review at Washington, D. C. Mr. McDonald had served under Captain John Ross, Colonel Maxwell and General Grant. On returning home he continued to engage in farming in Indiana

county until 1871, when he sold his property there and bought 152 acres of partially-improved land in Porter township, Jefferson county, it being the old McDonald homestead. Here he has since successfully engaged in farming, and is recognized as one of the leading business men of the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have been born twelve children, as follows: (1) Silas H., born in Indiana county, in 1861, married Minnie Allen, of Milton, Armstrong Co., Penn., by whom he has one son, Kenneth. They live at South Bethlehem, Armstrong county. (2) Mathias, born in Indiana county, in 1862, married Minnie Reynolds, of Winslow township, Jefferson county, and is now engaged in the insurance business in Allegheny county, Penn. (3) Osten, born in Indiana county, in 1864, wedded Elizabeth Groves, and lives on a farm in Armstrong county. They have five children—Glen, Laura, Minnie, Mead, and Mary. (4) George M., born in 1867, in Indiana county, grew to manhood on the farm in Jefferson county, and was educated in the Clarion and Edinboro Normal Schools. He then entered the law office of W. L. McCracken, of Brookville, and since his admission to the Bar has engaged in practice in that city. He married Lizzie Daley, of Penfield, Clearfield Co., Penn., and has two sons, Reynold and Malcolm. (5) Wyola, born in Indiana county, in 1869, is at home. (6) Frank L. died at the age of six years. (7) Nora, born in 1871, at the present home of her parents, was educated in the Clarion Normal, and is now the wife of George Thomas, of Wayne township, Armstrong county, Penn., by whom she has one child, Gladys. (8) Felula, born in 1874, has received a good common-school education, and is at home. (9) Mead, born in 1877, died of diphtheria at the age of fifteen. (10) Samuel L., born in 1879, is a very bright young man, who is now assisting his father in the operation of the farm. (11) Verdue, born in January, 1881, was educated in the common schools, and is at home. (12) Laura, born in 1884, died of diphtheria in 1893.

As a Democrat, Mr. McDonald has taken quite an active and prominent part in political affairs, has served as justice of the peace fifteen years, school director for the same length of time, and overseer of the poor for a number of years. In 1878 he was elected county auditor, and most creditably filled that position for three years. In 1881 he was elected commissioner of Jefferson county, which he also held for a term of three years. His official duties have ever been discharged with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. His public and private career have alike been above reproach, and he left office, as he had entered it, with the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He lost his father when quite young, and the support of the family devolved upon him and his older brothers, and it is needless to say their duties were faithfully performed. Three of the family aided in the defense of the union during the dark days of the Rebellion, and one laid down his life on the altar of his country. Mrs. McDonald, who is a most estimable woman, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ROBERT BUCHANAN STEWART. There are many reasons why a history of Jefferson county would not be complete without the life history of this gentleman. He is one of its extensive farmers, one of its worthy sons, and a man who in all the relations of life is true to every duty and to those principles which form the basis of all morality and honorable dealing.

Born in Brush Valley, Indiana Co., Penn., July 16, 1835, Mr. Stewart is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (McFarland) Stewart, natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents were born in Ireland, and located in Pennsylvania, east of the mountains, in pioneer days. John McFarland, the maternal grandfather, was also born in Ireland, and became one of the early settlers of Indiana county. Samuel Stewart followed farming in his younger days, also operated a tannery and a distillery. He died in Indiana county, in January, 1882, at the age of eighty-three years. He was three times married. He wedded Jane Wilson, and their children were—Joseph, who entered the Union army, and has never been heard from since; James, who died in the State of Indiana; and Matthew, who was a Southern soldier, and has not been heard from since the war. For his second wife Mr. Stewart chose Elizabeth McFarland, who died in 1867, at the age of sixty-seven years, and was buried in Brush Valley township. Her children were: Robert Buchanan; Miriam, widow of Nelson Lomison, of Johnstown, Penn.; Nathaniel W., a farmer of Indiana county; William M., a a farmer of the same county; and Samuel M., of Knoxdale, Penn. For his third wife Samuel Stewart chose Margaret Virtue, and they had one son, John, who was killed by falling on a saw in a sawmill, at the age of twenty-one years.

Robert Buchanan Stewart, the subject of this review, was reared on his father's farm until nineteen years of age. Later he purchased a farm of 150 acres in Centre township, Indiana county, for $1,490. He borrowed $100 to make the first

payment, and in 1865 he sold the property for $3,480. He then purchased a half interest in a tannery, in Homer City, for $2,300, becoming a partner of Peter Johnson. This did not prove profitable, and he suspended business after three years, selling his interest in the same for $500 in 1892. On abandoning the tannery, he turned his attention to the lumber business, and for six years continued his partnership with Mr. Johnson. They purchased a mill, and in 1868 dissolved partnership, each taking one sawmill as his share of the business. Almost continuously since Mr. Stewart has operated a sawmill in Jefferson, Clearfield or in Armstrong counties, and has made this a profitable source of income. Since 1874 he has resided upon his present farm, comprising 580 acres, of which 350 acres are cleared and under a high state of cultivation. In 1885 he raised 1,000 bushels of wheat, besides other grain. He has operated as many as five sawmills at one time, and during the financial panic of 1873 he carried on two sawmills in Knox township. On the breaking out of the Civil war Mr. Stewart enlisted, in April, 1861, in Company H, 12th Pennsylvania Reserves. His company and regiment joined the Army of the Potomac, and took part in all the general engagements up to the time of its muster-out of the service by reason of the expiration of its term of service, June 1, 1864. Our subject was wounded in the arm.

On November 22, 1864, Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Sarah J. Johnson, daughter of Peter Johnson. She died July 3, 1871, and was buried in Homer City, Penn. Their child is Orlando, a farmer of Knox township, Jefferson county, who married Flora Bell, and has six children. For his second wife Mr. Stewart chose Miss Dillie L. Sebring, the wedding taking place at Bellview, February 5, 1878. She was born in Indiana county and was reared at Greenville. Her parents are William and Sarah (Fyock) Sebring, who were married in Mechanicsburg, Penn., in April, 1851. The father was a carpenter, but during his last days lived retired. He died in Greenville, Penn., at the age of eighty-three years, and his wife is now living with Mrs. Stewart. She was born in Somerset county, Penn., November 14, 1825, and is a daughter of David and Mary (Hoffman) Fyock, who died in Indiana county. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sebring are: Albert, a farmer and carpenter of Knox township; Mary, wife of Albert Knabb, a stave manufacturer of Pittsburg, Penn., who also manufactures barrels in Warren, Penn.; Ellis, who resides upon a part of our subject's farm; and Mrs. Stewart.

The children of our subject and his present wife are: Maud C. (wife of Samuel G. Lowery, a carpenter of Clarion county, Penn., by whom she has one child), Blanche R., I. Norris, M. Truby, Inez A. and Rheba M. The family is one of prominence in the community, its members moving in the best circles of society. They attend the United Brethren Church of Knoxdale, of which our subject has served as steward for the past ten years. He has held a number of township offices, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and ability, and his political support is given the Republican party. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen who withholds his support from no enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit. His business interests have been so capably managed that, entirely through his own efforts, he has accumulated a handsome competence that now enables him to practically lay aside all business cares, save the management of his real-estate interests.

ALEXANDER D. DEEMER, of Brookville, Jefferson county, is a self-made man. He started in business with no capital save his ability, but fortune has smiled upon him, and it is pleasing to note that his success has not caused him to forget the path by which he came, or to cease to sympathize with those with whom life has dealt less kindly.

Mr. Deemer is a native of Pennsylvania, born December 24, 1848, in Jefferson county, a son of William and Mary (Sheasley) Deemer, both natives of Westmoreland county, Penn. The father, who was a man of quiet, unassuming disposition, followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life, dying in 1886; his wife passed away in 1858. Jonathan Deemer, grandfather of our subject, was a pioneer farmer, coming from Westmoreland county, Penn., to Jefferson county in 1783. He married Barbara Pifer, a Pennsylvanian by birth, and five children were born to them: Peter, John, William, Alexander and Hannah (widow of George Rhoades, formerly of Kansas, where she now lives). Alexander D. Deemer's maternal grandfather, also a native of Pennsylvania, had children as follows: Joseph, David, Simon, Jackson, John, Catherine and Sarah, all of whom are yet living except John, who died in the Civil war.

The subject of this sketch, in his youth, shared the disadvantages as well as the advantages of country life, receiving only a district school education. Remaining at the home farm until the age of seventeen, he was then apprenticed to a blacksmith, with whom he spent three

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years learning the trade. On completing his term of service he began the business on his own account, at Emerickville, Jefferson county, where he conducted the business for about fifteen years. He then engaged in the bark and lumber business, with which he has ever since been prominently identified; he has also been for some time extensively engaged in mercantile pursuits, owning a large and well-stocked establishment at Brookville, Jefferson county; he also, in company with S. V. Shick, has a general store at Reynoldsville, in addition to a grocery store. He is a member of the Brookville Furniture Co., whose factory he operates, it having been leased to him for a term of years. On May 7, 1871, he was married to Miss Sarah J. Bussert, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Snyder) Bussert, well-known citizens of Jefferson county, and their union has been blessed with five children: Mabel is the wife of B. M. Moore, bookkeeper at the furniture factory; Nora E. is the wife of Lawyer John M. White, burgess of the borough; and Franklin C., Lawrence V. and Amer M. are at home.

Mrs. Deemer's parents were born in Schuylkill county, Penn., the father in 1827, the mother in 1825. They had two children: Catherine (Mrs. Benninger, of Emerickville, Penn.); and Sarah J. (Mrs. Deemer). Samuel Bussert, the grandfather, a native of Schuylkill county, was four times married, first to a Miss Wetzel, and in an early day they became pioneers of Jefferson county. They had four children: Lucy, Eliza, Catherine, and Henry (Mrs. Deemer's father). By the second marriage there were no children; by the third there were Harriet, Samuel, Charles, John, Elias and Amanda; and by the fourth marriage there were born three sons: Emanuel, Simon and George. Frederick Snyder, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Deemer, was also a native of Pennsylvania. He had a family of seven children, namely: Benjamin, Israel, Peter, Samuel, Catherine (Mrs. Deemer's mother), Susan and Harriet.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander D. Deemer are prominent members of the M. E. Church, in which Mr. Deemer holds the office of steward. He is identified with the following fraternal orders: The F. & A. M., P. O. S. of A., and the I. O. O. F., in which latter organization he is a past grand. While his attention has been given closely to his business interests, it has always been his aim to use his capital in a manner to furnish employment for those who depend for their livelihood upon their own labor. He is thoroughly progressive in his ideas, and is deeply interested in all that concerns the public welfare. For twenty years he has affiliated with the Prohibition party, and although no "official bee in his bonnet" has ever disturbed him, he is justly regarded as one of the strongest advocates of the principles of that organization in his locality.

THOMAS GREEN, senior member of the firm of Green & Consor, the gentlemanly proprietors of the "Imperial Hotel," of Reynoldsville, Penn., was born at that place in 1859, his parents being Harrison and Mary (Spencer) Green, also natives of Pennsylvania, where they spent their entire lives. During his youth the father had learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for some time, and was an industrious, highly respected man. His wife died in 1887, and he passed away two years later.

Mr. Green, whose name introduces this sketch, obtained a limited education in the public schools of Reynoldsville. At the age of eighteen years he was thrown upon his own resources for a livelihood, and has since engaged in various kinds of labor by which he might make an honest dollar. In 1889, in partnership with Mr. Consor, he took charge of "Hotel Belnap" in Reynoldsville, and in this venture they met with good success, conducting the house until 1894, when they removed to their present location, which is one of the best sites for a hotel in the village. Here they erected the "Imperial Hotel," a well-appointed house, convenient and comfortable, containing twenty-eight sleeping rooms, commodious parlors, baths and all modern improvements. It was opened to the public on the 1st of January, 1897, and is securing a good class of patronage, as its proprietors attend carefully to the needs of their guests.

In September, 1888, Mr. Green was married to Miss Mary Shannon, of Reynoldsville, and they now have four children: Frances, Florence, Pauline and John. The mother is a sincere and earnest member of the Catholic Church. In politics, Mr. Green is identified with the Republican party, while socially he holds membership in the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks. A courteous, genial gentleman, he has made many friends, and holds an enviable place in the business and social circles of the community, where he has always found a pleasant home.

EDWARD C. BURNS, proprietor of a well-known livery business in Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, was born, September 18, 1859, in Ridgway, Elk Co., Penn., a son of John Charles and Sarah L. (Schultze) Burns. The father is a

native of Maine, whence, when about seventeen years of age, he came to this State, where he obtained employment in the woods, and was a lumber dealer and contractor until 1871, in which year he came to Reynoldsville, and engaged in the hotel business. This he continued in until 1892, when he had the misfortune to lose his wife, since which time he has lived in retirement.

Edward C. Burns obtained his education in the common schools, which he would attend during the winter, while through the summer months he was employed as a stage driver. He continued to assist his father in various ways until nineteen years of age, when he left the parental roof and started out in life for himself. For two years, however, he gave his earnings to his parents, who had a large family and were in rather limited circumstances. After attaining his majority Mr. Burns was engaged in lumbering for four years, and then leased a stone quarry and also a coal mine, which he operated. Besides delivering the stone and coal, he engaged in general teaming, and, in 1891, embarked in the livery business at Reynoldsville, which he has since successfully conducted, having a large and well-equipped stable.

In 1881, Mr. Burns was married to Miss Cora Kennedy, of Sharon, Mercer Co., Penn., and they have four children, named respectively: Bert Stanley, Charles Edward, Frank Alvin and Hallie Naylor. Mrs. Burns is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Socially Mr. Burns affiliates with the Senior O. U. A. M. and with the K. of P., in which latter he has served as past chancellor, and has represented the order in the grand lodge. Politically, he is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Republican party in his community, for two terms he served as chairman of the county central committee, and has done much to advance the interests of his party. He has satisfactorily filled a number of local offices, and, in 1896, he was the candidate of his party for the office of sheriff of Jefferson county. At the election held on the 3d of November of that year it was shown that he received the flattering majority of over 2,000 votes, thus indicating his personal popularity and the confidence and trust his fellow-citizens repose in him. He is a typical self-made man, a genial, courteous gentleman, a pleasant and entertaining companion, and has many stanch and admiring friends among all classes of men.

P. J. ANTHONY. The heavily timbered lands of Jefferson county have furnished a tempting field for the lumberman's axe as the eastern forests were gradually cleared away, and the soil, when once prepared for cultivation, has been equally profitable to the shrewd and thrifty agriculturist. Among the first to appreciate the advantage of the locality was Levi Anthony, the well-known pioneer of Henderson township, who settled there with his family, and after passing through all the hardships incident to frontier life secured a comfortable home. He and his estimable wife did much to develop the social life of the locality, and he was largely instrumental in organizing the affairs of the township. Their children, reared under the influence of such progressive and public-spirited parents, have always shown the same admirable characteristics, and their son, P. J. Anthony, of Big Run, whose biography we now present, is among the leading citizens of the township.

Jacob Anthony, our subject's grandfather, spent his early years in the city of Philadelphia, but afterward located on a farm in Indiana county, Penn. Of his three sons, William, David and Levi, the first two remained in Indiana county, where both married and left at death families to continue the name.

Levi Anthony, the father of our subject, was born in Indiana county August 15, 1798, and on arriving at manhood married Miss Mary Miller, of the same county. For a time he continued to reside at the old homestead, which he had helped to clear, but in 1840 he sold out his interests and removed to Henderson township, Jefferson county, where he purchased eight hundred acres of timber land four miles east of the present village of Big Run. There he built a log house and barn, and otherwise improved the place for a permanent home. For many years the clearing of the forest occupied the greater part of his time, and during this time he made and rafted square timber to Pittsburg and other western points. His wife died in 1854, and he survived her only seven years, passing away in 1861. They had twelve children, nine of whom were born in Indiana county: (1) Jacob, born November 8, 1822, came to Jefferson county with his parents, and after his marriage to Miss Luzetta Enterline, of that county, made his home on the east branch of the Mahoning river, where he and one of his brothers had established a sawmill. He continued in the same business all his life, and in 1896 he died there leaving a widow and ten children, Alpheus, Dawling, Elmer, and Abner are all married; Austin is single; Elmira (Mrs. Albert Smith), of Punxsutawney; Havilla (Mrs. Ketter) resides in DuBois; Retta married Mr. Matthias, of Jefferson county; Annis married Mr. Beams; and Joannah is single. (2) Robert,

born March 20, 1824; is a resident of Frostburg, Jefferson county. He married Miss Elizabeth Calhoun, of Armstrong county, and has several children. (3) Margaret, born January 31, 1826, married (first) Charles Clepper, of Clearfield, who died while serving in the Union army during the Civil war. She afterward married John Foltz, of Jefferson county, and lived on a part of her father's homestead until her death, which occurred in 1890. By her first marriage she had three daughters, Mary, Lydia and Sarah. (4) Mary, born January 24, 1828, married James Knox, of Indiana county, and resided there until her death, some years ago. She left no family. (5) Elizabeth, born March 20, 1830, married William Bowers, of Jefferson county, and resided on a farm in Gaskill township until her death. She had four children, Mary, Henrietta, Jane and William, all of whom are married. (6) Nancy J., born March 3, 1832, married John Furlong, of Armstrong county, Penn., and they now reside on a farm in Kansas. They have several children. (7) Henry, born July 16, 1834, married Miss Crookshanks, and moved to Kansas about twenty-five years ago. He died there leaving five children—Harry, Elsie, Annie, John and Sarah, all of whom reside in Kansas. (8) P. J., our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on. (9) Levi, born January 11, 1839, died at the age of five years. (10) James D. was born May 3, 1840, after the removal to Jefferson county, and was reared there. He served one year in the Union army during the Civil war, a member of Company F, 105th P. V. I. He married Miss Maggie McKee, of the same county, and located in Bell township, Clearfield county, where he bought 500 acres of timber land, and engaged in lumbering. He died in 1883, his wife surviving him with one daughter, Lillie, who resides in Brookville. (11) W. H., born June 17, 1844, in Jefferson county, enlisted, in 1861, in Company F, 105th P. V. I., under Captain Kirk, of Clearfield, and it is supposed that he was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, though no definite information was ever obtained. (12) Ruth Eveline, born September 14, 1846, in Jefferson county, married Henry Socksman, of Armstrong county, and they now reside on a farm near Luthersburg, Penn. They have several children.

P. J. Anthony, the subject proper of this sketch was born September 24, 1836, at the old home in Indiana county, and was but a child when he was taken to Jefferson county, where he grew to manhood, his education being secured in the local schools, while he assisted his father as he could in farming and lumbering. On May 7, 1863 he married Miss Rachel Cochran, and for four years they resided at the homestead where he engaged in agriculture and lumbering on his own account. He then sold out and removed to Indiana county, purchasing a farm near Covode, and remaining three years. On disposing of that place he returned to Jefferson county, and bought one hundred and thirty acres of timber land on the east branch of the Mahoning, where he continued his lumbering operations. About 1870 he purchased the Keppel farm on Stump creek, two miles east of Big Run, and he has ever since made his home there. He has cleared a large number of acres, taking out the stumps, and to-day has one of the well-cultivated farms of the township. In 1894 he built a fine two-story residence with all the modern improvements, and everything about the place suggests thrift and enterprise. Politically Mr. Anthony is a Republican, and he comes of the good Old-line Whig stock from which the anti-slavery element was so largely recruited. He has never been an office seeker, although he wields much influence in a quiet way, and the only position he ever held was that of school director, in which he served one term. As members of the M. E. Church at Big Run, he and his wife are actively interested in all forms of religious work.

Eight children have blessed their home, of whom four are living: (1) Amy A., born April 8, 1864, married T. J. London, formerly of Jefferson county, and now one of the enterprising business men of Bell township, Clearfield county, where he owns a farm and a tract of timber land. They have four children—Della, Mary, Orin and Ollie. (2) Camden, born January 15, 1866, is a leading dentist of Du Bois. He married Miss Mary Zufall, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and has one child, Ethel R. (3) Joseph, born June 21, 1869, died in 1880 from diphtheria. (4) Albert, born October 26, 1871, was educated in the common schools near his home and in the Normal School of Clarion county, and was an exceptionally bright student. At present he is teaching with marked success in the public schools in Henderson township. He is not married. (5) John, born October 31, 1873, received a common-school education, and is now engaged in farming at the homestead with his father. He married Miss Edith Rugh, of the same township, and has one daughter, Verona E. (6) Eliza, born May 31, 1876, died of diphtheria April 6, 1880. (7) Sadie, born March 5, 1879, and (8) Maggie, born February 24, 1882, were accidentally drowned on June 8, 1885, while bathing in Stump creek, near their father's home with two of their young friends, Cora Rugh and Rosy Rymen, the daughters of neighbors. All four

were bright and attractive girls, beloved throughout the community, where the sad occurrence caused a profound shock. At their funeral, which took place a few days later in the cemetery at Big Run, an immense throng assembled in token of sympathy with the bereaved parents, being probably the largest congregation of people that was ever drawn together in Jefferson county.

JAMES CRAIG, inside foreman of Eleanor Coal Mine, No. 2, at Eleanor, Jefferson county, is a man whose energy, ability and faithfulness to duty, have made him invaluable to his employers, and at the same time have given him a high standing in the community which he has chosen for a home. In fact, he possesses the admirable characteristics of the "canny Scot" in full measure, as well he may, having descended from a family which has for generations resided near Glasgow, Scotland. William Craig, our subject's father, who was born in 1831, in that locality, now resides there, at Springburn, where he follows the trade of machinist and locomotive builder. He and his wife, Jane (Kyle), who was born in 1833, are both devout members of the Presbyterian Church. Of their nine children our subject was the only one to come to America, the others remaining near the old home. William is a machinist; Andrew is a boiler maker; James, our subject, is the next in order of birth; Jessie married William Johnson, manager of a mine; Margaret is a dressmaker; Jane lives at home; Alexander is a machinist; Uphama is married, and Marian is at home.

James Craig was born February 1, 1859, at Bishopbriggs, near Glasgow, and at an early age began to gather a practical experience in worldly matters that has since been of service to him. At thirteen he began working in a coal mine, and at fifteen entered a machine shop where he spent two and one-half years. He then resumed the work of mining, and continued thereat some years, his home being with his parents until he reached the age of nineteen. In June, 1881, he came to the United States, and for the first year was employed in a coal mine at Arnot, Tioga county, Penn. The next five years were spent in Elk county, Penn., in similar work, and then he went to the State of Washington, where he remained but a short time, returning to his former employment in Elk county. In 1891 he took a position with Bell, Lewis & Yates, as foreman of a mine at Du Bois, and after nine months was transferred to his present post at the Eleanor Mine, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, which the company held on a lease. This expired in 1895, but Mr. Craig's record was such that the new firm retained his services. The mine is one of the largest in the country, and is fitted out with the latest improvements. In March, 1897, Mr. Craig realized that accidents will happen in the best regulated mines, as he had his right arm broken by a cable which snapped at an inopportune moment, and, flying up, struck him. He is prominent in local affairs, and is a Republican in his political affiliations. In 1895 he was appointed to fill an unexpired term as school director, and in 1896 was elected to succeed himself. He is an active worker in the Masonic order, belonging to John W. Reed Lodge, No. 536, F. and A. M., of Reynoldsville, and Jefferson Chapter, No. 225, R. A. M., at Brookville. In his religious views, he adheres to the faith of his forefathers, and is one of the leading members of the Presbyterian Church at Eleanor.

On October 17, 1878, Mr. Craig was married in Scotland by Rev. Mr. Fordyce, to Miss Margaret Patterson, and seven children have blessed their union, viz.: William; Agnes, who died at three years of age; Jane; Maggie M., who died when five years old; Minnie, who lived only two years; Anna and Robert J. Mrs. Craig was born October 16, 1860, at Colston, Scotland, and her ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines is identified with that country, where her great-great-grandfather, William Patterson, was a fisherman by occupation. Her great-grandparents, Robert and Mary (McAlpine) Patterson, spent their entire lives in Scotland, but her grandfather, William Patterson, a mine manager, came to America in 1830 and spent two years, returning afterward to his native land. He married Susan Harvey, of Scotland, and had a son, Robert, Mrs. Craig's father, who was born December 25, 1829, and in 1882 came to this country. His wife, Agnes Irvin, was born in Scotland December 25, 1830, the daughter of Joseph and Agnes (Beveridge) Irvin, life-long residents of Scotland, where Mr. Irvin followed the trade of engineer. Mr. Patterson was engaged in mining for some time, but is now living in retirement at Centreville, Penn. He is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and he and his wife both belong to the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: Agnes, Mrs. William Roxborough, a widow, residing in Scotland; Susan, wife of Thomas Wright, a miner, at Crenshaw, Penn.; William (deceased); Joseph, superintendent of a coal mine at Ben's Creek, Penn.; Margaret, Mrs. Craig; Elizabeth, wife of John Shaw, assistant mine foreman at Crested Butte, Colo.; Mary, wife of George Waldsworth, a miner at

Crenshaw, Penn.; Jennetta, who married Thomas Harvey, a miner at Centreville, Penn.; Anna, who was drowned at the age of four years; Robert, a machinist, now with our subject; and William, a druggist at Centreville.

RICHARD FITZSIMONS, a well-known resident of Clover township, has for many years been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Jefferson county, where he was born August 12, 1836.

John Fitzsimons, his father, was a native of Ireland, and when a young man emigrated to the New World. In Jefferson county, Penn., he married Mrs. Twedy, *née* Cox, who by her first husband had two sons: William, now a farmer of Kansas; and Robert, an agriculturist of the same State. The following children blessed her second union, namely: John, deceased; Richard, of this sketch; Eliza J., who died in childhood; Mrs. Lyda Kennedy, deceased; Thomas, who served in the Union army during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Illinois; James, who was killed in the service of his country; Mrs. Lucinda J. Kennedy; Marion, living in Texas; and Clarence, who operates the old home farm. On coming to the county, John Fitzsimons purchased a tract of land, which he converted into a good farm, making it his home until after the death of his wife, when he gave the place to a son and purchased a smaller farm, where he lived for five years. He spent the last five years of his life with his children, dying in 1896, respected and esteemed by all who knew him. By trade he was a stone-mason, and throughout his active business life followed that pursuit to some extent, and also owned and operated a sawmill for a time. His Church relations were with the United Presbyterians, to which his wife also belonged, and in politics he was originally a Democrat, but later a Republican.

Richard Fitzsimons pursued his studies in the common schools, and was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys. In 1858 he was joined in wedlock with Miss Margaret Simpson, a daughter of William Simpson, who was born, reared and married on the Emerald Isle, not coming to America until after the birth of three of his children. He located in Clover township, Jefferson county, where he improved a farm and spent his remaining days, dying in 1882. His wife had preceded him to the world beyond, her death occurring in 1875. They were Presbyterians in religious belief, and the parents of nine children, namely: John, deceased; Jane, wife of F. Hull; Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas; Mrs. Mary Smith; Mrs. Martha White; Mrs. Sara Kelso; Margaret, wife of our subject; Mrs. Ann McGiven; and Mrs. Lavina Moore.

For a short time after his marriage Mr. Fitzsimons operated a sawmill, and on selling that property he purchased a farm, on which he was living when, in 1864, he entered the Union army, as a member of Stewart's Battalion, Army of the Potomac. His service was principally in southeastern Pennsylvania, and on the expiration of his term of enlistment, he was honorably discharged at Pittsburg. For two years after his return home he remained upon his first farm, which he then sold and purchased a place in Clover township. He erected all of the buildings thereon, and placed the land under a high state of cultivation. He also owns another farm, purchased in 1892.

Seven children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimons, namely: William J., a farmer; Sabina C., now the wife of E. Hunter; Laura E., wife of S. Osborn; Ida M., wife of John McGill; Thomas and Anna, who are at home, and David, who is attending the State Normal. The parents are both faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church, and their lives have ever been in harmony with its teachings. Politically, Mr. Fitzsimons is identified with the Republican party, and was called upon to serve as supervisor of his township for two years. In the discharge of every trust reposed in him he has been true and faithful, never neglects any duties of citizenship, and is certainly drserving of honorable mention among Jefferson county's representative and prominent citizens.

WILLIAM P. BLACK, the junior member of the well-known firm of J. P. Black & Son, general merchants, of Brookville, Jefferson county, is a worthy representative of a family which has been prominently identified with Jefferson county since pioneer times.

J. P. BLACK, his father, was born in 1824, in Jefferson county, and has here thus far passed his life. For many years he was interested in the lumber business, and in 1860 he engaged in butchering, continuing until 1880 when he took a vacation of two years. In resuming business in 1882 he engaged in mercantile business with our subject, and the firm has gained and kept the entire confidence of the community by the sterling character of its members and their upright dealing in all cases. Mr. J. P. Black and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Postlewaite, are still enjoying excellent health at the ages of seventy-two and seventy

years respectively, and September 22, 1896, marked the fiftieth aniversary of their marriage. Of their five children, L. A. Black is a carpenter at Brookville; Caroline is the wife of Benjamin McClellan; Martha married William C. Stretton, an oil contractor at Lancaster, Ohio; and Emma married G. W. Cochran, of Brookville.

William P. Black was born in Jefferson county in 1859, and receiving his education in the Brookville schools. At an early age he became associated in business with his father, and when the meat market was disposed of in 1880, he spent two years in similar employment for others, before embarking in his present enterprise. In March, 1884, he married Miss Nannie E. Sowers, daughter of Jackson Sowers, a well-known resident of Clover township, Jefferson county. Mrs. Black is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, but our subject is not a communicant of any religious society, although he inclines toward the Methodist faith, in which he was reared. He is an active worker in the I. O. O. F., of which he has been a member for sixteen years.

In politics both members of the firm are Republicans, but the prospect of public office has never had for either of them sufficient charm to woo them from business.

TRUMAN B. LONDON, JR. In reducing the native forests of a region, and preparing the way for civilized life, in founding and developing the institutions which bring comfort and peace to future generations, a race of men are needed superior in energy and will to the average endowments of mankind. An indomitable will that is turned from it's course by no menacing obstacles, a superior intelligence, able to grapple with perplexing conditions as they from time to time arise, a devotion to the praiseworthy objects of well-directed labor are among the qualities requisite to the pioneer. It is of a family of this kind that Truman B. London, Jr., the subject of this sketch, is a prominent and successful member.

His father, Truman B. London, Sr., for whom he was named, was one of the most prominent men of his time in Luzerne and Jefferson counties, fitted by nature to successfully conduct large enterprises and making a notable impress in the material development of this region. The father was born October 11, 1808, in Luzerne county, Penn., the son of Isaac and Sarah Calender London, and the grandson of Edward London, of New Jersey, and Samuel Calender, of Virginia. Both the latter were of English descent, and both had settled in Luzerne county, and both had proved their devotion to country and their right to the soil of the Republic for themselves and their posterity, during the long and trying years of the Revolutionary war. Samuel Calender was born in 1756, in Virginia, and died in Green Grove, Penn., March 12, 1836. Truman B. London, Sr., in his younger days engaged extensively in lumbering, following that occupation for seven years on the North branch of the Susquehanna river in his native county. In 1838 he came to Brookville, Penn., and there conducted large lumbering operations, besides doing a general farming business. He settled in Winslow township in 1848, and purchased, cleared and improved the valuable farm upon which he died, April 11, 1891, a wealthy and retired citizen. For eight years he had been associated in mercantile business at Reynoldsville, with Dr. J. C. King. He was largely interested in the development of that village and of Rathmel, and constructed many of the residences at both places. He was not unmindful of the duties of citizenship, and his popularity was attested by his election as auditor of Jefferson county. Something of the high character of the man may be judged from the fact that throughout his active and extended business career he never was party to a law suit. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Sally M. Slosson, a native of Luzerne county. Six children were born to them: Martha J., deceased; Eliza M., wife of Andrew Johnson, of Du Bois, Penn.; Truman B., Jr., subject of this sketch; Isaac H., a farmer of Winslow township; Moses L., who died in infancy, and Mary A., who died young. Mrs. London died January 23, 1842, and the second wife of Mr. London was Mrs. Sarah (Rea) Wilkins, by whom he had no children.

The subject of this sketch, now a general and prominent farmer of Winslow township, was born in Blakely township, Luzerne county, March 10, 1836. He came with his parents to Jefferson county, in the fall of 1838, living for a short time at Brookville, and then in various parts of the county, coming to Winslow township in 1848. He remained on the home farm, assisting his father, until he was thirty years of age. He was married January 1, 1868, at Sligo Town, Clarion county, to Miss Mary A. Fulton, who was born at Reedsburg, Clarion county, daughter of Washington and Rachel Pollard Fulton. Washington Fulton was a wealthy, intelligent and highly respected business man, who was born in Monroe township, Clarion county, and for many years conducted a gristmill at Reedsburg, where he died. In his younger days he had assisted his

father, Cochran Fulton, Sr., in operating Washington furnace, which the latter, a prominent iron manufacturer, owned. The latter's father was a liberty-loving emigrant from Ireland. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Truman B. London, Jr., were Nicholas and Elizabeth (Harigar) Pollard, and the former had been a soldier in the war of 1812. Mrs. London's father, Washington Fulton, died in 1879, aged sixty-two years. Her mother is now living at Knoxdale, Penn., with her daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Truman B. London, Jr., have been born six children, namely: Myra B., who was born November 5, 1868, married N. F. Dean, and has four children: Olive B., Alfred A., Cladus L. and Medith E.; Maggie B., who was born September 27, 1872, married Lorand L. Henry, a coal operator at Rathmel, and has two children, Elvassa M. and Vern F.; Sallie M., who was born July 10, 1878, married George Johnson, Jr., and has two children, R. Devere and Arveda; Truman B., born June 26, 1880, died April 23, 1881; Thomas B., born April 15, 1882, and Monroe C., born October 1, 1885.

Mr. London has lived on his present farm ever since he left his father's home, and from boyhood he has led an active life. Beginning at the age of fourteen years to raft lumber, he followed that pursuit for twenty-five years, continuing lumbering five years after his marriage, but he has since devoted his attention more exclusively to general farming. In politics Mr. London is an earnest Democrat, and in his political affiliations he follows the traditions of his family, for since the time of Jefferson the family has been loyal in its fidelity to the principles of that party. His father cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson, and our subject's initial ballot helped to elect President Buchanan. Mr. London is a member of the P. O. S. of A., of Rathmel, Penn., and he and his wife are consistent members of Soldier Run Baptist Church at Reynoldsville. Himself and his estimable wife are leaders in the social life of the community in which they live. Their tastes are toward the better and more refining influences, and in both the mental gifts and attainments which have been inherited from an honored ancestry are supplemented and brightened by extensive study and reading.

CHARLES E. CARRIER, of Summerville, Jefferson county, was born in that place, in 1860, a son of Hiram K. and Susan (Mauk) Carrier, also natives of Jefferson county, where they have always lived. The father was engaged in merchandising until recently, and he and his wife are now living retired on their farm near Summerville, spending the evening of their lives in that peace and happiness that generally follows long and useful careers.

In the common schools of that county, Charles E. Carrier received a good practical education, and upon the home farm spent a part of his early life. For fifteen years he was successfully engaged in general mercantile business in Summerville, where he carried a full and complete line of merchandise suitable to his trade, and by straightforward business methods, and courteous treatment of customers, he succeeded in building up an excellent trade. In 1896 he disposed of his mercantile business, and in company with his brothers, began operating in coal at Summerville. In addition to the coal trade they have an extensive mine near the town, and supply the A. V. R. R. with fuel.

In 1879 Mr. Carrier was married to Miss Emma Carrier, of Jefferson county, and they have six children, namely: Guy, Roscoe, Rhea, Lena, Charles and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Carrier are both members of the Presbyterian Church, and they are most estimable, kind and charitable people. In politics, Mr. Carrier votes with the Republican party, whose principles he stanchly advocates.

JOLIN CAMPBELL, a leading hardware dealer of Big Run, Jefferson county, is one of the energetic, clear-sighted men of affairs who make their way to the front in every line of effort. He was born in Clearfield county, where his father, the late J. W. Campbell, a native of Columbia county, Penn., passed the greater part of his life in farming and lumbering, dying in 1895. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Harriet Lee, was a native of Clearfield county, and her death occurred there in 1871.

The common schools of his native township afforded Mr. Campbell his greater opportunities for education, and his instruction there was accompanied by practical work under his father's direction in agriculture and lumbering, which he naturally engaged in on his own account later. By the time he was twenty-four he had been for some time a successful dealer in lumber. He then went to Big Run to engage in the livery business, which he followed five years, when he became interested in his present store. He keeps a complete and well-arranged stock of hardware and implements, and has a remunerative trade which is constantly on the increase.

In 1892 Mr. Campbell was married to Miss

Lyra May Lewis, daughter of W. G. Lewis, a well-known resident of Indiana county, Penn., and their union has been blessed with three children: Gurvin Thistle, Lee Dorothy, and an infant baby boy who lived only four months. Mrs. Campbell is identified with the Presbyterian Church, and is an active sympathizer with all phases of its work. Our subject belongs to several fraternal societies: the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., and Knights of the Maccabees, and is deservedly popular in the community. Politics claim no attentfon from him, beyond that given by every intelligent man to the problems of the time.

CHARLES WELLINGTON HUGHES, M. D., a successful physician of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, residing at Eleanor, has won recognition in his chosen profession without as much difficulty and delay as is experienced by the average practitioner.

Our subject was born June 24, 1860, at Nashville, Holmes Co., Ohio, where his paternal grandfather, Ezrom Hughes, was a pioneer settler, having gone there from Havre de Grace, Md., in 1817, on horseback across the mountains. He carried with him $19 in gold, which after his arrival he hid in a leather poke under a large rock, and it remained undisturbed for several years. He made one visit to his native State, but his life was mainly spent at his new home, where, by dint of much hard work and close economy, he managed to acquire 2,200 acres of land. Many times he hauled his wheat fifty miles to market, receiving from twenty-five to thirty-five cents per bushel, and he often worked for fifty cents a day in Wayne county, Ohio, cutting prairie grass, with his limbs heavily bandaged as a defense against rattlesnakes. He and his wife, Susannah (Shreve), died at Nashville, and their remains now repose in a cemetery near their homestead. Susannah Shreve was a descendant of an old Holland family, of which many members have attained distinction. In the sixteenth century William Shreve made a most romantic marriage with the daughter of a nobleman of Amsterdam, and we find others of the name prominent among the Quaker settlers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as far back as 1640. Col. Israel Shreve made a journey from Jersey to the Monongahela in 1788, of which he gave an account in a journal. Lieut. John Shreve gained his title in the Revolutionary war, and Capt. Henry M. Shreve, another member of the family, played a conspicuous part in the development of steam navigation on western waters. The ancient coat-of-arms has been preserved, and the old Shreve home in Holland, built in 1742, has never passed out of the possession of the family.

John S. Hughes, the Doctor's father, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, September 30, 1833, and still resides at Nashville, where he conducts an extensive business as a farmer and fruit grower, berries being a specialty. He is a Republican, and is regarded as one of the leading men of his community. He married Miss Lavenia E. Quick, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, born August 10, 1835, and they have reared a family of four children, of whom our subject is the eldest. Carrie E. is the wife of Dr. E. J. March, of Canton, Ohio; Bert resides with his parents; and Denver C. is an attorney at Canton.

The first fifteen years of the Doctor's life were spent at the old home, after which he entered the university at Wooster, Ohio, and spent two terms in study. He then took a three-years' preparatory course in the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and later spent two years in the Mt. Union (Ohio) College. On leaving the latter institution he took charge of the *Navarre Times*, of Navarre, Ohio, but after a year he sold out and began the study of medicine with his brother-in-law, Dr. E. J. March. He gave two years and a half to preliminary reading, and then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., where he was graduated in 1887. A brief visit home followed, and on June 14, 1887, he came to Beechtree, Jefferson Co., Penn., to remain for two weeks during the absence of Dr. T. R. Williams, and look after his practice. Later he conducted Dr. Williams' practice at the Adrian mines for a short time, and on October 1, of the same year, he became an assistant to Dr. Hubbard at the Walston mines. On April 18, 1888, he returned to the Adrain mines, and was in charge of the work there until October, when he went to Philadelphia as resident physician in the Medico-Chirurgical hospital. He remained nine months, enjoying excellent opportunities for advanced work in his chosen profession, and, coming up with the class of 1889, graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical College. On the completion of the course in 1889, he returned to the Adrian mines to take the post of resident physician in the Adrian hospital. On October 25, 1889, he left this position to begin an independent practice at Eleanor, where he has since remained. For four months of each year he serves as attending surgeon at Adrian hospital.

Dr. Hughes has always been a Republican in politics. He is not a Church member, but in-

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clines toward the Methodist faith, in which he was reared, both his parents being identified with that denomination. He is prominent socially, belonging to the I. O. O. F., at Eleanor, the A. T. Omega fraternity, of Mt. Union, Ohio, the Blue Lodge No. 115, F. & A. M., of Ohio; the Pittsburg Consistory, the Mystic Shrine, and Wooster (Ohio) Chapter. He is a member of the State Medical Society, Jefferson Medical Society, and American Medical Association.

JOHN W. BROOKS, one of the honored veterans of the Civil war who followed the starry banner on many a Southern battlefield, is now numbered among the leading lumbermen and agriculturists of Gaskill township, Jefferson county. He is a representative of one of the prominent old families of this locality.

A son of W. B. and Alpha (Works) Brooks, our subject was born in 1836, in Steuben county, N. Y. His father was born in Delaware county, of the same State, in 1811, and after his marriage removed to Steuben county. Some years later he located near Lumber City, in Clearfield county, Penn., where he followed the cabinet maker's trade until about 1839, when he purchased and located upon a tract of woodland in Gaskill township, Jefferson county. This he developed into a good farm, making many improvements thereon. He also erected a sawmill and for some time manufactured sawed lumber. In 1849 he sold his farm and removed to Punxsutawney, where he purchased property and followed his trade for six years. He then again sold out, and in 1855 removed to Big Run, Jefferson county. His wife died in 1888, leaving a family of seven children, and his death occurred at Big Run in March, 1894.

Their children are as follows: (1) Matilda, born in New York, came to Jefferson county with her parents and married the Rev. John Trampton, of that county. They now reside near Punxsutawney, and he is still engaged in the ministry. Their children are—Cyrus H., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Edgar L., who is married, and is also in the ministry; Martha, wife of George Winwright, who owns and resides on a farm in Gaskill township; Herbert, who is educating himself for the ministry; Ettie, John; and James, who is engaged in teaching school. (2) James, a native of Clearfield county, enlisted in 1861, in Company A, 105th P. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville. (3) Jane, born in Jefferson county, is the wife of J. C. Miles, who served in Company A, 105th P. V. I., and is now living in Clarion county, Penn. Their children are—John; Adda; George, who is married and lives in Clarion county; Eva; and Robert. (4) Joseph, a native of Jefferson county, was killed when about twenty-one years of age by the fall of a tree while working in the lumber woods. (5) Fannie, born on the home farm in Jefferson county, is the wife of John Brink, of that county, by whom she has four children—Jane, Annie, James and Myrtie. (6) Sophia, born in Jefferson county, is the wife of William Coffman, who is engaged in the undertaking business at Big Run, and they have two children—Ollie and Hattie. (7) Annie, born in Punxsutawney, is the wife of James Green, who resides on a farm near that place. Their children are—Lettie, a teacher in the public schools; Alpha, wife of Ezekiel McHenry, a professor in the schools of Punxsutawney; Alice; Frank; Maggie; and Walter. (8) Frank, who was born in Jefferson county, is now following carpentering and farming in Nebraska.

John W. Brooks came with his parents to Jefferson county, where he was reared to manhood. In 1858 he married Catherine Holowell, of Indiana county, Penn., a daughter of Edward and Annie Holowell. He then located in Big Run, where he followed the carpenter's trade for a few years, after which he purchased 103 acres of timber land in Gaskill township. In 1860 he took up his residence on the farm, building there a log barn and frame dwelling, and continued to improve the place until the fall of 1861. In September of that year he joined the boys in blue of Company F, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. Robert Kirk, and from Pittsburg went to Washington, and on to Alexandria. During the first winter the regiment was engaged in picket duty. In April, 1862, the troops were taken by boat to Fortress Monroe and marched to Yorktown, where they participated in the siege, and again met the Rebels at Williamsburg. At Fair Oaks they suffered a heavy loss, but drove the enemy back, and then participated in the Seven-days' battle, ending in the engagement at Malvern Hill. From there they marched to Harrison's Landing, and when McClellan was recalled marched back to Yorktown and Alexandria. After the defeat at Bull Run they retreated to Arlington Heights, where they remained until November, 1862, when they started to check Stuart's raid in Maryland. They participated in the hotly-contested battle of Fredericksburg, in which Mr. Brooks was severely wounded in the head by a shell, while supporting a battery. He was then taken to the Baptist Church Hospital in Alexandria, and later to Portsmouth Grove, R. I., where he remained

for three months, when he was honorably discharged in March, 1863, being unfit for further service. He then remained upon the farm until 1866, when he removed to Schuyler county, Mo., but in the fall of that year went to La Fayette county, same State, where he remained until the spring of 1868, when he returned to his farm in Jefferson county, Penn., having made it his home continuously since. In 1879 he erected a large barn and other outbuildings, and in 1885 erected a commodious two-story frame residence. His land, under a high state of cultivation, constitutes one of the finest farms in Jefferson county.

To our subject and his wife have been born ten children, all yet living, namely: (1) Clark W., born at Big Run, in 1859, and educated in its public schools, married Annie M., daughter of Daniel J. Smeyres. He is employed in the planing-mill at Big Run. They have two children—Celia and Laone. (2) Anna A., born in March, 1861, is the wife of William Vancise, a native of New York, now residing in Bradford, Penn. He is a railroad conductor, and their children are—Roy, Blanche, Olon, Delma and Willie. (3) Miles M., born in Big Run, in March, 1864, is at home. (4) John C., born in Schuyler county, Mo., in 1866, is at home. (5) Lillie M., born in Jefferson county, in November, 1868, is the wife of J. H. Baun, of Foxburg, Jefferson county, and they have two children—James and Charlie. (6) Clarence B., born in 1871, (7) Ralph O., born in December, 1873, (8) Willie B., born in November, 1876, (9) George H., born in 1879, and (10) James B., born in November, 1884, are all at home. In politics the father of the family is a stalwart Democrat, and has held the offices of auditor, supervisor, assessor, school director, and overseer of the poor. Both he and his wife were reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His life has been well spent, his business dealings are honorable, and all who know him esteem him for the many excellencies of his character.

HERMAN C. BEACH, one of the wide-awake young business men of Brookville, Penn., was born here June 7, 1860, the son of Adam and Catherine (Sachs) Beach.

The circumstances and conditions about him in youth were such that he had very meager educational advantages, receiving but little more than twelve months' schooling. He was put to work when quite young. At the age of sixteen he began to work in a sawmill, and after spending about four years at this employment he secured work in a shingle mill. He was not of the sort to be contented in a subordinate position, and before long he leased a shingle mill, and conducted it on his own account until he had worked up all the timber accessible from the point at which his mill was located. He then built a new mill at Carman, Elk Co., Penn., and conducted it about eighteen months when he sold out to H. B. Craig. In March, 1885, he went to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and purchased a skating rink; but after spending about fifteen months there he sold out his business and returned to Brookville. Soon afterward he accepted a salaried position with Weis & Hall, of Williamsport. He bought and sold lumber for this firm for a period of five years, and after severing his connection with them he took a trip through the Southern States, prospecting for timber or suitable business openings. His next venture was in the organization of the Brookville Lumber Co., composed of L. B. Long, L. A. Brady, R. B. Vermilyea and H. C. Beach. After one year Mr. Beach bought out Mr. Vermilyea, and the firm as then constituted is still conducting business. In June, 1895, he formed the Bennett's Branch Shingle & Lumber Co., at Williamsport, and owns one-third interest in the same. This firm buys and sells lumber, and manufactures 24-inch shingles. Mr. Beach has made the lumber business almost a life study. He is very progressive, and is in the strictest sense of the word a self-made man. Being very cautious in his dealings, he is always prepared to meet any demands promptly, never giving his note. Mr. Beach has been instrumental in starting several enterprises in and about Brookville, among them the Brookville Laundry, which is doing a paying business. He is also president of the Brookville branch of the Baltimore Building and Loan Association. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has never sought office.

In 1884 Mr. Beach was united in marriage with Miss Josephine B. Moynihan, an estimable young lady and a devout Catholic. Her parents, Jeremiah D. and Nellie (Kelly) Moynihan, are prominent residents of Jamestown, N. Y. They are both natives of County Kerry, Ireland, and Mrs. Beach was born near Killarney. The family came to America in 1878.

Adam Beach, the father of our subject, was born April 15, 1815, in the province of Hesse, Germany, and came to this country in 1849, locating first in St. Marys, Elk Co., Penn. He afterward removed to Port Barnett, Jefferson county, to take charge of the gristmill there, he being by occupation a miller. In 1851 he moved to Brookville to spend the remainder of his life. He was highly respected as an indus-

trious and honorable gentleman, who by frugality had accumulated a competence. He died suddenly from apoplexy, September 6, 1894. He was twice married. His second wife, whom he wedded in 1847, was Catherine Sachs, who survives him. Four sons were born of this union, three of whom are still living: John, who is at present proprietor of the Brookville Laundry; Herman C., our subject; and Charles H., a citizen of El Paso, Texas. One son by the first marriage yet survives—Frank Beach, a resident of Brookville.

BENJAMIN KLINE is an enterprising agriculturist and stock raiser, and owns one of the finest farms in Jefferson county. It comprises 109 acres of land, all capable of cultivation, and the well-tilled fields plainly indicate his supervision. There are also good buildings upon the place, and a fish-pond, covering three-quarters of an acre, which is supplied with clear spring water that comes from the same source which furnishes the water supply for the town of Reynoldsville. Mr. Kline is a very industrious and energetic man, and through his own efforts has achieved a success that numbers him among the substantial citizens of the community.

Born in Newcastle, Penn., April 12, 1836, he is a son of Reuben and Hannah (Miller) Kline, natives of Columbia county, Penn., where they remained for several years after their marriage, and then went to Schuylkill county. In 1857 they located in Warsaw township, Jefferson county, but after three years returned to Newcastle, the mother having expressed a desire to spend her last days there. She died July 1, 1860, at the age of fifty-four years, and was buried in Floweryfield cemetery, in Schuylkill county. The father died in Shamokin, Penn., in September, 1895, at the age of eighty-four. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a Republican. He was reared on a farm, but conducted a hotel in Newcastle, and afterward superintended the construction of the railroad, spending the last ten years of his life in retirement from labor.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Kline were: George, who died at the age of fifty; Anna, deceased wife of Joe Helner, of Pottsville, Penn.; Henry, a dairyman of Clinton county, Penn.; Charles, a coal operator of Leechburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn.; Benjamin; Hannah, deceased wife of George Ittell, of Forest county, Penn., who was killed by a falling tree; Catherine, wife of Samuel Hilner, a dealer in feed in Minersville, Penn.; Isaiah, deceased; Edward, of Du Bois, Penn.; Reuben, who was in the 139th P. V. I., and died in the hospital after the battle of Fredericksburg; Rachel, who died in Schuylkill county, Penn.; and Isaac and Ephraim, both of whom died in childhood.

Benjamin Kline at the age of fifteen years left his parents' home, and worked with a crew of engineers in central Pennsylvania until attaining his majority. He helped to make the survey of Strother, Kane & Co.; through the wilderness. At the age of twenty-one he came to Jefferson county, where he engaged in rafting and lumbering. After a year he was married and removed to Elk county, Penn., where he took a contract to deliver ties for the Pennsylvania & Erie railroad, being thus engaged for four years. In October, 1861, Mr. Kline enlisted in Company E, 172nd P. V. I., under Capt. J. H. Heasley. He weighed 195 pounds when he went into the army, but disease reduced him almost to a skeleton, and in July, 1862, on account of his physical condition, he was honorably discharged. For a year after his return he was unable to work. He then took charge of a crew of men, employed on the construction of the Pennsylvania & Erie railroad, and after several months came to Jefferson county. He lived for a year in Skunk Hollow, Winslow township, on the Seeley farm for one year; the Felly farm for ten years; the Fannie Ray farm for seven years; the Samuel Ray farm for four years; and in 1885 he purchased his present fine farm for $25 per acre. It is now one of the most desirable properties in the county.

Mr. Kline was married January 1, 1859, in Corsica, Jefferson county, to Almira Clayton, who was born at Prospect Hill, Jefferson county, October 15, 1842, a daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Barto) Clayton, natives of England and France, respectively. The latter was a daughter of Henry Barto, who died in Berks county, Penn. The father of Mrs. Kline came to America with his parents when a child of two years, and was reared by a farmer near Philadelphia until eighteen years of age. He afterward worked at anything he could get to do until he had attained his majority. In 1840, he came to Jefferson county, and followed farming in Winslow township, until his death, which occurred July 2, 1872, when he was aged seventy-four years. His wife died December 25, 1892, at the age of ninety-one. Their children were John, who died in Clearfield, July 4, 1896; Mary, widow of Calvin B. Clark, of Butlertown, Penn.; Samuel, of Du Bois, Penn.; Ann, widow of William Stewart, who was killed in the army; Nancy, deceased wife of John McClane, of Titusville, Penn.; Ellen, wife of Samuel Foster, but both

are now deceased; Elizabeth, deceased wife of William Drocker, of Iowa; Catherine, wife of Hezekiah Saxton, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Washington, who accidentally shot and killed himself about three hundred yards from his home while out hunting; Mrs. Kline; and Thomas, a farmer of Winslow township.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kline are Agnes, wife of L. C. Price, a coal driller of Du Bois, Penn., by whom she has two sons, Craig and Lee; Benjamin R., an attorney of New Kensington, Penn., who married Ida Murdock, by whom he has three children, William, Clayton E. and Lucile; George W., of Reynoldsville, who married Lottie Butler, and had one son, Clifford (deceased); William G., an attorney of Golden, who married Alice Lowery; Edwin L., who died at the age of four years; Lora, at home; Reed, who is engaged in gold mining in Butte, Mont.; Harry D., a railroad man of Butte, Mont.; H. Bruce, a motor-man on electric railway at Youngstown, Ohio; Frederick L.; James G.; Ella B. and Ralph W.

The Kline family is one of prominence in the community, and their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality. Mr. Kline is a member of the Odd Fellows Society of Reynoldsville, and his wife belongs to the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as supervisor for two terms, while for three years he was school director. He takes a commendable interest in all matters pertaining to the general welfare, and is a citizen of value in the community where he resides.

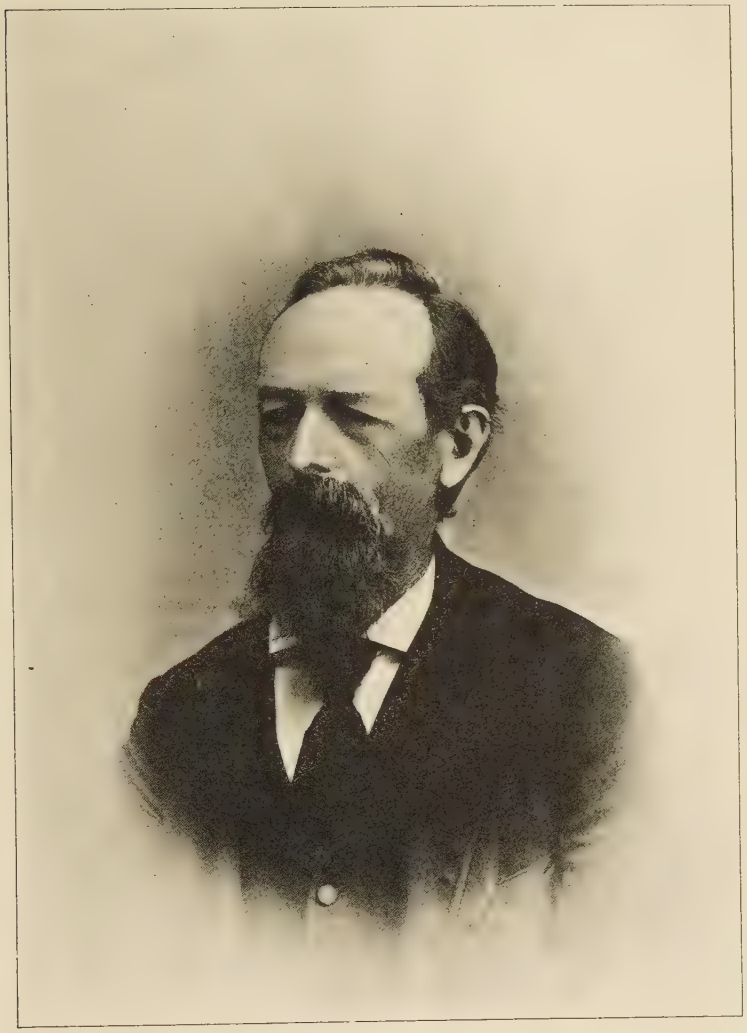
THOMAS HUTCHISON is the owner of one of the finest farms in Jefferson county. It is pleasantly located near Falls Creek, in Winslow township, and comprises a valuable tract of land on which are found all the improvements and conveniences known to the model farm of the nineteenth century. Substantial buildings stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise, well-tilled fields yield to him a good return, and in addition the place is underlaid with a rich vein of coal, and he is now successfully operating a mine. In his undertakings he has been very successful, and has accumulated a handsome competence as the result of his industry and perseverance.

Mr. Hutchison was born January 3, 1829, in Brooklyn, N. Y., a son of John and Jane (Orr) Hutchison, natives of Ireland. The family is supposed to have descended from the Hutchisons who were in Cromwell's army. Thomas Hutchison, the grandfather, spent his entire life on the Emerald Isle, and was killed by being thrown from a horse. Joseph and Jane (Wilson Orr, the maternal grandparents of our subject, were natives of County Derry, Ireland, where they lived and died. His mother came with her sister to America in 1822, and settled in Philadelphia.

John Hutchison, the father of our subject, came to America in 1819, but after living in Philadelphia for a time, returned to his native land, where he spent two years. He then again came to the New World, and in Philadelphia was married. Fifteen months later he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained for four and one-half years, then returned to Fairmont, Philadelphia, where he continued to reside for sixteen years. In May, 1847, he accompanied our subject to Jefferson county, and purchased 113 acres of wild land in Washington township, paying for it $3 per acre. Here he built a log-cabin, plastered with mud, making it his home for eight years, when he erected a new residence. He was a general farmer, and a public-spirited and progressive citizen, who manifested a deep interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the community in which he made his home. He was for many years a ruling elder in the Beech Woods Presbyterian Church, was a Whig in politics in early life, and afterward became a stanch Republican. In 1879 he and his wife went to reside with our subject, at whose home his death occurred in 1883, when he was aged eighty-three years. His wife died in November, of the same year, at the age of eighty-nine.

The children of this worthy couple are Mary A., deceased wife of John McClure, who is also deceased; Thomas; Joseph, a farmer, who is living on the old homestead; William, who died at the age of two and one half years; and Eliza J., who died at the age of two years.

Thomas Hutchison was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, working on the home farm and in the lumber woods. His educational privileges were very meagre; he attended the subscription schools for about two years, and was in school four months in Philadelphia. When eighteen years of age he ran away from home in order to enlist in the Mexican war, but on reaching Governor's Island, N. Y., he was overtaken by his father, who persuaded him to return home, and secured his release. Young Hutchison consented to do this if his father would leave the city of Philadelphia, and move into the wilderness of Pennsylvania, which they did. When twenty-four years of age the son embarked in the lumber business which he followed for one year, and then came to his present farm, comprising seventy-five acres of the best land in Jefferson county. It was then entirely unimproved, but



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with characteristic energy he began its development, and has not only placed it under a high state of cultivation, but has added to his real estate until he now has 320 acres, constituting a very valuable property. In 1874 he opened his coal mine, which has since been successfully operated. About 12 M., May 29, 1860, a cyclone swept over his place, which destroyed $500 worth of timber and all of the buildings, and he was forced to live with his neighbors until other buildings could be erected. With characteristic energy, however, he at once replaced these, and has carried forward his labors in a way that has brought to him a handsome return.

On November 1, 1855, at Beech Woods, Washington township, Jefferson county, Mr. Hutchison was married to Miss Mary Waite, who was born in Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., July 8, 1832, a daughter of James and Martha (Mc. Intosh) Waite, natives of County Kildare and County Derry, Ireland, respectively. They became acquainted and were married in Centre county, Penn., and, in 1835, located at Beech Woods, Jefferson county. The father followed the tanning business in Philipsburg, Centre county, for some time before moving to Washington township, where he carried on farming. He served as justice of the peace, and supervisor, and gave his political support to the Republican party. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. He died in May, 1873, at the age of sixty-two years, and his wife passed away in February, 1846, at the age of forty-seven. They had four children: Mrs. Mary Hutchison; Robert, a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Martha, deceased wife of John Smith, a miner and agriculturist of Winslow township; and John, who was killed by a falling tree.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hutchison were Robert and Martha (McKinley) McIntosh. The latter died in Ireland, and the former afterward wedded Mary Stevenson, with whom he emigrated to America, locating at Beech Woods, in Washington township, Jefferson Co., Penn., which place was principally settled by the different branches of the Smith and McIntosh families.

To Thomas Hutchison and wife have been born ten children: (1) Hannibal J., who operates a sawmill in Winslow township, wedded Mary M. Waite, who died leaving a daughter, Barbara J. He has since married Maggie Mapes. (2) Martha J. is the wife of Amos Goss, a farmer of Winslow township, by whom she has nine children. (3) John C. is at home. (4) R. Norman (deceased) wedded Mary L. Goss, who is now living is East Pembroke, N. H., with her two children—Archie and Eugene. (5) Mary M. is the wife of Tilton Reynolds, an agriculturist of Winslow township, Jefferson county, by whom she has five children. (6) Joseph M. married Jemima Hawthorn, and has two children. (7) Mourice O. is at home. (8) Georgianna R. is the wife of John O'Hara. (9) Barbara died in infancy. (10) Mildred F. completes the family.

Our subject has been honored with all the township offices. He has been justice of the peace for ten years. For four years he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Reynoldsville, but after the church was built at Falls Creek he placed his membership there, and has served as elder for five years. He is a prominent Republican, and has so frequently served as judge of elections that he is known as "Judge" Hutchison throughout this section of the county. He is deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community, and is a man whose public and private life is above reproach.

JOHN B. NICHOLS, chief clerk of the Mahoning Supply Co., at Eleanor, Jefferson county, has a high reputation in business circles, won by the sole and energetic discharge of the duties of a responsible position.

He was born January 1, 1861, at Limestone, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., his family having been residents of the State of New York for several generations. His grandparents, John and Sallie Nichols, settled in Arcade, Wyoming county, N. Y., in 1812, and remained there many years, as prosperous and highly respected citizens. About 1837 financial reverses befell them, and they removed to Allegany county, N. Y. Their eldest son, James N., who was born at Arcade, July 23, 1825, was but a boy when the necessity for making his own living became apparent, and as his naturally keen intellect had already absorbed a fair education, he began to teach in the schools of the village of Farmersville. He continued the work successfully several terms, and having decided to enter the medical profession he began his preliminary course of study with Dr. E. S. Stewart, then of Farmersville (now Ellicottville). Later he was graduated from Buffalo Medical College; but his health had become too much impaired for him to commence his professional work at once, so in 1856 he went to Carrollton, N. Y., and engaged in lumbering. The active outdoor life proved to be exactly what he needed, and in 1864 he began to practice, remaining in the same locality until 1882, when he located at Bradford, Penn.

His death occurred on February 22, 1896, and his remains now rest in Oak Hill cemetery at Bradford. As a physician he was notably successful, enjoying a very large practice, and he was a leading member of the Cattaraugus County Medical Society, serving at times as president and as a delegate to the meetings of the State Society. For four years he was the senior member of the firm of Nichols & Patton, druggists at Limestone, N. Y., while practicing in that vicinity. Politically and socially his activity was no less marked, and he was twice elected a member of the Board of Supervisors from Farmersville, and nine times from the town of Carrollton. Though a stanch Democrat, he was heartily in favor of energetic measures for the suppression of the Rebellion, and was appointed by Governor Morgan on the Senatorial Committee for raising and organizing the 113th and 154th Regiments from New York. In all his public work he was actuated by the same high sense of duty which was so marked a characteristic in professional and private life, his duties being performed with unswerving fidelity to principle. He was a warm friend to education, and was almost constantly a member of the school board of Limestone, often serving as president, and he was largely instrumental in the organization of the Union Free schools there, and of the Limestone Academy. Dr. Nichols was an active member of the Masonic order for many years. In 1863 he helped to organize Union Lodge No. 334, F. and A. M., at Bradford, Penn., and except for a time from 1878 he remained a member until his death. He also belonged to Olean Chapter No. 150, and Frimley Commandery, K. T., of Bradford.

On March 1, 1852, Dr. Nichols was married to Miss Mary Jane Wade, eldest daughter of Henry Wade, Esq. Our subject was the youngest of their four children. Henry J., born August 26, 1856, died September 19, 1857; Jennie M., born January 19, 1858, married Judge F. H. Robinson, of Hornellsville, N. Y., at one time judge of the Courts of Steuben county; H. James, born September 16, 1859, is a practicing physician at Hornellsville.

Our subject, on leaving the public school at the age of nineteen, began his business career as a clerk. He spent four years in the employ of William Patton, in a general store at Limestone, and during this time studied in the academy one term. He then left the parental roof, and going to Carrollton, N. Y., spent one year in the office of the N. Y. & L. E. R. R. Co. Entering the employ of Sampson Company, he clerked for two years in their general store at Larabee, Penn., and in the spring of 1885 went to Beech Tree, Jefferson county, in their interests, remaining three years. Desiring a course in a business college, he spent one term in studying at Bradford, Penn., and his next employment was in the post office there as mail and registry clerk. In August, 1889, he became connected with the Mahoning Supply Co., and after clerking for a short time in their store at Adrian, was appointed in November, 1889, to his present position.

Mr. Nichols is popular socially, and is a member of the K. of P., at Big Run; the Blue Lodge No. 666, F. & A. M., of Punxsutawney; the Chapter, at Brookville, and Commandery No. 666, K. T., at Ridgway. He belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Eleanor, and is a ready supporter of any progressive movement in the community. In politics he is an independent voter.

On September 19, 1891, at Punxsutawney, he was married to Miss Margaret L. North. Their only child, Mary C., born January 22, 1894, died July 23, 1896. Mrs. Nichols, who was born July 12, 1865, is a member of a well-known family which is mentioned frequently in this volume. Her paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, came from the North of Ireland, and located first at Philadelphia, but later removed to Indiana county, Penn., where they spent their last years upon a farm. Their son, Daniel, Mrs. Nichols' father, was born July 11 ,1827, in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, and in 1847 married Miss Catherine Bell, daughter of James W. and Hannah (Gordon) Bell, who in 1833 settled in Jefferson county, in what was then a wilderness, their nearest neighbors being two miles away. They remained there throughout their lives, and the place is now owned and occupied by their son, James W. Bell. The Bell family is descended from Robert Bell, of Ireland, who was one of the first settlers in Indiana county, Penn. His son, Mrs. Nichols' great-grandfather, was married in the old country, and he and his wife, Elizabeth, made their home in Perry township, Jefferson county, at an early day. The Gordon family was also of Irish origin, and Alexander and Catherine (Pounds) Gordon, the grandparents of Mrs. Nichols, were pioneers of Indiana county. The late Daniel North, who died July 22, 1891, at the homestead in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, was a man of wealth and prominence, and, like all of the name, was a generous promoter of every worthy cause. His widow, who still occupies the old home, is also mindful of the apostolic injunction, "to do good and to distribute," and her name is a synonym

for kindness. This estimable couple had a large family of children, as follows: Mary E., widow of W. C. Smith, of Punxsutawney; John S., a farmer in McCalmont township; Anna R., deceased; Emma H., Mrs. W. R. Johnson, of Armstrong county, Penn.; William, deceased; Martha J., Mrs. A. J. McCreight, of Punxsutawney; Joanna R., wife of Dr. J. B. Neale, of Reynoldsville; J. Curtin, a farmer in McCalmont township; Margaret L., Mrs. Nichols; Minnie C., Mrs. W. S. Colderman, of Kane, Penn., and Daniel O., of Eleanor, Jefferson county.

P. F. BOWSER is accounted one of the substantial agriculturists and lumbermen of Jefferson county, and is the owner of one of the finest farms in Gaskill township. He was born in 1836 in Bedford county, Penn., a son of Christopher and Susanna (Fluke) Bowser. His father was born in York county, Penn., but was married in Bedford county, and in 1837 removed with his family to Armstrong county. Upon the farm which he purchased in Franklin township he made his home until 1854, when he removed to Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and bought the Evan Jones homestead of 150 acres, continuing his residence thereon until his death in September, 1869. His wife died in 1877.

The children born to this worthy couple were as follows: (1) Henry, a native of Bedford county, married Elizabeth Swigart, of Armstrong county, and resided in Indiana county until his death some years ago. (2) William, born in Bedford county, married Maggie Campbell, of Armstrong county, and died some years ago, leaving a wife and children. (3) John, also born in Bedford county, died in Armstrong county in early manhood. (4) David, born in Bedford county, married Mary Myers, of Armstrong county, and for many years was a leading farmer of Gaskill township, Jefferson county. He died in 1895, leaving a wife and children, who still reside on the farm. (5) P. F., our subject, is again referred to farther on. (6) Christina, born in Armstrong county, is the wife of Robert Beaty, of Clearfield county. (7) Jacob, born in Armstrong county, married Martha Rhodes, and with their family they reside on a farm in Gaskill township. (8) Elizabeth, born in Armstrong county, became the wife of James Roland, of Indiana county, and died some years ago in Jefferson county, leaving a daughter, Ida, now Mrs. Veit, of Bell township, Clearfield county.

P. F. Bowser, during his early boyhood, went with his parents to Armstrong county, where he acquired a common-school education, and with them came to Jefferson county at the age of eighteen years. In 1857 he was married, and for two years thereafter lived on his father's farm. He followed lumbering for some time, and, in 1871, purchased the John Ellis farm, comprising 164 acres in Gaskill township. He erected there a fine residence and bank barn, cleared his land, placed it under a high state of cultivation and added to it all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the nineteenth century, so that now he is the owner of one of the most valuable and desirable places in this section of the county. Its neat and thrifty appearance well indicates his careful supervision.

The marriage ceremony, performed in 1857, united the destinies of Mr. Bowser and Miss Harriet E. Brooks, daughter of Calvin and Chloe Brooks, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county. Seven children have been born to them: William, born in November, 1860, died in April, 1864; Henry C., born in August, 1862, died in September, 1894; Margaret A., born in August, 1864, married J. L. Condron, a farmer residing near Punxsutawney, and they have three children—Theda B. and Thera G. (twins) and Leo; Chloe, born in November, 1866, is the wife of Miles Davis, of Mahaffey, Penn., by whom she has two sons—Peter Clair and J. W.; George T., born in February, 1869, and Peter A., born in July, 1871, are at home; Mary E., born in August, 1875, died in April, 1879.

In politics our subject is a Democrat, and has held the office of supervisor for about eight years. He was also school director for a number of years, has been township officer and is now serving as assessor. He and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is looked upon as one of the leading citizens of the community, and in his business career he has achieved success, being now the owner of considerable valuable real estate.

SAMUEL BRUNBAUGH, a brave soldier of our Civil war, and a prominent farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, has, throughout almost his entire life, been identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the State.

His birth occurred in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1837, but when only three years old he was brought to Jefferson county by his parents, John and Margaret (Scott) Brunbaugh, also natives of Huntingdon county, the former born in 1800, the latter in 1801. They made their home on a farm near Hollidaysburg until 1840, when they removed to Venango county, Penn.; but a year later, while making a business trip to

the East, the father died at Coal Hill, near Luthersburg. The mother then brought her children to Porter township, Jefferson county, where she purchased 150 acres of timber land, which her sons cleared and transformed into an excellent farm. In the family were twelve children, namely: Robert, who is married, and lives in Venango county; Sarah, who became the wife of Robert MacIntyre; Frederick, who was for three years a Union soldier during the Civil war, and now makes his home with his family in Armstrong county; Rosanna, wife of Joseph Karnage, of Iowa; Hetty, wife of David Hillman, of Blair county, Penn.; Eli, who is married and lives in Ohio; Mary, wife of Daniel Doverspike, of Brookville; James, who is married and lives in Reynoldsville, Penn.; William, who is married and resides in Clearfield county; Margaret, who became the wife of Charles Kewen, and died some years ago; Jacob, who died at the age of eighteen; and Elizabeth, wife of Ralph Rinehart, now a resident of Missouri.

Upon the home farm in Jefferson county Samuel Brunbaugh grew to manhood, aiding in the work of the farm during the summer months and attending the common school through the winter season. While peacefully pursuing the vocation of a farmer, the dark cloud of war, which had for some time lowered over our beloved country, broke upon our people. Patriotic men from all walks of life thronged to the front in response to the call of the general government to defend our national life. Fired by the spirit of patriotism, Mr. Brunbaugh enlisted, in August, 1862, in Company D, 78th P. V. I., under Capt. Forbes, and was sworn into the United States service at New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Penn. From Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, the regiment proceeded on Nashville, Tenn., where it was placed in the Army of the Cumberland under Gen. Rosecrans, and the first engagement in which it took part was at Stone River, Murfreesboro, Tenn., where the Rebels were defeated, but with a heavy loss to both sides. Later they participated in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, Ga., where the Union forces were again victorious. This was followed by the battle of Chattanooga and engagements almost every day until reaching Atlanta, Ga. They were then ordered back to Chattanooga, where they remained until fall, when they marched to Nashville, Tenn., and went into winter quarters. Here the regiment was recruited, and later took an active part in all the battles of the Army of the Cumberland until the war was over, including the hard-fought battle of Nashville, where the loss was very heavy on both sides. After Lee's surrender Mr. Brunbaugh was honorably discharged at that place and returned to his home in Jefferson county.

In 1867 Mr. Brunbaugh was married to Miss Jane McDonald, of Porter township, and purchased the old homestead where they have since made their home. Two sons have been born to them: Bert, born upon their present farm in 1867, received his literary education at Dayton, Armstrong county, and later attended the College of Dentistry in Baltimore, Md., from which he graduated with the degree of D. D. S. He is now successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in Brockwayville, Jefferson county. He married Miss Ellen Ernest, of Punxsutawney. Homer, the younger son, was born in 1873, and married Miss Annie Strouse, of Jefferson county, by whom he has one daughter, Ruth H. He lives on the old homestead with his father, looking after the farming interests in the summer and teaching school in the winter.

Politically Samuel Brunbaugh is a Democrat, and has filled the office of school director one term, but has never cared for political distinction. Earnest, consistent Christian people, he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Milton, Armstrong county. They have taken great pleasure in educating their sons, who are bright, and are highly respected by all who know them. Mr. Brunbaugh since the war has had his right leg broken and crushed in a threshing machine; but, though permanently crippled, he has always actively engaged in general farming, and is accounted one of the most skillful and thorough agriculturists of his township, as well as one of its honored and valued citizens.

WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of Jefferson county, is now living retired at his beautiful home in Punxsutawney. Genuine success is not likely to be the result of mere chance or fortune, but is something to be labored for and sought out with consecutive effort. Ours is a utilitarian age, and the life of every successful man bears its lessons, and as told in contemporary narration, perhaps, is productive of the greatest good. Mr. Mr. Johnson's life demonstrates what may be accomplished through energy, careful management, keen foresight and the utilization of the powers with which nature has endowed one, and the opportunities with which the times surround one.

Mr. Johnson was born in Elk county, Penn., November 6, 1826, a son of Thew and Sarah (Coleman) Johnson. The birth of the father oc-

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curred in Yorkshire, England, in 1795, but when only eight years of age he came to this country with his parents. Thew Johnson, Sr., and wife, were also natives of England, but spent their last days in Pennsylvania. The father of our subject grew to manhood in Elk county, where he spent his active business life in farming and lumbering. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, whose attention was chiefly devoted to his own affairs. His death occurred in 1867, and his wife, who was a native of Pennsylvania, died in May, 1889, when nearing the ninetieth aniversary of her birth. As his parents were poor, William E. Johnson was provided with very meagre advantages for securing an education, being only able to attend school on rainy days when he could not work. Early in life he was employed at farming and in the woods lumbering. He remained under the parental roof, assisting in the support of the family until he reached the age of twenty-five, when he embarked in life for himself empty-handed. He was then married, and continued to follow farming and lumbering until in 1867, when he established a general store in Elk county, which he successfully conducted until 1885. For sixteen years of that period he served as postmaster of Benezett. In 1886 he removed to Punxsutawney, where he engaged in general merchandising, doing both a wholesale and retail business until July, 1896, when he retired from business life. He met with excellent success in his undertakings, and is now the owner of some valuable property in Punxsutawney, including his own residence, a beautiful brick structure of modern architecture and up-to-date in all of its appointments.

In 1851 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Ann Murray, of Elk county, who died in 1856, leaving one son, William S., now a resident of Punxsutawney. Two years later the father was again married, this time to Miss Abigail S. Winslow, a daughter of Carpenter and Beulah (Keen) Winslow, natives of Maine, born in 1793 and 1796, respectively, who were there married and removed later to Elk county, Penn., where they passed their remaining days. Carpenter Winslow was also the name of the grandfather of Mrs. Johnson. He was from the State of Maine, a ship-carpenter by occupation, and a direct descendant of the Winslows that came over in the Mayflower. Her maternal grandfather, also a Maine man, married Silania Wordsworth, who was a native of Maine and a direct descendant of the family of Wordsworths who landed in the "Mayflower."

To the marriage of our subject and wife have been born two daughters: Ella E., now the wife of William Zierden, of Johnsonburg, Elk county; and Emma P., the wife of Thaddeus C. Zeitler, a merchant of Punxsutawney. The mother is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, like her husband, is the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who appreciate their sterling worth. In his political views Mr. Johnson is a pronounced Republican.

PETER S. JUSTICE, who was content to go through the war as a "high" private, doing his duty nobly and unflinchingly on the field of battle or in the camp, is to-day one of the leading and highly respected farmers of Porter township, Jefferson county. He is descended from good old pioneer stock, his grandmother belonging to the Brady family which was well represented in the Revolutionary war. She was also a first cousin of Capt. Samuel Brady, of Indian fame. The parents of our subject were William and Jane (Work) Justice. The father, who was born in 1812, in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Penn., followed farming throughout life, and died in 1886, surviving his wife two years. In the family were two children, and the daughter, Emma, died in October, 1864, at the age of twenty-two.

Peter S. Justice, of this review, was born in May, 1837, in Indiana county, and grew to manhood upon the home farm in North Mahoning township, acquiring his education by attending the common schools of the locality during the winter months. During the Civil war, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted, in August, 1861, in Company A, 61st P. V. I., under Capt. Jacob Kreps, of Indiana county, was mustered into the State service at Pittsburg, and into the United States service at Harrisburg, whence he was sent to Washington, D. C., where his regiment was equipped. From there they proceeded to Alexandria, were later stationed at Camp Advance, and by transports were sent to Fortress Monroe in March, 1862. They reached Williamsburg too late for the engagement, and then advanced up the Peninsula to Bottoms Bridge and to Seven Pines, Va. They reached Fair Oaks March 30, and on the following morning were attacked by the enemy, the battle raging furiously for two hours, resulting in a heavy loss on both sides. Among a number of officers that were killed was Col. Rippey, of the 61st P. V. I. The troops next marched to Malvern Hill, where a battle was fought July 1, 1862, which resulted in a very heavy loss in officers and men, and in the following September occurred the battle of Antietam, where the Rebels were defeated and

driven back across the Potomac. After two weeks spent in camp the Union forces marched to Fredericksburg Heights, where an engagement was brought on in November, and they then went into winter quarters, remaining until February, 1863, when Mr. Justice's regiment, with others, stormed Mary's Heights, losing three officers and seventy-four men from the regiment. In July they participated in the battle of Gettysburg, where the losses on both sides numbered up in the thousands. Here Pickett made his famous charge, which was repulsed by the Union soldiers. This battle is one of the most famous in the history of the world. On the 16th of September the 61st P. V. I. marched to the Rapidan, in Virginia, where they were held in reserve under Gen. Warren, when Lee was trying to flank the Union army. Later they marched to Centreville to head off that general's troops, and participated in the battle at Rappahannock Station, after which they marched to Brandy Station. Going into winter quarters they remained there until May, 1864, and on the morning of the 5th of that month met the enemy in the battle of the Wilderness, which lasted seven days. On the 12th a minie ball pierced Mr. Justice's right hand, disabling him for life. He was taken to Fredericksburg Hospital, later to Washington Arsenal Hospital, and then to the hospital at the corner of Broad and Cherry streets, Philadelphia, being in all for about six months. He was then transferred to Harrisburg, where he was honorably discharged, his wounds unfitting him for further service.

Returning to his old home in Indiana county, Mr. Justice resumed the occupation of farming, which he still continued. Being unable to use his right hand he could not follow the plasterer's trade, which he had previously learned. In March, 1868, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary L. Lockhart, of Indiana county, a daughter of Samuel K. and Hannah Lockhart, well-to-do farming people of that county. They began their domestic life in East Mahoning township, Indiana county, where they remained for eleven years, and then spent the following eight years in North Mahoning county, near Georgeville, but in the spring of 1887 removed to the Shafer farm in Porter township, Jefferson county, where they still continue to reside. To this marriage eight children have been born, namely: Emma, born in 1869 in Indiana county, and Annie, in 1870, are both at home. William H., born in September, 1872, a well-educated young man residing at home, is a contractor in painting and paperhanging. Samuel K. L., born in February, 1874, received a good common-school education, and is a painter by profession, but is now engaged in farming with his father. Stella M., born in June, 1876, was educated in the common schools and is at home. Jennie S., born in September, 1878, is the wife of M. O. Skinner, a stone mason of Du Bois, Penn. Frank C., born in July, 1880, and Beatrice S., born in February, 1883, are at home with their parents; the former is a painter by trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Justice hold membership in the Glade Run Presbyterian Church, and their lives have ever been in harmony with its teachings. In politics Mr. Justice is an ardent and zealous Republican, and has served as school director one term. He has ever been found in the foremost ranks of citizens who are devoted to their country's best interests and to the welfare of their fellowmen. He was a brave and fearless soldier and is a loyal and patriotic citizen. With the Veteran Legion and the Patriotic Sons of America, of Porter, he now holds membership.

RICHARD JAMES CLARK, one of the leading lumber dealers of this section of the State, is a member of the well-known firm of Clark, Kizer & Kipp, whose lumber mills at Cortez, Jefferson county, are models of equipment. They do an extensive business, employing from 150 to 200 men, turning out 80,000 feet of lumber per day. About eight miles of railroad connect their plant with the P. & N. W. R. R. The firm was organized in December, 1893, when they purchased 64,000 acres of timber land in Jefferson county, in McCalmont and Oliver townships, at a cost of $200,000. The first mill built by them burned down July 20, 1894, three weeks after it was put in operation, causing a loss of $15,000; but they rebuilt it and resumed work in November of the same year. The mill is under the able management of R. J. Clark, the subject of this sketch; a brother, D. H. Clark, attends to the outside work; G. W. Kipp manages the office; and E. F. Kizer has charge of the firm's business at Towanda, Pennsylvania.

Our subject is of Irish parents. His father, Luke Clark, came from the Emerald Isle in early manhood, and became a successful agriculturist in Rockland township, Sullivan Co., N. Y. He was a man of quiet disposition, but his excellent qualities gave him great influence in his community. He was married three times. His first wife, Ellen King, departed this life November 2, 1858, at the age of thirty years, and in 1859 he was married in New York City to Miss Julia Keough, a native of Ireland, and a devout Catholic. She died in September, 1869, aged forty

years, and was buried at Liberty, Sullivan Co., N. Y., where her husband's remains also repose, his death having occurred September 10, 1894, at the age of seventy. His third wife, formerly Mrs. Catherine Ragen, survives him and occupies the old homestead. There were two children by the first union: John, who died in infancy; and Daniel H., who is mentioned above. Two children were born of the second marriage: Richard J., our subject; and Matthew J., who is employed by the company as a contractor. Of the five children of the third union, Delia, Michael and Elizabeth are living at the old home; Franklin is in the employ of the company; and Lawrence is still at home.

Richard J. Clark was born July 23, 1861, in Sullivan county, N. Y., and was reared there as a farmer boy. At eighteen he came to this State, and for thirteen years followed lumbering in Sullivan county as a contractor for different parties. From 1888 to 1893 he was in mercantile business at Lopez, Penn., in partnership with his brother Daniel H., under the firm name of Clark Bros., and since leaving that place they have been interested in the lumber business at Cortez. He is not identified with any Church, but inclines toward the Catholic faith, of which his parents were devout followers. He belongs to the Masonic order, and is a Knight Templar. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, as are all his family, but he has never taken an active interest in the details of party work. On November 29, 1882, he was married at Dushore, Penn., to Miss Julia E. McDonald, and five children, Julia, May, John, Agnes and Leo, brighten their home.

The McDonald family is of English origin, Mrs. Clark's paternal grandfather, Andrew McDonald, coming from the old country in 1834, accompanied by his wife, Mary Hayden, a native of Ireland, and their son, John. He settled upon a tract of farming land near Dushore, Penn., and was killed by a falling tree while clearing the place. His wife attained the advanced age of eighty-seven, and the remains of both now rest in the cemetery at Dushore. Their only child, John McDonald, was born in England in 1830, and, coming to the new home in Pennsylvania at the age of four, was reared to manhood and engaged first in farming and later in mining. He is a Roman Catholic in religious belief, and in political faith he is a sound Democrat. He was married in Sullivan county to Miss Julia Sheridan, who was born in Connecticut in 1837, the daughter of John and Catherine (Farrell) Sheridan, of Ireland, who came to this country early in life and died in Wilkesbarre, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, who now reside at Bernice, Sullivan county, have reared a large family of children: Andrew is a molder at Towanda, Penn.; Catherine married Frank Farrell, of Dushore, a manufacturer of temperance drinks; Mary, who was born September 24, 1858, married Daniel H. Clark, our subject's brother; Julia E., who was born August 18, 1863, is the wife of our subject; Prudence married John Daly, a hotel keeper at Bernice; Clara is a bookkeeper for the firm of Clark, Kizer & Kipp; Janey married Thomas Fitzgerald, a telegraph operator at Bernice; and Mildred, Florence and Lawrence are still at home.

JOHN W. CONSER. Among the prominent business men of Reynoldsville, who have made their own way in the world, no one is more worthy of consideration than the gentleman whose name begins this sketch. He is numbered among the native sons of Jefferson county, where his birth occurred in 1862.

Capt. J. C. Conser, his father, was also born in Pennsylvania, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, which he continued to follow until the dark days of the Rebellion, when feeling that his country needed his services he enlisted in Company A, 105th P. V. I. He was a brave and fearless soldier, always found at his post of duty until in the engagement at Boyton plank roads he lost his life. His estimable wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary E. Sprague, died in 1875.

After the death of his mother, John W. Conser was thrown upon his own resources, and has since been dependent entirely upon his own labors for support. His educational privileges were necessarily limited. Being industrious and ambitious he has made the most of his opportunities, and now in connection with Mr. Thomas Green is one of the owners and proprietors of the "Imperial Hotel," which has just been completed at Reynoldsville. In 1889 they formed a partnership and took charge of "Hotel Belnap" at the same place, which they profitably conducted for five years. They then purchased property and erected their present house, which is one of the most complete in all its appointments to be found in the community. No town of its size in central Pennsylvania has a more inviting or attractive house than the "Imperial," which contains twenty-eight sleeping rooms, comfortable parlors, as well as bath and other necessary rooms. Everything is done for the convenience and comfort of the guests, and the proprietors being popular, pleasant gentlemen, the hotel has become a favorite with the traveling public.

In 1888, Mr. Conser led to the marriage altar Miss Barbara Shaffer, of Clearfield county, Penn., who is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the Sons of Veterans and the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks, and his political support is ever given the men and measures of the Republican party.

JACOB B. FISCUS. Prominent among the representative citizens and respected and influential men of Rose township, Jefferson county, is found the subject of this biographical notice, who is living upon his valuable farm of 283 acres. It is well-improved with excellent buildings, and highly cultivated, and shows conclusively that the owner has not mistaken his calling in adopting agriculture. In connection with the operation of his land, he is also successfully engaged in lumbering.

Our subject was born in 1837, in Clarion county, Penn., while his parents, John and Esther (Craight) Fiscus, were both natives of Westmoreland county, this State, but during their youth became residents of Clarion county, where the father followed the quiet, unassuming life of a farmer until his death in 1891. The mother had departed this life previously, dying in 1886. Both were held in the highest regard by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance. Jacob B. Fiscus was given very limited advantages for securing an education in his boyhood, and when his services were not needed on the farm had to walk two miles to the district school. He continued to assist his father in the cultivation and improvement of the home place until he had attained his majority, when he started out to make his own way in the world, and has since turned his attention to farming and lumbering, with results that could not fail to be satisfactory.

In 1858 Mr. Fiscus was married to Miss Susanna Aaron, a daughter of James C. Aaron, of Clarion county. Of the twelve children born to them nine are still living, namely: Rose Ellen, wife of Demetrius Reinsel; Bernard James married Maggie Singer; Frank C. married Anna Aaron; Anna married William Shick; Katie; Gertie; John W. married Frances Greenewalt; Andrew P. married Jennie Smith; and George. The parents and children are communicants of the Roman Catholic Church, and are widely and favorably known. Mr. Fiscus always affiliates with the Democratic party, is a strong advocate of the free coinage of silver, and has capably served in a number of school offices. He is a man who stands high in the community, for his fair dealing and sterling worth have gained him the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

WILLIAM SHERMAN YODER. When one is thrown upon his own resources at a tender age and worked his way steadily upward to success, it is the evidence of the possession of energy, enterprise and resolute purpose. Such qualities have marked the business career of Mr. Yoder, who has been the architect of his own fortune, and has builded wisely and well. He was born in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, Penn., October 16, 1837, and comes of a family of long identification with American history.

Abraham Yoder, the great-grandfather, a native of New Jersey, removed to Berks county, Penn., where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. The grandparents, Peter and Catherine (Trout) Yoder, removed from Berks to Schuylkill county. In the latter county at an early day Simon Sherman, a native of Wurtemburg, Germany, established a home. He was the father of Simon Sherman, Jr., of Berks county, who married a Miss Lidick. The Yoder and Sherman families were united through the marriage of Solomon Yoder and Elizabeth Sherman, natives of Berks and Schuylkill counties, respectively. In the latter county they were married, and the father there carried on farming. He died in February, 1880, at the age of eighty years, and his wife passed away in 1873, at the age of seventy-two years. They were members of the Reformed Church, and in politics Mr. Yoder was a Democrat. The children of this worthy couple were: Isaac, who died at the age of seventy-one in Shamokin, Penn.; Solomon, who is living retired in Knoxdale, Penn.; Bennewell, who died in Schuylkill county; George, a farmer of that county; Christina, wife of Edward Sherman, a veteran of the Civil war, now of Clarion county, Penn.; Samuel, who died in Red Bank township, Clarion county; Amos, who is living in Red Bank township, Armstrong Co., Penn.; William S., the subject of this sketch; John B., a miner of Higgins township, Schuylkill county, and David, who died on the old homestead in Schuylkill county.

William Sherman Yoder assisted in the duties of the home farm until he had attained his majority, and during this time served a two-years' apprenticeship to the miller's trade, receiving $75 for his labor. He afterward worked for eight months in a mill in Schuylkill county, and then came to Jefferson county, locating near

Emerickville, where he was employed in the lumber woods for two years. He then spent one year in the milling business in Rockdale, after which he engaged in farming and milling for one year at Trout Run. He next rented a farm in Knox township, which he operated in connection with the lumber business for six years, when he rented a mill in Oliver township, Jefferson county. Nine months later he left that and rented a mill in Perrysville, which he operated for three years, when it was destroyed by fire at a loss of $1,500. He afterward operated a rented mill in Maysville, Penn., for seven years, and on the 1st of April, 1880, moved to his present farm, which he had purchased in 1878. He here owns 172 acres of valuable land, which is now highly cultivated, and yields to him a good return. On May 30, 1860, when there was but little land cleared in his locality (only ten acres of his own land were cleared), our subject's house and barn were destroyed by a hurricane. After the storm was over this ten acres were literally covered with tree-tops and entire trees blown a distance of thirty rods. Two of his children were in the fields; the baby, then but one month old, was found covered with debris, but was unhurt, save a cut to one eye, which soon healed and left a small scar only.

In August, 1856, at the home of Rev. Isaac Steely, a German Reformed minister, occurred the marriage of Mr. Yoder and Miss Sarah Haupt, who was born in Northumberland county, Penn., September 20, 1835, a daughter of John and Catherine (Maury) Haupt, of the same county. Her father followed farming, blacksmithing and the stonemason's trade. He belonged to the Lutheran Church, and in politics was a Democrat before the war. He died in 1873, at the age of sixty-six, and his wife passed away in February, 1893, aged seventy-eight years. Their children are: Mrs. Yoder; Mary, who became the wife of Washington Shmink, and after his death married John Bonner, a farmer and blacksmith of Northumberland county; Catherine, of Philadelphia; Benjamin, proprietor of a meat-market in Shamokin, Penn.; Anna, wife of Jared Howwater, a mechanic of Shamokin; Philip, a miner of Northumberland county; John, who is living on the old homestead in that county; and William, a miner of Shamokin. Conrad Haupt, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Yoder, was a native of Germany, and on coming to America located in Northumberland county. The paternal grandparents were Henry Haupt and his wife, *née* Derk, of Northumberland county, and the maternal grandparents were Philip and Sally (Hunberger) Maury, also of Northumberland county.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman Yoder have been born the following named children: Charles D., of Cooksburg, Penn.; Catherine E., wife of David Steel, a salesman in a store in Washington township, Jefferson county, by whom she has two children—Bessie and Joshua; John B., of Shelton, Wash., a lumberman, who married Florence ———, and has one child, Joshua E.; Henry, a grocer of DuBois, Penn., who married Cora Geist, and has five children—Parentha, Samuel, Floyd, Albert and John; Joshua, a lumberman of Shelton, Wash.; Sarah R., wife of Albert Sebring, a carpenter of Knox township, Jefferson county, by whom she has five children—Clayton, William, Loan, Charles E. and Robert E.; Amelia M., wife of Joseph Thompson, a farmer of Knox township, by whom she has two children—Wallace and Florence F.; Mary and Anna, at home; Edward, of DuBois; Isaac and Samuel W., at home; and three who died in infancy.

Our subject is a member of the United Brethren Church, served as class-leader, and was a local clergyman for many years. He was a fluent and forcible speaker, but in 1892 met with an accident which caused him to abandon preaching. He is entirely a self-made man, financially and otherwise. The extent of his schooling was four months in all at different times in German subscription schools. He learned the English language after coming to Jefferson county, and all that he has accomplished in life is due to his well-directed efforts. Highly esteemed by a large circle of friends, he well deserves representation in this volume.

HENRY H. KENNEDY, for three years an enterprising and prosperous young merchant of Brookville, Jefferson county, and now agent for The Mutual Life Insurance Company, has already earned a high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens by his able discharge of duty, both in private and in local affairs. He was born in Clarion county, June 8, 1863, the son of George H. and Nancy J. (Rogers) Kennedy, of whom a biography will be found elsewhere.

Henry H. Kennedy came to Brookville with his parents when but four years of age, and his education was acquired in the Brookville schools. At the age of sixteen he left school, and worked in the woods at lumbering for a year. Wearying of this employment, he entered his father's store, and remained with him until September, 1893, when he engaged in the gentleman's furnishing goods business on his own account, which he

conducted some three years, till his appointment to his present position.

Mr. Kennedy was married, October 3, 1889, to Miss Mary A. McKnight, daughter of Dr. W. J. McKnight, one of Brookville's well-known citizens, and three children have blessed this union. The eldest, Bonnie Agnes, died when but two months and four days old; the others, Penelope and Jean, still gladden the home of their parents. Mr. Kennedy and his wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, and he also belongs to the I. O. O. F., the Artisans, and the Heptasophs. Politically he is a stanch Republican; he has never been a seeker after political honors, but when called upon has served the community in various offices, including that of councilman. He has represented his party as delegate in several conventions, and, while serving as grand juryman, was chosen foreman of that body. Business cares and public interests have not prevented Mr. Kennedy from gratifying his fine taste in literature, and he keeps well informed on the topics which attract the attention of the intelligent people of to-day. He has written a number of short poems that prove his natural ability in a literary direction. In 1893 the *Jeffersonian Democrat* published the following:

BABY McKEE TO MISS RUTH.

Ah, Miss Ruth, but my life is alter'd now;
I have done penance for contemning love,
Whose high, imperious thoughts, have punished me
With bitter fasts, with penitential groans,
With nightly tears, and daily heart-sore sighs;
For in revenge of my contempt of love
Love has chased sleep from my enthralled eyes,
And made them watchers of my own sad heart.
O gentle Miss Ruth, love's a mighty lord,
And hath so humbled me, as I confess,
There is neither woe to his correction,
Nor joy so sweet as is in his service found.
Now no discourse except it be of love;
Now can I break my fast, dine, sup, and sleep
Upon the very naked name of love.

SAMUEL FYE. Among the honored pioneers and prominent citizens of Winslow township, Jefferson county, this gentleman is especially worthy of notice in a work of this kind. Being possessed of a rare amount of energy, he has proved a most valued member of the community, and has borne his part in the development and progress of this section. In common with the other early settlers, he also shared in the privations and hardships of pioneer life.

Mr. Fye was born July 24, 1837, in the township which is still his home, a son of George and Betsy (Dixon) Fye, natives of Centre county, Penn., who came with their respective parents to Jefferson county, where they became acquainted, and were married. The families were among the first settlers of this region, and have been important factors in promoting its prosperity. The paternal grandfather, George Fye, a native of Germany, was for many years a prominent farmer of Brady township, Clearfield county, and died in Winslow township, Jefferson county, but was buried in the former county. On coming to Jefferson county the father of our subject located near Brookville, his being the fourth family to locate there. The others were the Fassbinder, Barnett and Butler families. In 1818 he purchased 160 acres of wild land in Winslow township for $2.50 per acre, and at once began to clear and improve his place, which he continued to make his home throughout life. He was the first man to run lumber down the Red Bank and Sandy Lick creeks, but before he could take his rafts down the latter he had to clear away the old logs which had fallen thick across the stream. A progressive, industrious man, he became widely and favorably known throughout the county. He was born April 14, 1793, and died in 1850, while his wife was born January 11, 1802, and passed away in the fall of 1872. They were buried on the old Hoover farm in Brady township, Clearfield county.

Samuel Fye is the eighth in order of birth in the family of nine children, the others being as follows: Sally (deceased), born April 21, 1822, married Daniel Sharp, now a retired farmer of Winslow township; George (deceased), born March 15, 1824; Susan, born March 2, 1826, is the wife of De Witt White, a dairyman of New York State; Mary, born January 2, 1829, died in April, 1894, married Ely Soliday, who was killed by a falling tree; John, born November 11, 1830, died in 1867; Priscilla, born May 21, 1833, died unmarried at the age of twenty-two; James, born May 21, 1835, is a retired carpenter living in Du Bois, Penn.; and Joshua, born March 9, 1840, is a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county. Our subject remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age, during which time he attended school but three months. On leaving home he purchased his present farm of 106 acres at $6 an acre, paying for the same in eight years. It was then all wild, unimproved land, but by persevering industry he has transformed the tract into a highly productive and valuable farm, equipped with all the buildings and accessories found upon the model farm of the nineteenth century.

On February 20, 1860, in Winslow township, Mr. Fye was married to Miss Jane Vasbinder, who was born in Warsaw township, Jefferson county, and died June 15, 1868, leaving three

children: Amanda, now the wife of William Slee, a miner of Winslow township, by whom she has four children; Burdett; and Samuel I., who married Margaret Riddle, and has two children. The husband and father was again married, this time in 1873, his second union being with Miss Emily Hannah, a native of Jefferson county, and a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Newcomb) Hannah. Her mother died February 21, 1878, aged fifty-six years, and was buried in Prospect cemetery, but her father, who was born in 1813, is still living in Winslow township. In early life he followed farming, but is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. To the second marriage of our subject and his wife were born ten children, namely: Mary, now the wife of Michael Conner, a machinist, by whom she has three children; John W., Rusia M., James A., Leathy E., Lawrence L., Charles A. and Jesse E. R., all at home; Frances E., who died January 13, 1894; and Floyd A., at home.

In connection with farming Samuel Fye also followed lumbering until 1894, and on starting out in life for himself, engaged in chopping wood at $6 per acre. He has become, however, one of the well-to-do and substantial citizens of Winslow township. He votes the straight Republican ticket, and has served his fellow-citizens in the capacity of school director two terms and supervisor three terms. In religious belief he is a Baptist, and at all times is willing to labor and make sacrifices, both for the good of his Church and the community at large. Being a great reader, he is well posted on all of the leading questions and topics of the day, and is a man of broad general information.

CHARLES G. O'DONNEL is a member of the firm of A. O'Donnel & Son, controllers of extensive lumber interests at Camp Run. Their close identification with industrial life of Jefferson county has inseparably connected their names with its history, for in the management of their own affairs they have not only secured personal property, but have also added to the general welfare of the community.

Charles G. O'Donnel was born in New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Penn., December 16, 1863, and came to Jefferson couuty in 1867 with his father, Arthur O'Donnel. The family located on the present site of the town of O'Donnel, which was named in honor of the father, and which is now the site of one of his sawmills. The son remained at home until twenty years of age, and then went to Fullers Station to take charge of his father's sawmill at that point, where he continued from 1884 until 1889. He was fitted for this work by a two-years' course in Union Business College, Pittsburg, at which institution he was graduated in 1884. In 1889 he came to Camp Run, and joined his father in the ownership and management of the mill at this place, which was erected in August, 1889. They employ fifteen men in the mill, which has a capacity of 40,000 feet of lumber per day, and have forty men in the lumber woods. They also own a half interest in 1,300 acres of excellent timber land, the remaining portion being owned by the Andrews Company. On February 17, 1886, in Reynoldsville, Charles G. O'Donnel was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hice, who was born in Shannondale, Penn., December 24, 1867, a daughter of Frederick and Katie (Wolfgang) Hice. Her father died before her birth, and was buried in Shannondale. Her mother died in 1877, and was buried near Coolspring. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches, respectively. Their children were Barbara, deceased wife of John Hoffman, a farmer of Coolspring; and Mrs. O'Donnel. The latter was reared by her aunt, Mary Shaffer, with whom she remained until her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnel have seven children: Arthur, born December 24, 1886; Dicie Orrel, born May 19, 1888; Charles Boyd, August 20, 1889; Essa Elva and Effa Elma (twins), born February 16, 1891; Edgar W., born February 24, 1895; and Byran King, born April 2, 1896. The father of these is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America of Emerickville; the Order of United American Mechanics of Knoxdale; and the Knights of Pythias of Reynoldsville. In politics he is a Democrat. His business record is most commendable, for his methods are above question, and his keen sagacity, energy and enterprise enable him to carry forward his interests most successfully.

MALVERN H. MORRIS is one of the prominent young men of Punxsutawney, proprietor of a well-known mercantile firm of the borough. The business interests of the city are well represented by him, and, whether in public or private life, he is always a courteous, genial gentleman, well deserving of the high regard in which he is held.

A native of Jefferson county, Mr. Morris was born near Punxsutawney, in 1863, and is a son of Joseph B. and Catherine (Crisman) Morris,

also natives of the same county, where the mother's death occurred in 1886. The father was born and reared upon the farm which he still occupies, and throughout life has been identified with the farming, lumber and coal interests of this region. A sketch of his life appears elsewhere.

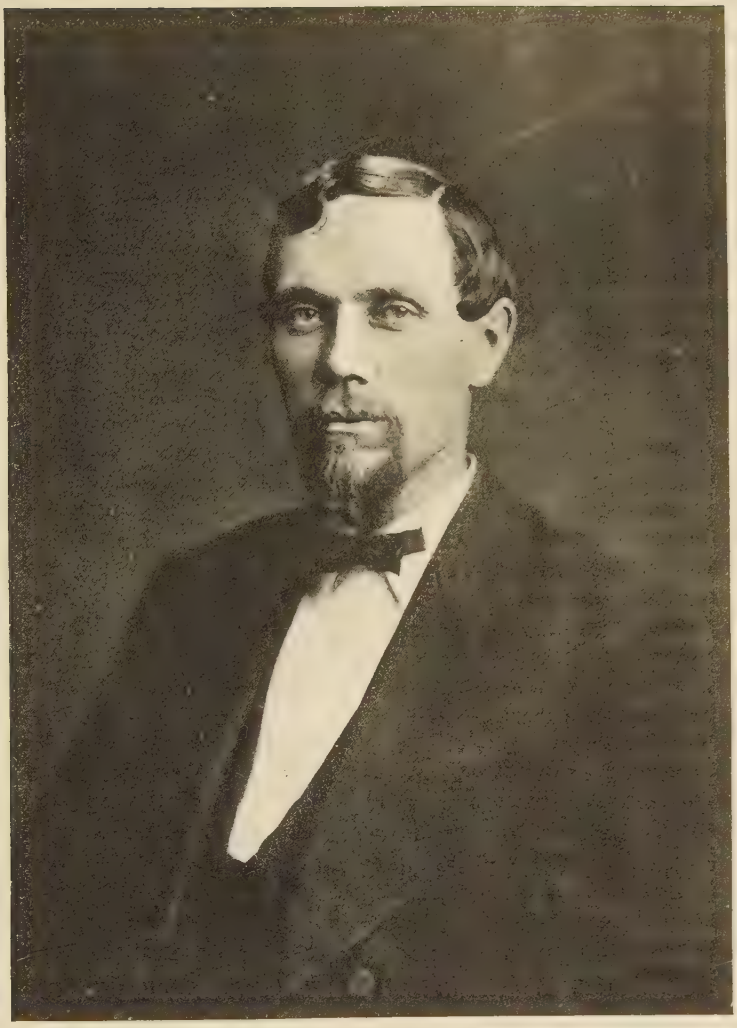
Malvern H. Morris is one of a family of five children who are still living, namely: Ida L., now the wife of J. Clayton North, of Punxsutawney; J. L., who was until recently connected with our subject in business; Clarence O., a prominent attorney of Punxsutawney; and Lucy. Reared upon the old homestead farm, our subject there remained until nineteen years of age, aiding his father in its cultivation and improvement, and acquiring his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. In the winter of 1881–82 he attended the National University at Lebanon, Ohio, securing a diploma from the business department of that institution; afterward engaging in teaching and various other employments until the fall of 1884, when, as a clerk, he entered a mercantile establishment in Pittsburg, Penn. The knowledge of business affairs here obtained have been of much practical benefit to him in later years. Returning to Punxsutawney, he formed a co-partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. North, they becoming dealers in clothing, gents' furnishing goods, etc., but at the end of three years he sold his interest and went to Portland, Oregon, where he remained for one year. He next engaged in business at Clayville, Penn., conducting his store until January, 1896, when, in connection with his brother, he established his present business in Punxsutawney. He carries a complete and handsome stock of everything found in his line, and by fair and honorable dealing has succeeded in building up an excellent trade. Socially, Mr. Morris is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Lindsey, Jefferson county, and politically he is identified with the Republican party.

JOHN McMURRAY, proprietor and editor of the *Jeffersonian Democrat*, of Brookville, Jefferson county, is a man whose influence in the community is recognized as a powerful friend to progress. As a citizen he is identified with the best interests of the locality, while his paper is a forceful exponent of the principles of a large class of people.

Mr. McMurray was born in 1838, in Westmoreland county, Penn., where also was born Archibald McMurray, his father, who made his home there until 1840, when he moved with his family to Pine Creek township, Jefferson county, and settled upon a farm. His estimable wife, Sarah Elizabeth Pryor, a native of Huntingdon county, died in 1848, he surviving her until 1870. As will be seen, our subject was two years of age when he was taken to Jefferson county by his parents. His early educational opportunities were limited, as previous to his sixteenth year he attended the country school fifteen months only. Before reaching the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, and spent three years learning the same; but his inclinations pointing strongly to other work, he resumed his studies and attended Brookville Academy some two months. This was followed by three terms of successful work as a teacher; but the nation's call for soldiers to defend her then appealed to him too strongly for resistance, and he enlisted in the 135th P. V. I. for nine months' service, with the rank of first lieutenant. At the expiration of his term he re-enlisted, and served until the close of the war. He was commissioned captain of the 6th U. S. Colored Troops, and, later, for gallant conduct on the field, was appointed brevet major of U. S. Volunteers, receiving finally the rank of major. During the last six months of his service he was inspector on the staff of Maj.-Gen. Charles J. Paine.

In civil life, also, Maj. McMurray has been conspicuous for his ability and public spirit. In 1873 he was elected a delegate to the convention which formed the present constitution of Pennsylvania, representing the district composed of Armstrong, Clarion, Forest and Jefferson counties. In 1874 he was appointed to a clerkship in the Auditor-General's office at Harrisburg, Penn., and held the position four years. His duties in this as in other lines of work, public and private, being ably and creditably performed. In 1885 he was appointed chief of the Division of Lands and Railroads in the office of the Secretary of the Interior at Washington, D. C., and served four years. In 1879 he purchased the *Jeffersonian Democrat* from A. A. Carlisle, and has since been connected with it.

In 1857 Mr. McMurray married Miss Harriet A. Heckendorn, who died in 1868. Three children of this union survive: Mrs. Harriet E. Griffith, of Brookville; and Henry and Archie, who are associated with their father in business. In 1870 Mr. McMurray, for his second wife, married Miss Jennie M. Hail, of Brookville; of their two children, both are deceased. Major and Mrs. McMurray are members of the M. E. Church, with which he united at the age of twenty-one. He is an active worker in several fraternal orders—the I. O. O. F.; and the F. &



John W. Murray

A. M., which he joined over thirty years ago, being now a Knight Templar. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat.

ENOCH McGAREY is a representative of a family that has been connected with this country since 1730. Both his paternal and maternal ancestors were Scotch and crossed the Atlantic in pioneer days. Representatives of the families have been leaders in those events which formed the early history of the Republic, and they were also instrumental in framing the Constitution of the United States.

Enoch McGarey, like his ancestors were, has always been a loyal and devoted citizen, faithful to his duties of both public and private life. He was born near his present home in Rose township, Jefferson county, in 1838, a son of William and Mary Ann (Hall) McGarey. His father was born in Westmoreland county, where he resided until twenty years of age, when, in 1832, he came to Jefferson county with his parents and located on the farm which is now the home of our subject. There he engaged in agricultural pursuits and in lumbering until his death, which occurred in 1891. His estimable wife, a native of New Jersey, came to Jefferson county in 1834, and died in 1875.

Enoch McGarey obtained his education under adverse circumstances. He could attend school only at rare intervals, for he was the eldest of the family and his services were needed on the home farm. He had six brothers and four sisters, namely: C. P. was drowned in 1862; Joseph E. was killed in 1864 in the Civil war while defending his country; J. M. was drowned in 1867; and W. M., H. T., Mrs. Mary Campbell, Mrs. Martha Cochran and Mrs. Margaret Covert, all living in Jefferson county and with their families holding membership in the United Presbyterian Church. Enoch McGarey remained at home until twenty-two years of age, and then started out to make his own way in the world, since which time his attention has been largely given to agricultural pursuits, although he has dealt to some extent in lumber and coal. A good vein of coal underlies his farm. He owns 225 acres of land, and the place is improved with neat and substantial buildings, while all the accessories of a model farm are there to be found.

In 1861, Mr. McGarey was married to Miss Martha J. Campbell, daughter of Hugh Campbell, who came from Westmoreland to Jefferson county in 1844, bringing with him his daughter, who was born in the former county. Eight children bless this union, all of whom are yet living, namely: Lavina Jane, wife of Rev. G. W. Morrison, who for the past eight years with his wife has been engaged in missionary work in India; E. V., wife of Rev. James M. Coleman, of Beaver Falls College, of Pennsylvania; Mary Ann, wife of Elder W. H. Shields, of Spokane, Washington; W. P., who is now a student in Allegheny Theological Seminary and expects to enter the missionary field of India; T. T.; Alfred C.; Enoch R.; and Everett A. The children have been given good educational privileges, and five of them held teachers' certificates at one time. Mrs. Coleman completed her education in Geneva College, and W. P., who competed in the Meadville Inter-State Collegiate contest in 1886, carried off the first honors in oratory.

Our subject and his family are consistent and prominent members of the United Presbyterian Church, and he is serving as elder therein. In politics he is a stanch Prohibitionist, as are all the family, and they hope to see the time when the evil of intemperance shall exist no more. His life has been well spent, and all who know him entertain for him the highest regard.

EDGAR S. SWARTZ, a leading merchant tailor of Punxsutawney, was born in 1863, in Centre county, Penn., of which his father, George M. Swartz, was also a native. In early life the latter learned dentistry, which he followed for some time, and then engaged in mercantile pursuits, but subsequently again turned his attention to his profession. His last years, however, were spent in the insurance business. Almost his entire life was passed in the county of his nativity, however his death occurred in July, 1893, at the home of his son Edgar S. at Punxsutawney. Our subject was only four years old when he lost his mother, who was born in Pennsylvania, and passed away in 1867. In her maidenhood she was Miss Mary Keen.

During his boyhood and youth, Edgar S. Swartz attended the public schools of Centre county, completing his literary education at Bellefonte. On laying aside his text books he was apprenticed to Montgomery & Co., merchant tailors of Bellefonte, with whom he learned the trade, remaining with them for three and a half years. The following year was spent with W. I. Fleming, in the same line, and in 1886 he came to Punxsutawney, where he established his present business. An enterprising, progressive man, he stands deservedly high in both business and social circles, and is recognized as one of the leading merchant tailors of Jefferson county.

Mr. Swartz was married in 1892 to Miss Sarah Maud Zietler, a daughter of George W. Zietler, of Punxsutawney, and to them have been born a son, Edgar Zietler (now deceased), and twin daughters—Ellen and Sarah. Our subject and his wife are both connected with the Presbyterian Church, and, socially, the husband is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is past grand, and has also filled many offices in the Encampment. He belongs to the Senior Order United American Mechanics, and, politically, is an ardent Republican.

WILLIAM E. SIMPSON. Among the native sons of Jefferson county, none are more worthy of representation in this volume than Mr. Simpson, whose identification with its interests has been of great benefit to the community along all the lines that tend to its best development. He now resides in Perry township, but was born in Young township in 1839, a son of John H. and Elizabeth (Lewis) Simpson. His father was born in Virginia, and in early manhood came to Pennsylvania, locating in Somerset county, whence he subsequently removed to Jefferson county. In early life he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for some years and then turned his attention to farming and lumbering, being connected with those business interests up to the time of his death in 1881. He held a number of township offices, and was a quiet, but valued member of the community. His estimable wife, who was of Welsh descent, passed away in 1887.

William E. Simpson, of this review, acquired his elementary education in the district schools near his home, and afterward spent a few terms in study in the County Academy. He was reared to farming, but early in life began school teaching, and followed that pursuit for eighteen or twenty terms, being recognized as one of the successful educators of the county. During the summer months he worked at farming, and is now successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits. He owns two hundred acres of good land, which is under a high state of cultivation, yielding to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he bestows upon it. His residence is neat and commodious, and upon the place are found all the improvements of the model farm.

In 1861 Mr. Simpson was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ann Means, a daughter of Edward Means, of Jefferson county. They had four children: James, a successful lumber merchant of Galesburg, Ill.; Etta, wife of George Farrand, of Peoria, Ill.; Wade, who is engaged in the lumber business in Galesburg; and Frank, at home with his father. The mother died December 25, 1873, and Mr. Simpson was again married, in August, 1875, his second union being with Anna M. North, daughter of John North, one of the pioneer citizens of Jefferson county. They have six children: Blanche, Burtt, Blaine, Katharine, Vere and Ray. This is an interesting family, and the pleasant home of the Simpsons is noted for its hospitality. The parents are members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Simpson is a stanch Republican, but has never been an aspirant for political honors, although he has held some local offices, to which he was called by his fellow townsmen, who recognize his worth and ability. He has been school director twenty years, and has held all of the township offices. He is a man of honerable purpose and sterling worth, and all who know him entertain for him the highest regard.

WILLIAM MOORE, one of the most enterprising and energetic farmers and business men of Union township, Jefferson county, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Clarion county, January 22, 1839, a son of John C. and Nancy (Dunn) Moore, from the Green Isle of Erin.

At an early day William Moore, the paternal grandfather, emigrated to the New World, bringing with him his family, and located in Limestone township, Clarion county, where he developed a farm from a heavily timbered tract. After losing his wife he sold the place and removed to Indiana, where he was again married, but later returned to Pennsylvania, spending the last five years of his life in Clarion county. By occupation he was always a farmer. His six children were all born in Ireland, and, with the exception of the father of our subject, are all now deceased. They are as follows: Nathan; Jane, wife of W. McMillen; John C.; Elizabeth, wife of J. Simpson; James; and Nancy, wife of R. McMillen. John C. Moore accompanied his parents to America, where he grew to manhood and married. He became one of the successful farmers of Clarion county, was prominently identified with the moral and physical development of this section of the country, and was always found on the right side of any question that arose in the community. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and reared their family in that faith, the children all becoming honored and useful members of society. Now at the ripe old age of eighty-six years, he finds a pleasant home with our subject,

and is enjoying the fruits of an honorable and well-spent life. The following children blessed his marriage: Mrs. Mary J. Summerville; Mrs. Martha Simpson; William; John T., a lumberman and farmer by occupation; Mrs. Elizabeth Carmical; Harvey, a farmer; Mrs. Margaret Myers; Mrs. Sadie Spear; and Rebecca, who died when young.

William Moore, of this review, acquired his education in the local schools, and until twenty-five years of age remained under the parental roof, following the occupations of lumbering and farming In 1864 he was united in marriage to Miss Lavina Simpson, who was born in Clover township, Jefferson county, in 1842, and belongs to an honored pioneer family. Her parents, William and Lilla A. (Scott) Simpson, were born, reared and married on the Emerald Isle, but at an early day came to Jefferson county, Penn., where they reared their family, and where the father improved a large farm in the midst of the forest. Subsequently he sold the place to Isaac and William Lucas, but reserved the right to remain there as long as he lived. His wife died some time previous to his death. They were members of the Presbyterian Church of Corsica, and the parents of nine children: Jane, wife of F. Hull; Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas; Mary, wife of W. Smith; Mrs. Sarah Kelso; Mrs. Margaret Fitzsimmons; Mrs. Ann McGiven; Martha, wife of D. White; Lavina, wife of our subject; and John, who died at the age of thirty years.

After his marriage Mr. Moore located upon a tract of land in Union township, Jefferson county, which he owned, making it his home for two years, but in 1866 he and his brother bought his present fine farm, of which he became sole owner two years later. Few improvements had been made on locating there, but now 100 acres have been cleared and placed under the plow, and neat and substantial building add to its attractive appearance. In addition to this property he is also a stockholder in the Brookville Milling Company, and is recognized as one of the most progressive and reliable business men of his community. Seven children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, namely: John J. S., at home; William H., a merchant of Reynoldsville, Penn., married Miss A. Maude Moore, daughter of H. R. Moore, of Clarion county, and they have one son, Charles Byron, born May 14, 1897; James W., a farmer; Eva, who died in youth; Ella and Elmer B., at home; and Sara, who is still attending school. The family is one of prominence in social circles, and the parents are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Moore has served as elder for many years. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and as a public-spirited citizen he has done much to promote the interests of his community and advance the general welfare.

JCURTIN NORTH. On the top of one of the spurs of the Alleghany Mountains, nineteen hundred feet above the level of the sea, there stands one of the pleasantest homes in Jefferson county, the old North homestead in McCalmont township. The handsome two-story brick house and the wide-spreading fields under perfect cultivation, bespeak thrift, and comfort, and give also an indication of the refined tastes of the progressive and intelligent owners of the estate.

The North family traces its descent from John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, natives of Ireland, who came to the United States in 1810, and, after residing for some years in Philadelphia, removed in 1818 to Indiana county, where they made their permanent home upon a farm now occupied by their son, William P. North. They reared a large family, and their descendants in this section are now very numerous. Deborah, the eldest child, married Joseph Pogue, and died in Philadelphia; Margaret married John H. Henderson, and died in Johnstown, Penn.; Joseph P. died in McCalmont township; Elizabeth married James Means, and both died at Whitesville, Penn.; Daniel is mentioned more fully farther on; Thomas P. is a retired agriculturist of Young township, Jefferson county, and William P. resides at the old farm in Indiana county.

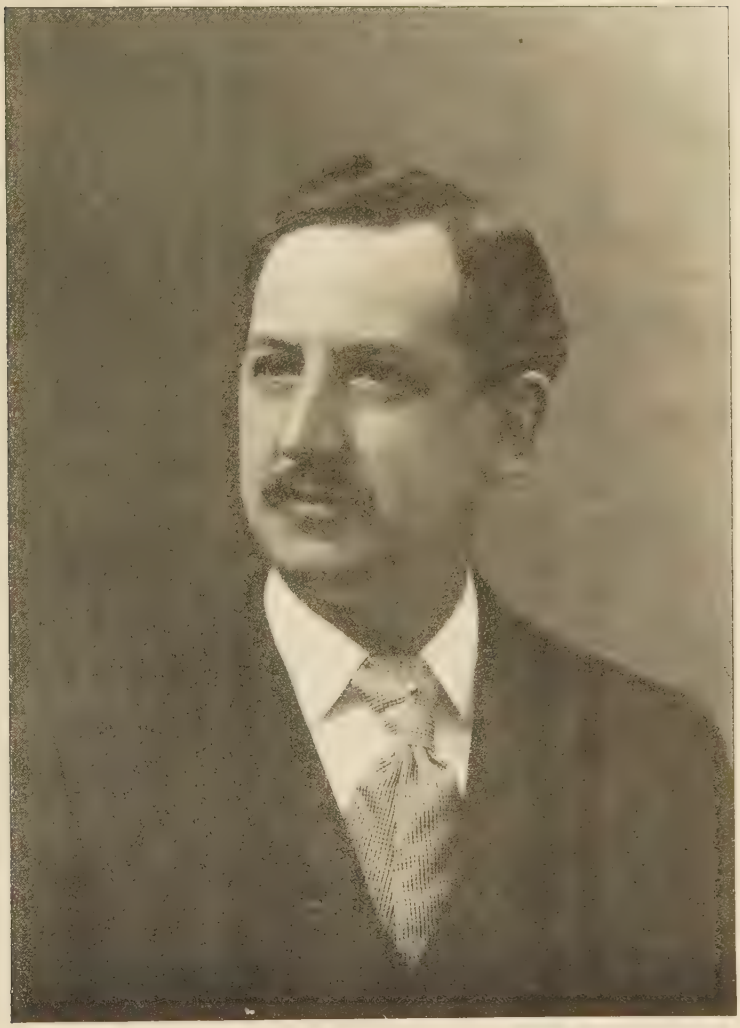
The late Daniel North, who was born July 11, 1827, in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, became wealthy through extensive operations in farming and lumbering, owning about 600 acres of land at the time of his death. He purchased the present homestead, and, in 1861, built the elegant residence now occupied by the family. Generosity is a characteristic trait in the North family, and he possessed it in the highest degree, helping in every worthy cause. He assisted in building all of the churches in his community, and was a generous supporter of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he served for many years as trustee and elder. He died July 22, 1891, aged seventy years, eleven months and eleven days, and was buried in the cemetery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church about a hundred yards from his home. The churchyard, which comprises one acre, was sold by him to the society for the nominal consideration of one dollar. A host of friends mourned

the loss of this honorable, kindly citizen, whose good name is a priceless heritage to his descendants. On October 5, 1847, he was married in McCalmont township, by Rev. C. C. Moore, a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, to Miss Catherine Bell, who survives him, and resides at the homestead with their son, J. Curtin. A large family of children blessed this union, namely: James B., born August 11, 1849, is a farmer and lumberman in McCalmont township; Mary E., February 7, 1851, married the late W. C. Smith, and now resides in Punxsutawney; John S., September 1, 1852, is a farmer in McCalmont township; Anna R., born July 12, 1854, died August 28, 1858; Emma H., born March 27, 1856, married W. R. Johnson, a farmer in Armstrong county; William H., born October 23, 1857, died October 20, 1861; Martha J., born October 19, 1859, married A. J. McCreight, of Punxsutawney; Joanna R., born March 26, 1861, is the wife of Dr. James B. Neale, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; J. Curtin, the subject proper of this sketch, is mentioned at more length farther on; Maggie L., born July 12, 1865, married John B. Nichols, of Eleanor, chief clerk of the Mahoning Supply Co., Penn.; Minnie C., born September 14, 1869, married W. S. Calderwood, assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Kane, Penn.; Daniel O., born March 8, 1872, is the bookkeeper for the Mahoning Supply Co., at Eleanor.

Mrs. Catherine North is a lady of more than ordinary ability, and her kindness of heart is well-known throughout a wide circle of acquaintances. She was born November 7, 1828, and is therefore nearing three-score years and ten, but so amply is she endowed with physical and mental vigor that her family and friends can hope for many years more of her helpful and inspiring companionship. Her husband left the homestead to her for her lifetime, and she has the satisfaction of seeing all her children well-settled and prosperous. Her ancestors on the paternal side were early settlers in this State. Robert Bell, her great-grandfather, of Ireland, having located in the wilderness in Rain township, Indiana county. John and Elizabeth Bell, her grandparents, natives of Ireland, settled upon a farm in Perry township, Jefferson county, where they spent their remaining years. James W. Bell, her father, who was born in Jefferson county, married Miss Hannah Gordon, daughter of Alexander and Catherine (Pounds) Gordon, who came from Ireland and were pioneer settlers in the vicinity of Smicksburg, Indiana county. For some years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bell remained in Indiana county, but in the spring of 1833 they removed to McCalmont township, Jefferson county, and cleared a farm in the the woods, living meantime in primitive style. Their nearest neighbors, Alexander Gordon and Reuben Hitchcock, lived two miles from them. Mr. Bell, in later years, was a Republican in politics, and he and his wife were consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She died in August, 1871, aged seventy-four years, and he did not long survive her, passing away January 7, 1872, at the age of seventy-seven, their remains being laid to their final rest in Olive Cemetery, Oliver township, Jefferson county. Their children were: Robert, now a retired lumberman at Du Bois; Eliza, wife of S. L. Swisher, a carpenter at Boot Jack, Jefferson county; Catherine, Mrs. North; James W., who occupies the Bell homestead; Mary, wife of Alexander Hughes, a retired carpenter at Punxsutawney; Margaret, wife of Job Brown, a retired farmer living at Covode, Penn.; Joseph F., a carpenter at Chester City, Penn.; John, a farmer in Indiana county; and William J., who died at the age of twenty-four.

With this review of the ancestry of J. Curtin North, we may now point out the main facts in his own life. He was born April 11, 1863, on the North homestead, and has always lived there with the exception of three months spent in Nebraska, where he was employed in a nursery. The estate contains 199¾ acres of excellent land, and his management has won him a high reputation as an able agriculturist. The coal deposits underlying the farm were sold in 1884 for $62.50 per acre. Few men of his age are as prominent and influential in local affairs as Mr. North, who is constantly in office, and at present discharges the duties of three positions, being in his seventh year as overseer of the poor, in the ninth as township treasurer, and the fifth as township collector. He is a stanch Republican, as was his father before him. Socially his popularity is no less marked than in political life, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Junior Mechanics, and the Benevolent Order of Elks, all of Punxsutawney.

HON. W. O. SMITH. In the stirring times before the Revolution, Patrick Henry, in an address before the Colonial Congress, said "The battle is not to the strong alone, it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave." Thus it is in life's battle. The man who wins—who comes off conqueror in the strife—is he who is "vigilant"—watchful of opportunities and advantages—"active"—quick to grasp such opportunities,



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and, energetically, use them—and "brave" in daring to carry out his honest convictions in his business methods, adhering to a straightforward, honorable course. At the end victory is emblazoned on his banner, and he commands the respect and admiration of all. To this honorable class of citizens belongs Mr. Smith, of Punxsutawney, who from an humble position in life has bravely worked his way upward until he has become one of the most influential and distinguished men of Jefferson county.

He was born June 13, 1859, in Reynoldsville, Penn., a son of John S. and Susan Smith. Valentine Smith, his paternal grandfather, was one of the earliest settlers of Jefferson county. From Vermont he had removed to New York, where John S. Smith was born, but soon afterward came to Pennsylvania. In Jefferson county, the father of our subject was reared to manhood, and in early life learned the shoemaker's trade, but has principally engaged in surveying, though he also taught school for a time. He is still living, as is also his wife, who was born in Indiana county, Penn. They enjoy the respect and esteem of all who know them.

Our subject attended the district schools of Jefferson county, but when quite young he left the school room to enter a printing office, where he learned the printer's trade. While thus employed he purchased a lot of books, among which were Greek and Latin text books, and made it a rule to study evenings from seven until twelve. This he continued for three years, and consequently, by his own efforts, he has obtained an excellent education. In 1879, he went to Washington, D. C., where for about six years he was employed in the government printing office. During this time the printers established the *Craftsman*, the organ of the Typographical National Union, and our subject was elected associate editor, which position he acceptably filled for two years.

In 1884, he came to Punxsutawney, where he established the *Punxsutawney Tribune*, which one year and a half later was consolidated with the *Spirit*, and is now conducted by him under the latter name. He removed, in 1892, to Bradford, Penn., and edited the *Bradford Era* for about a year, when he returned to Punxsutawney, and purchased a half interest in the *Spirit*. Under his able management this paper has become one of the leading Republican papers of Jefferson county, and enjoys the largest circulation. Mr. Smith has ever taken an active and prominent part in public affairs, is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and on that ticket, in 1889, was elected to the Legislature from Jefferson county. At each succeeding election he has been the successful candidate, and is one of the leading and influential members of the House, ably representing his district in that august assembly.

In 1880, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Phœbe Griggs, then of Washington, D. C., and a daughter of Algerdon S. Griggs, quite a prominent politician of Morgan county, Ind., who served in the State Legislature and as a judge. Four children grace this union, namely: Sidney S., Edward Griggs, Pierre, and Imogene. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are widely and favorably known and hold a high position in social circles. Fraternally, Mr. Smith is a Master Mason.

GEORGE S. WEAVER, a well-known citizen of Bell township, Jefferson county, is the owner of ninety acres of fine arable land, which he has brought to a high state of culture, and upon which he has put some very handsome and substantial improvements. The neatness and orderly appearance of the property manifests to the most casual observer the thrift and care of the proprietor, and shows conclusively that he understands his business thoroughly. Besides general farming he is also interested in lumbering, owning and operating a sawmill, where in 1896 he cut from 200,000 to 300,000 feet of lumber. In addition to the ninety acres of farm land he owns seventy acres of timber land which is covered with pine hemlock, and hard wood. The surface of this land is well adapted for farming.

Mr. Weaver was born in the township where he still resides, in 1839, and is a son of George and Elanora (Schoch) Weaver, who were born, reared and married in Germany, and remained residents of the Fatherland until after the birth of their second child. On crossing the Atlantic to America they located in Jefferson county, where the father followed the occupations of farming and lumbering until three years prior to his death, when he retired from active business life. Removing to Clearfield county, Penn., he there spent his remaining days, dying on the 25th of February, 1875. After surviving him for about ten years, his wife died in 1885.

The common schools afforded our subject his educational privileges, and his business training was upon the home farm. On the 12th of June, 1866, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Catherine Snyder, a daughter of John A. Snyder, of Indiana county, Penn., and six children bless their union: Harry W.; Clara, now the wife of George W. Weiss; Ella, the wife of J. W. Marshall, of Du Bois, Penn.; and Anna, Amos O.,

and Cora, at home. The parents and children all hold membership in the Lutheran Church, and are widely and favorably known throughout the community. Mr. Weaver gives his unwavering support to the Democracy, and while not an official aspirant, he has served in all the local positions, including those of supervisor, tax collector, school director, auditor and jury commissioner. From 1880 until 1890, he was also justice of the peace, and he discharges every duty which devolves upon him, whether public or private, with the utmost fidelity and promptness. He occupies a high place in the estimation of the people of the township, and is well worthy of their high regard.

H. T. BAKER, a successful miller, and one of the most energetic and enterprising business men of Corsica, was born July 1, 1864, in Clarion county, Penn., and is a worthy representative of an honored and highly respected family of this section of the State.

His grandparents, Hugh and Jane (Mullen) Baker, were of Irish lineage and natives of Nittany Valley, Centre Co., Penn. The former, also a miller, followed that occupation in Clearfield county and other places in central Pennsylvania, and died at Jones Mill, Clarion county, in 1877. His wife is still living, and resides at Corsica, at the ripe old age of ninety-three years.

John Baker, the father of our subject, spent the greater portion of his boyhood in Mercer county, and with his father learned the miller's trade. Responding to his country's call for troops during the Civil war, he enlisted in 1861, at New Bethlehem, in the 11th P. V. I., and during his long and faithful service of four years, he was for a time incarcerated in the loathsome Libby prison, and was four times wounded, being injured in both arms, also in one leg, which he came nearly losing, and he still carries the ball he received in his hip at the battle of Gettysburg. When hostilities had ceased he returned home, and after recuperating for some time, he resumed milling, which he continued to follow until the disease known as miller's phthisic forced his retirement in 1890. Removing to Pittsburg in 1895, he has since been in the employ of the Standard Oil Company. In early manhood John Baker married Catharine Shick, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Christian and Christina Shick, who were of German descent and pioneers of Clarion county, but are now residents of Michigan, where the former follows farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Baker were born ten children, as follows: Edward, who is engaged in the sawmill business; H. T., of this sketch; James, who died at the age of fifteen; Jennie, wife of Harry Walters; Arch, a resident of Bolivar, N. Y.; Win, a farmer by occupation; Laura, wife of J. C. Moore; Frank, a tinner, of Corsica; and Cora and Frances, both at home. The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian Church.

The common schools furnished our subject his educational privileges, and by assisting his father about the mill he received a good business training, which he has since successfully put to the test. At the age of eighteen he took charge of an old-style burr mill, and as a miller entered the employ of Mr. Jones, of Corsica, in 1888, assisting in the construction of the plant and the placing of the machinery. After three months spent under the direction of a man employed in the mill, he took entire charge, and has since successfully conducted it. The building is four stories in height and equipped with the latest improved machinery, and under his able management the mill has become one of the best paying industries in Corsica. Mr. Baker assisted his brother in establishing a tin shop in the same place, but at present is not interested in the business. He is a firm Republican in his political views, and as an influential citizen takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs. In September, 1888, he was married to Miss Bertha J. Orr, who was born in Union township, Jefferson county, April 11, 1871, and is a lady of culture and refinement. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. They are the parents of a son, Harry J., born November 2, 1896, died May 25, 1897.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Baker were natives of Ireland, and in 1837 crossed the Atlantic, landing at Philadelphia, where the same year was born Joseph D. Orr, her father. Coming to Jefferson county in 1839, he was reared here. At the age of nineteen he began lumbering, and for many years he was successfully connected with that business; at one time owning an interest in a sawmill, which afterward was burned. He died March 27, 1894, leaving a host of warm friends as well as wife and family to mourn his death. From the age of nineteen he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife (who in her maidenhood was Mary J. Gaston) also belongs. She has spent her entire life in Jefferson county, and is now residing in Corsica at the age of fifty-eight years. Her children were: William R., who died at the age of eight years; Lizzie M., wife of A. J. Elder; Ferdinand W., who died at the age of six years; Matilda M., deceased at the age of nine months; Bertha J. (Mrs. H. T.

Baker); Elva S., who died at the age of five months; Maggie J., deceased at the age of twenty years; and Nannie O., at home.

FREDERICK CARL BONNETT is engaged in general merchandising at Sykesville, and is one of the leading representatives of commercial interests in that place.

Born August 24, 1864, in Henderson township, Jefferson county, Mr. Bonnett is a son of John F. and Caroline (Priester) Bonnett, natives of Germany. His father was born April 28, 1833, in Charlottenburg, Prussia, a son of H. C. and Maria (Elizabeth) Bonnett. His ancestors were from France, and at the time of the persecution of the Protestants by Catherine de Medici, they fled to Germany, where Queen Charlotte, who was of their faith, gladly received them and gave them land on which to make a new home. They afterward went back to France in order to try to recover their possessions left in that country, but were unsuccessful in this, and the family lived peacefully in Germany until 1849. The father of our subject, until eight years of age, attended school for half of each day and worked in a mine the remainder of the time. He was employed in a silver mine for about one year, and then, with an older brother, who was married, started for America. They embarked on a sailing vessel, March 5, 1849, and reached New York after a voyage of fifty-one days, April 28, 1849, which was the sixteenth anniversary of Mr. Bonnett's birth. He went by boat to Albany, thence by rail to Erie, Penn., by canal to Beaver, then on to Pittsburg, and up the Allegheny river to the mouth of Red Bank creek. This circuitous route consumed almost as much time as the ocean voyage. Mr. Bonnett secured employment in the Pike Furnace Iron Works, where he was employed for nearly eleven years. He then went to Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, and purchased eighty acres of wild land in Henderson township, which he cleared and improved with the aid of his children. His wife was born in Germany, and their children were: Louis L., who died at the age of nineteen; Frederick C.; Bertha M., wife of Daniel Wise, proprietor of a hotel in Sykesville; Charles A. and Jacob J., who are farmers of Jefferson county; Caroline, who is keeping house for her two brothers; Henry A., at home; and Mary S., wife of A. D. Lydick, a merchant of Mahaffey, Penn., and two others, deceased.

Frederick Carl Bonnett, whose name opens this article, resided with his parents until twenty years of age, during which time he worked for his father, and for others in the neighborhood. He also attended the public schools, and pursued a course in the commercial college of Mahaffey in 1890. On leaving home he was employed on a drilling machine, hauling and peeling logs, etc. On attaining his majority he went to Kansas, but after a year spent in the West returned home, and conducted a store for his brother-in-law, A. D. Lydick, in Clearfield county, for a year and a half. He was afterward in the employ of J. H. Ake, of Sykesville, for two and a half years, when he returned home, and in the following autumn entered school in Mahaffey. For two and a half years he was employed as a salesman in a store at that place, and on the expiration of that period he came to Sykesville, where he has since engaged in business on his own account. He carries a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise, and his enterprise, careful management and excellent business ability are bringing to him success. He is progressive in his methods, honorable in his dealings, and has won the public confidence, and therefore the public support.

Our subject is a popular member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity of Sykesville, and of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Mahaffey. He also belongs to the Reformed Church, and in his political belief is a Democrat. He is an intelligent, broad-minded man, possessed of considerable poetic talent, and has written many able articles for a number of the leading journals throughout the United States. In 1892 he was married to Laura I. Dickey, of Brady township, Clearfield Co., Penn., a respectable young lady, and an active member of the Reformed Church, to whose active work Mr. Bonnett owes much of his success in the mercantile business. Three children have been born to them, namely: Rachel C. C., born July 7, 1893; Ruth V., born May 9, 1895; and John F., born July 2, 1897.

GEORGE ELLIS NULL, engineer at the Soldier Run coal mine, ranks among the self-made men of Sykesville, whose success in life is due to his sound judgment, intelligence and persistent labor. A native of Jefferson county, he was born in Henderson township, October 20, 1865, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Hall) Null, natives of Lebanon and Centre counties, Penn., respectively. The father, now a retired farmer, still resides on the old homestead in Henderson township, where the mother died September 26, 1889, at the age of fifty-six years, her remains being interred in the Sykesville cemetery. She was a daughter of

John Hall. The father was born in October, 1835, a son of Nancy and George Null, of Lebanon county. In religious belief he is a Baptist, and politically he affiliates with the Republican party

Our subject is the fourth in order of birth in the family of six children, the others being as follows: John, a miner, residing in Sykesville; James, a teamster, of Lindsey, Penn.; Lodie A. (deceased); Milton and William, who are both engineers of mining machines at Sykesville. George Ellis Null remained under the parental roof until the death of his mother, and assisted in the work of the farm until he had attained his majority, when he began lumbering in the woods, an occupation which he followed until he reached the age of twenty-five. For the following three years he engaged in contracting and jobbing on his own account, but since that time has had charge of the mining machinery at the Soldier Run coal mines in Winslow township, Jefferson county. In the meantime, however, he was for six months engaged in merchandising in Sykesville, in 1890 becoming associated with Seth McAninch in business, but at the end of that time he sold his interest.

On September 30, 1896, Mr. Null was united in marriage with Miss Truzy M. Rupert, who was born in South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Penn., September 18, 1876, a daughter of Edward and Henrietta F. (Shellhammer) Rupert, also natives of Armstrong county, where their marriage was celebrated. The father was born July 30, 1847, a son of Adam and Louisa (King) Rupert, who spent their entire lives in Armstrong county. Adam Rupert, who was the oldest thresher in his community, died at the age of seventy-six, and his parents, George and Elizabeth (Smith) Rupert, also passed away in Armstrong county. The mother of Mrs. Null, whose birth occurred April 21, 1859, is a daughter of Daniel and Betsy (Smail) Shellhammer, farming people of Armstrong county, where her father still resides, but her mother died in that county in 1862, aged fifty-three years. In 1884 Edward Rupert and wife left the county of their nativity, coming to Sykesville, Jefferson county, where he is engaged in weaving, but is by trade a filer. They are the parents of seven children: Truzy M., the wife of our subject; Charlotte S., who died at the age of three years and a half; Lona W., who died at the age of a year and a half; and Judson N., Newton, Esco and Edward B., who are still at home.

Socially, Mr. Null affiliates with the Knights of Pythias and Patriotic Order Sons of America, belonging to both lodges in Sykesville, and is also a member of the Baptist Church of that place. His political support is given the principles of the Republican party. By his energetic and capable management of his business affairs he has met with good success, which is certainly well deserved as he started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, and has persistently worked his way upward.

E. CLARKE HALL. This skillful artist, who occupies a leading place among the photographers of Jefferson county, and who holds a high rank among the prominent and influential citizens of Brookville, is justly entitled to worthy mention in this volume. He was born in that city on the 12th of June, 1844, and is a son of Enoch and Martha A. (Clarke) Hall.

The father was a native of Clinton county, Penn., but when a young man came to Jefferson county, where during his early life he followed the trade of a cabinet maker. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits on his own account, and subsequently owned and operated a planing-mill, following that occupation until old age caused his retirement. He died May 30, 1894, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. His estimable wife is still living at the age of seventy-eight, now making her home in San Diego, Cal. For many years they were numbered among the valued and highly-respected citizens of Brookville.

E. Clarke Hall obtained his elementary education in the common schools of Brookville, and subsequently attended the Meadville High School, in Crawford county, Penn. At the age of fourteen he entered upon an apprenticeship to a druggist, where he remained for three and a half years, and in 1862 entered the studio of J. D. Dunn, of Meadville, to learn photographing. After six months spent with that gentleman he returned to Brookville, where he opened a gallery and engaged in business on his own account, successfully conducting the same until 1866, with the exception of thirty days, when he was a member of Company B, 157th P. V. I., and participated in the Morgan raid. On leaving the service, Mr. Hall resumed business at Brookville, but owing to failing health he went to Philadelphia in June, 1866, where he engaged in the wholesale drug business for two years, and for the same length of time was in the wholesale hardware business in the Quaker City. In September, 1870, he returned to Brookville, where he again established a studio, and has since done a profitable business. His work is well known throughout this section of the State, wherein he has established an enviable reputation for satisfactory and

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artistic work. At this writing he has just finished a contract for three hundred dozen cabinets, also sixty-seven 16 x 20 inch pictures for the class of 1896 of the Pennsylvania State Normal at Clarion, and twenty-three, 14 x 17 inches, of the Faculty.

On July 17, 1870, Mr. Hall married Miss Ella M. Myers, of River Falls, Penn., who died in March, 1882, and on the 17th of June, 1885, Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Miss Clara Pearsall, a daughter of George A. Pearsall. Two children were born to them, a son and a daughter, but both are now deceased. The parents are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and socially Mr. Hall is connected with Hohah Lodge No. 276, F. & A. M.; Jefferson Chapter No. 225, R. A. M.; and Pittsburg Commandery No. 1, K. T. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and to the Hebpasaph insurance order. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, takes a deep interest in the success of his party, and has served as president of different political orders, being at the present time president of the Lincoln Club, of Brookville.

JAMES STOCKDILL. Prominent among the successful and energetic agriculturists of Porter township, Jefferson county, may be numbered the subject of this historical notice, who, by his enterprise and perseverance in the direction of his chosen industry, has given to his work a significance and beauty of which few deem it capable.

Thomas Stockdill, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland in 1814, and at an early day came to America with his parents, George and Margaret Stockdill, who located in Armstrong county, Penn., purchasing a farm on which they made their home until called to their final rest. In their family were nine children: James; Margaret, wife of Joshua Foster, of Armstrong county; Mary, wife of George Ready; William, who married a Miss Beck, and lives in Armstrong county; Joseph, who married Catherine Foster, and lives in the same county; Thomas, father of our subject; George, who married a Miss Foster of Armstrong county; Mrs. Lizzie Zimmerman; and Rebecca, wife of John Foster, of Armstrong county.

Thomas Stockdill grew to manhood upon the old homestead in Armstrong county, and then came to Porter township, Jefferson county, where he bought 180 acres of timber land, from which he developed a fine farm. The first buildings he erected were a hewed-log house and round-log barn. In 1838 he married Miss Eleanor Scott, of Armstrong county, a daughter of James and Fanny Scott, well-to-do agriculturists. He brought his bride to his new home in Porter township, where she shared with him all the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life. Upon that place both died, the father in 1852, and the mother in 1865. This worthy couple had a family of six children, of whom our subject is the eldest. (2) Margaret E., born in July, 1841, died at the age of sixteen years. (3) Rebecca J., born in July, 1843, received a good common-school education, and married Henry Coleman, of Indiana county, Penn. They now reside near Dayton, in Armstrong county. Their children are—Charlotte V., who is engaged in teaching in the public schools; Harry; Frank; Mary; and Grover C., who died in childhood. (4) M. Francis, born in August, 1845, resides with her brother on the old homestead. (5) Wesley, born in 1847, was educated in the common schools, and now lives in Warren, Penn. (6) Martha, born in 1852, died in infancy.

James Stockdill, of this review, was born April 22, 1839, on the old homestead where he still continues to reside, and pursued his studies in the public schools of the neighborhood. In November, 1866, he was married to Miss Jennie Travis, of Porter township, Jefferson county, a daughter of George and Martha Travis, prosperous farming people. The father was also one of the oldest teachers of his day in Jefferson county. In 1870 Mr. Stockdill built a large two-story house upon his place, but seven years later it was destroyed by fire, together with much of its contents. The following year, however, he erected his present fine residence, which is supplied with all modern improvements, making it one of the best country homes in the locality. He built a good barn in 1871, has cleared over sixty acres of his land, and made many other excellent improvements. Ten children blessed the union of this couple as follows: (1) Martha E., born in 1867, upon the old homestead, was educated in the public schools, and in 1885 gave her hand in marriage to William J. Domb, of Indiana county, where they now reside on the old Domb homestead. They have four children—Zilda V., Edna J., Elmer D. and Marion. (2) Thomas J., born in January, 1870, began his education in the common schools, but later attended the Bellview Academy, and the Dayton Academy of Armstrong county, Penn. After teaching for two terms in the public schools, he was in the employ of Kilburn, in New Hampshire for two years, and then entered the Commercial College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., gradu-

ating there in 1893. The following year he married Nana McFarland, of Alliance, Ohio, and they now live in DuBois, Penn., where he is engaged in general merchandising. They had one son, John, who died in 1895. (3) M. Virginia, born in 1872, pursued her studies in the common schools, Bellview and Dayton Academies, the Mt. Union College of Ohio, and is now attending the Clarion Normal of Pennsylvania. She has successfully followed the teacher's profession for about six years, and resides at home. (4) George A., born in 1874, attended the common schools near his home, and was later a student in select schools at Smicksburg and Whitesville, Penn. He taught for one term in Indiana county, was also in the employ of Kilburn, canvassing in Lowell and other eastern cities, but is now a partner of Thomas J., in the store at DuBois. (5) Gertrude M., born in April, 1877, is clerking for her brothers in DuBois. (6) Elsie and (7) Jessie (twins) were born in 1880, and the former is now studying music in DuBois, while the latter is at home. (8) Robert C., born in August, 1882, (9) Frank F., born in May, 1885, and (10) Harry C., born in May, 1888, are all at home.

Our subject is descended from good old pioneer stock, his ancestors having come to the county during its early settlement. They were intelligent, enterprising and energetic people, who left their impress upon the moral and religious development of the community, and also bore an important part in the development and prosperity of this section of the State. Like these grand good people, our subject has ever taken an active interest in Church work, and with his family holds membership in the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church. He has done much to advance the moral, educational and material welfare of his township, and is always numbered among its valued citizens. His father was an Old-line Whig and he is a stanch Republican, on which ticket he has been elected to the office of school director, supervisor and overseer of the poor of Porter township.

WILLIAM J. SMITH, a wealthy lumberman and farmer of Perry township, Jefferson county, is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, whose devotion to his country was tested not only by service on the field of battle but in the still more deadly dangers of Southern prison dens.

This gallant soldier, a son of Jacob and Catharine (Boas) Smith, honored pioneers of the county, was born in May, 1840. The father was a native of Germany, and as a young man came to this country. After his marriage, which was celebrated in New Orleans, La., he came to Jefferson county, and subsequently his father and mother, William and Margaret Smith, also crossed the Atlantic, spending their last days in Young township, Jefferson county. In 1835 Jacob Smith purchased 112 acres of wild land, on which he erected a log house, and at once commenced to clear and improve his land. Later he bought 230 acres, and extensively engaged in lumbering for a great many years. His death resulted from a fall, in 1877, and his wife, who long survived him, passed away in 1895, at the advanced age of ninety-four years. To this worthy couple were born ten children, as follows: (1) Jacob, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, died in Jefferson county, Penn., at the age of eighteen years. (2) Katie, born on the old homestead in Jefferson county, is the wife of Adam Weber, a native of Germany, and resides in Pittsburg. They have five children. (3) Christopher, born in Young township, Jefferson county, married a Mrs. Smith, and removed to Pittsburg, where he died some years ago. His wife died later, leaving three children who reside in Indiana county, Penn., namely—William G., Lydia and Jacob. (4) Louisa is the wife of Taladin Hoeh, a farmer of Bell township, Jefferson county, and they have four children—William, Katie, Lizzie and Annie. (5) Philip, a farmer of Indiana county, married Bertha Elbel, of Jefferson county, and has six children—William H., Gustus, Charles, Emma, Jefferson and Amos. (6) George, a farmer of Young township, Jefferson county, married Minnie Smith, of Indiana county, and to them have been born the following children—Cassie, Olive, George, Philip, Edward, Annie, Thompson, Nelson, Aaron and Lyman (twins), William, Samuel, Effie, Minnie, Lizzie and Amie, all living except the last named. (7) Adam, residing on the old homestead, married Mary Kesler, of Jefferson county, who died in 1875, leaving three children—Sadie, Ephraim and Adam L. Later he married her sister, Sallie Kesler, by whom he had nine children—Irwin, Norman, Mary, Joseph, Lloyd, Fannie, Mattie, Clara and Harry. The last named is now deceased. (8) Samuel and (9) Mary are twins. The former, now a resident of Punxsutawney, married Mary Trusell, and has three children—Harry, Annie and Mintie. Mary became the wife of Christ Akerman, of Pittsburg, where her death occurred.

Our subject grew to manhood on the old homestead, learning the shoemaker's trade during his youth. Feeling his country needed his services during the Civil war, he enlisted in July,

1861, in Company I, 62d P. V. I., under Capt. Means, of Brookville, and was sworn into the State service at Pittsburg, and into the United States service at Washington, D. C., where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac under General McClellan. His first engagement was at Hanover Court House, where both armies met with a heavy loss, and this engagement was followed by the battles of Chancellorsville, Gaines Mill, Malvern Hill, the seven-days' battle of the Wilderness, and Burnsides' campaign. At Chancellorsville the Rebels were repulsed and many prisoners were captured. Mr. Smith later took part in the battle of Fredericksburg, and was on duty until the battle of Gettysburg, where he was taken prisoner, and incarcerated in Libby at Richmond, Va., for some time, after which he was confined at Belle Isle for three months. He was then paroled and taken to the exchange camp at Annapolis, Md., where he remained two months to recuperate his health. Rejoining his regiment near Petersburg, he was in that campaign of 1864, and was always found at his post of duty, and in the hottest of the fight, until honorably discharged at Pittsburg after three years and thirteen days of faithful and arduous service.

After his return home Mr. Smith, in December, 1864, was married to Miss Annie E. Engelbach, of Jefferson county, a daughter of Rev. John F. and Margaret Engelbach. Her father was a native of Germany, and after coming to this country labored in the ministry of the Reformed Church until called to the world beyond. Mr. Smith began his domestic life upon a farm in Young township, Jefferson county, but at the end of three years sold out and purchased the George Reding farm. Later he bought the old homestead where he lived for five years, and then leased his coal and sold the farm to his brother Adam. He next purchased the Crawford Gourley farm in Perry township, to which he removed in 1882, and has since made his home there. He has erected a large two-story frame house, substantial barns and outbuildings, and has made many useful improvements which add to its valuable and attractive appearance, making it one of the most desirable country places as well as one of the happiest homes in the township.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: George, born in July, 1865, died at the age of five years; Frank, born in September, 1867, died of scarlet fever in 1870; Emma, born in April, 1870, died in August, 1877; Amanda, born in October, 1872, died in September, 1877; Laura, born in March, 1875, died in October, 1877; Clark M., born in February, 1878, pursued his studies in the public schools until 1894, then attended the Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg for two terms, and for the last three terms has been a student in the Indiana Normal. He is a very bright young man, and always stands at the head of his classes. Annie L., the youngest of the family, was born February 25, 1883, at the present home of the family, and attended the select schools at Sprankle Mills and at Worthville.

Our subject always gives his political support to the Democratic party, and has held the office of school director six years in Young township and four years in Perry township. Both he and his wife are prominent and active members of St. John's Reformed Church in Perry township, and are people whose sterling worth and many excellencies of character commend them to the confidence and high regard of the entire community. In days of peace as well as on Southern battlefields Mr. Smith has manifested his loyalty by his support of all worthy enterprises for the public good.

THOMAS B. ADAMS, one of the most prominent and influential farmers of Porter township, has spent almost his entire life in Jefferson county, his birth occurring in 1840, in Porter township, where his parents, Richard and Martha (Kennedy) Adams, located at an early day.

Thomas Adams, Sr., the grandfather, was a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., whence he removed to Indiana county, and in 1839 took up his residence in Porter township, Jefferson county, where he purchased property from James Hamilton and developed a farm. He was twice married, having two children by his first wife, one, a daughter, Mary Ann, now the wife of Hugh McDivit, a farmer of Porter township. Their children are: Rebecca, wife of Charles Kelsey; Catharine, wife of Clark Walker, of Jefferson county; Richard, who is married and lives in Indiana county; M. B., who is married and resides in Porter township; Mattie, wife of J. C. Mathews, of Armstrong county, Penn.; E. A.; and Thomas M., who is married and lives in Elk county, Penn. Thomas Adams, Sr., by a second marriage, had other children, two of whom are now living, viz.: T. T. Adams, of Porter, Penn., and R. B. Adams, who lives in Minnesota; both are well-to-do farmers.

The father of our subject was born in 1819, in Indiana county, where he grew to manhood and was married in 1839. Soon afterward he came to Jefferson county, locating upon a part of his father's first purchase in Porter township;

known to-day as the old Adams home. He transformed the wild land into a good farm, erected a hewed-log house and round-log barn, but in later years made more substantial and modern improvements. There he died in October, 1890, at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife passed away in July, 1893. They were widely known and highly respected.

Thomas B. Adams is the oldest in their family of twelve children, all born in Porter township. (2) E. C. is now Mrs. D. C. McGregor, who resides in Porter township, and has seven children. (3) E. A., a resident of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, married Emeline Skinner, and has seven children. (4) M. J. married R. C. Skinner, of Indiana county, where they reside with their seven children. (5) Rev. J. K. was educated in Allegheny county, Penn., and in 1873 was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being now located at Big Run. He married Sadie Hawthorne, but has no children. (6) J. Q., a farmer of Porter township, wedded Mary E. Young, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and has two children. (7) Mary A. is the wife of William Chambers, of Indiana county, and the mother of several children. (8) Lavina is now Mrs. William T. Miller, of Porter township, and has three children. (9) Margaret is the wife of James D. Blose, of Perry township, and has seven children. (10) R. T. graduated, first at the Edinboro Normal School and afterward at Allegheny College, Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., where he received the degree of A. M. He is now principal of the high school at Waynesboro, Penn. He married Minnie Waldon, and has one daughter. (11) Minerva and (12) William are twins. The former is the wife of H. H. Miller, of Porter township, by whom she has five children. The latter married Florence Graffins, and lives in Punxsutawney; they have one child.

Upon the old homestead Thomas B. Adams grew to manhood, obtaining his education in the public schools of the locality. On attaining his majority, in 1861, he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company B, 78th P. V. I., under Capt. Hillbury. He enlisted and was mustered in at Kittanning, Penn., whence he was ordered to Louisville, Ky., becoming a member of the Army of the Cumberland, under Generals Buell and Rosecrans. His first engagement was at Green River, and on August 9, 1862, one of his limbs was injured in a railroad accident. He was taken to a hospital at Nashville, Tenn., where he was subsequently discharged on account of physical disability. In December, 1862, he returned home, but the following June he re-enlisted in Company B, Second Battalion, under Capt. C. B. McLain. He was then with the Army of the Potomac, under Gen. Meade, for seven months, after which he was again discharged. While in Nebraska, in August, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, First Nebraska Regiment, and was sent to Fort Kearney to subdue the Indians, who were very troublesome along the border of Kansas and Nebraska, killing ranchmen and committing other depredations. In October, 1864, Mr. Adams participated in an engagement against the Indians at Smith's Ranch, in Nebraska, and the following month was again mustered out of service.

Mr. Adams spent the winter in Nebraska teaching school, and then went to Helena, Mont., on a prospecting trip, remaining there until October, 1866, when he proceeded to Salt Lake City. After a short time spent in that place he went to Los Angeles, Cal., next to San Francisco, and in 1867 returned to his Pennsylvania home by way of the Isthmus of Panama and New York. In that year he married Miss S. J. Howard, of Jefferson county, a daughter of William and Emily Howard, prosperous agriculturists of Porter township. They began their domestic life upon a part of his father's old homestead in Porter township, which Mr. Adams purchased, and followed farming in the summer and teaching school in the winter. In 1874 he removed to Brookville, where for three years he served as commissioners' clerk. On resigning he returned to Porter township and purchased the William Howard homestead, where he has since resided. He has become the owner of other valuable farming property, including the Van Horn place. He has met with fair success in his chosen calling, and is now accounted one of the most substantial and reliable business men of the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Adams have been born nine children: (1) Emma E., born in Porter township, in 1868, was educated in the common schools, and is now the wife of George A. Park, of Jefferson county, who operates a portion of her father's farm. They have five children—Thomas F., Charles, Ernest, Elva and Harry. (2) Cynthia E., born in January, 1870, is at home. (3) Mary C., born in December, 1871, is the wife of David Doak, of Porter township, by whom she has four children—Sadie A., Lizzie, Maggie, and William. (4) James W., born in October, 1873, is at home. (5) Charles H., born in January, 1876, in Brookville, is now attending the Dayton Academy. (6) Vinie M., born in October, 1877, (7) Maggie J., born in September, 1879, (8) Julia I., born August 12,

1883, and Belva M., born in August, 1890, are all at home.

Reared as an Old-line Whig, our subject became a Republican on the organization of that party, and has ever taken an active and prominent part in local politics. He has been called upon to serve in a number of official positions of honor and trust, being commissioners' clerk three years, auditor's clerk ten years, justice of the peace from 1883 up to the present time, and county auditor for a term of three years. He was elected to the last, in 1896, and is still creditably filling that office. He is a man of sterling worth, upright, honest and reliable, and as a neighbor and citizen none are held in higher regard or are more deserving the confidence of their fellowmen. In all the relations of life he has been found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, and has capably discharged all official duties. He and his wife are conscientious and earnest members of Zion Methodist Episcopal Church; he has held the position of class-leader for twenty years, and those of recording steward and Sunday-school superintendent about half the time since 1877. He is at this date class-leader, Sunday-chool superintendent, recording steward and trustee of said Church, and in social circles his family occupies a prominent place.

AMMON CLYMER JOHNS, a leading farmer and coal operator of Oliver township, Jefferson county, is a native of the county, born in Beaver township, February 25, 1866. His father, Joseph Johns, a retired farmer of Punxsutawney, was born about two miles from Lebanon, Penn., March 19, 1831, a son of Samuel and Magdalena (Neil) Johns, who were natives of Ireland and of Lebanon county, Penn., respectively.

The grandfather of our subject came to America with his parents in 1801, and for many years resided in Lebanon county. He served as a soldier in the Colonial army during the war of the Revolution. About 1821 he removed to Youngstown, Penn., and thence came to Jefferson county, locating in Clover township, where he followed farming for a number of years. He held a number of local offices, and was regarded as one of the leading citizens of the community. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious belief was a Lutheran. He died in May, 1880, at the age of eighty-three years, and was buried in St. John's Churchyard, in Rose township. His wife died in August, 1879, at the age of eighty-four. Their children were: Jacob, a retired farmer of Brookville, Penn.; Isaiah, a farmer and lumberman of Knox township, Jefferson county; Samuel and Cyrus, deceased; Lida, widow of Benjamin Thomas, of Beaver township, Jefferson county; Elizabeth, widow of Michael Brocious, of Beaver township; Isaac, a farmer of Ohio; Joseph, father of our subject; Mary, wife of Jacob Lehman, who is living on the old homestead in Jefferson county; Moses, a retired farmer of Brookville; Henry, an agriculturist living near Bellevue; Eli, a twin brother of Henry, and living in the same neighborhood; Lelia, deceased wife of John Burns; and John, who follows farming near Bellevue, Jefferson county. Samuel Johns, the father of this family, was extensively engaged in farming, and at one time owned 700 acres of land in Jefferson county, valued at $50,000. When he was a lad his father offered him a deed to 100 acres of land, which is now comprised within the limits of Pittsburg, if he would move to that place with him, but not wishing to go among strangers, he declined the offer. His mother had died when he was seven years old, so that he was not reared with the family.

Joseph Johns, father of our subject, was reared on the family homestead, and when twenty-two years of age removed to Beaver township, where he remained until 1870. He then located in Oliver township, on the farm now occupied by our subject, and in 1875 opened a coal mine, which he continued to operate in connection with his agricultural pursuits until October, 1893, since which time he has lived a retired life in Punxsutawney. During the war he was drafted for service, but on examination at Waterford, Penn., was rejected. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he contributes to its support. On March 24, 1853, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, he wedded Miss Mary A. Hoch, who was born in that township January 17, 1836, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Brocious) Hoch, who were natives of Schuylkill county, Penn., and came to Jefferson county in 1835. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johns became the parents of the following named: Elmira I., wife of John B. Smith, a farmer of McCalmont township, Jefferson county; Reed B., a merchant of Panic, Penn.; John C., who married Anna Finch, and follows farming in Ohio; George F. M., of Punxsutawney, who married Maggie Hopkins, and is a brakeman on the railroad; Minerva A., widow of Dr. Curtin A. Thursh, and now general agent of a book firm; Ammon Clymer; Joseph P., who married Bertha Hoy, and is engaged in lumbering in Cortez, Penn.; Edith J., wife of Carl Jordan, a

farmer of Oliver township; Ina M., at home; Mary C. and Salina M., who died in childhood.

Reared to manhood on the family homestead, Ammon Clymer Johns, when a young man of nineteen, went to Huron county, Ohio, where he worked in a stone quarry and at farming for a year. He then returned home, and on attaining his majority removed to Cowlitz county, Wash., where he followed lumbering for two years. He afterward conducted the "Calamy Hotel," located on the Columbia river, in Cowlitz county, for a year, and subsequently followed surveying in California and Oregon. He afterward took up two claims, of 160 acres each, in Cowlitz county, but has now disposed of these. In November, 1891, he returned to Jefferson county, Penn., and purchased of his father his present homestead, comprising 117 acres of land, mostly under cultivation. In 1885 he opened a mine, which he is now successfully operating, his farm being underlaid with an excellent quality of coal. He has been offered $6,000 for his place, but refused to sell at that price. He is a very industrious, energetic man, and his industry, perseverance and good management have brought to him success. He was married October 3, 1889, at Vancouver, Wash., to Miss Frances Paul, who was born in Klinger, Northumberland Co., Penn., June 14, 1871, a daughter of Gabriel R. and Amelie (Weist) Paul, who were also natives of that county, whence they removed in April, 1878, to Cowlitz county, Wash. The father followed blacksmithing until 1891, but is now extensively engaged in farming. His political support is given the Republican party. He was born in April, 1852, his wife in February, 1855, and both are still living. The members of their family are: Frances P.; Jacob and Gabriel, both now deceased; Savilla, wife of George Gray, a merchant of Freeport, Wash.; and Timothy, deceased. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Johns was Jacob Paul, a native of Northumberland county, who followed farming and blacksmithing. He married a Miss Hanna, who was born in Germany. The maternal grandparents were John and Lucy (Bisel) Weise, of Northumberland county, where the former died and the latter is still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Clymer Johns have an interesting family of three children: Edna M., born August 6, 1890; Myrtle G., born November 26, 1892; and Bessie A., born January 1, 1894. The parents have a very pleasant home in Oliver township, and its hospitality is proverbial. Their friends throughout the community are many, and Mr. Johns is alike prominent in social and business circles. Obstacles have been laid in his path to success; but he has steadily worked his way upward, and is now one of the substantial citizens of the community.

DANIEL WISE, of the firm of Wise Brothers, proprietors of "Hotel Sykes," in Sykesville, is a native of Jefferson county, his birth occurring in Henderson township, January 19, 1866. His parents, Adam and Mary (Conrath) Wise, were both born in Germany, whence the father came to the United States in 1837, with his parents, Adam and Barbara Wise, who located in Henderson township, Jefferson Co., Penn., and there spent their remaining days. Their remains were interred in Union cemetery, Clearfield county.

The parents of our subject are still residents of Henderson township, where the father is successfully engaged in farming. He was born in 1834, his wife in 1840. Both hold membership in the German Reformed Church, and in politics he is a stanch Democrat. Their children are: Louisa, now the wife of A. J. Haag, a school teacher of Clearfield county; Daniel, of this review; Henry, who is in partnership with our subject; Katie, twin sister of Henry, now residing in Clearfield, Penn.; Mary, who makes her home in Reynoldsville, Penn.; Louis, at home; Sallie, who is with our subject; and Elizabeth, Milton and Susannah, still at home.

Until he had attained his majority Daniel Wise remained under the parental roof, assisting in the work of the farm and pursuing his studies in the local schools. On leaving home he engaged in teaming for three years, and then embarked in merchandising, in connection with F. C. Bonnett, at Sykesville, but at the end of three years and a half sold his interest in the business. He and his brother, Henry C., have since conducted the "Hotel Sykes" with remarkable success, and under their able management it has become a great favorite with the traveling public. Our subject, since reaching the age of twenty-one, has also successfully engaged in dealing in horses, doing an extensive and profitable business along that line. In politics he favors no political party, preferring to use his right of franchise in support of the men whom he thinks best qualified to fill the offices. He is a self-made man, having made all he possesses by his own industry, diligence and economy, and is entitled to high praise for his commendable activity.

In Brookville, Jefferson county, June 2, 1892, Mr. Wise was married to Miss Bertha Bonnett, a native of Henderson township, and they now

have an interesting son, Frederick W. They hold a high position in the social circles of the community, and have hosts of warm friends.

JAMES W. WACHOB, a well-known lumberman and agriculturist of Henderson township, Jefferson county, has an honorable record as a citizen and business man, and also distinguished himself by his gallant service as a soldier during the Civil war. Enlisting as a private in 1861, at the age of twenty-one, he was made a corporal in 1863, a fourth sergeant in 1864, orderly sergeant in November, 1864, and was commissioned second lieutenant January 1, 1865, and first lieutenant June 3, 1865. Through all the years of the war he shrank from no duty or hardship, and except when in hospital because of wounds he missed none of the engagements of his regiment.

His family is of Scotch origin, James Wachob, his grandfather, having crossed the ocean at an early day to make his home in Pennsylvania, locating first in the Tuscarora Valley and later in Jefferson county, which was then a frontier region. John Wachob, our subject's father, was born in Perry township, Jefferson county, in 1813, and after his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hallowell, settled in McCalmont township, where he purchased 140 acres of woodland and cleared it for a homestead. He died there in 1877, and his wife survived him twenty years, being fatally burned on May 1, 1897, as the result of an accident which set her clothing afire. They had a large family of children, of whom our subject was the eldest. (2) Edward, born in February, 1842, in McCalmont township, died at the age of five years. (3) Sarah, born April 24, 1844, was educated in the common schools near the homestead, and became the wife of A. J. Sheesly, a farmer of Jefferson county. After remaining there some years they moved in 1883 to a farm near Burlingame, Kansas, where they now reside. They have had ten children—John P. Kerney; George; Thomas, who was killed in a railroad accident; Norman; the twins, Gilbert and Frank, of whom the latter died in childhood; Ella; Joseph, and William. (4) George, born August 11, 1846, is a blacksmith by trade, and, after some years of residence in Big Run, moved to his present home at Wichita, Kansas. He married Miss Elizabeth Depp, of Jefferson county, and has had four children—Charles, Mattie, Allie and Maggie. (5) Eliza, born January 13, 1849, married John Varner, of Jefferson county, and they now reside near Richardsville. They have had nine children: Clara, John, Nannie, Susannah, Jeddo, Horace G., Dwight, Karl, and Clementine. (6) Peter, born March 3, 1850, learned the blacksmith's trade in Clearfield with Amos Kennard, and located in Mount Vernon, Jefferson Co., Ill. He married Miss Colorado Clark, of that locality and has five children. (7) John, born December 2, 1852, attended the common school near the homestead during boyhood, and then took a full course in Mount Union College, in Ohio. On graduating he entered the Methodist ministry, and is now (1897) the pastor of a Church at Los Angeles, California.

He married Miss Ada Dailey, and has five children—Carl, now sixteen years old; May, fourteen years; Wallace, seven years, Paul, six years; and Charley, three years of age. (8) Julia A., born September 9, 1855, married John G. North, a farmer in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, who died in April, 1897. His wife survived him with ten children—Joseph, who married Miss Agnes Wolf, of Jefferson county, and now resides in McCalmont township; Adda L., Naomi E., Margery, Sarah, Christina, Walter, John W., Beatrice, and Jane, all at home. (9) William D., born August 26, 1857, has always resided at the old homestead. He married Miss Susannah Jones, of Walston, Jefferson county, and has had six children—Sarah, Lizzie, Martha, Annie, Nanie, who are all at home, and Emma, who died in childhood. (10) Charles, born May 2, 1862, died at the age of three years.

James W. Wachob was born April 25, 1840, and grew to manhood at the old farm. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. Hastings, of Punxsutawney, the regiment being organized at Pittsburg and then sent to Washington, D. C. From there they went to Alexandria, Va., to help in building Fort Lyons, and early in 1862, while at Camp Jennison, Mr. Wachob was taken ill with typhoid fever and sent to a field hospital. On his recovery in the fall of the same year he rejoined his comrades, and after having one engagement with the enemy in Occoquan, Va., they went by boat to Fortress Monroe, landing March 17, 1862, and soon afterward they went to Yorktown, where they had another battle. Following this they had frequent skirmishes until May 4th, when they pursued the Rebels to Williamsburg and won a victory in a battle there. Their next engagement was at Fair Oaks on May 31st and June 1st, 1862, half the members of the regiment being killed or wounded. On June 29th came the battle of Savage Station, and on the next day they took part in the struggle at Charles City Cross Roads, while on July 1st they were at Malvern Hill. From that point they marched to

Harrison's Landing, on the James river, and, crossing the Peninsula to Yorktown, they took boat for Alexandria and from there went to Manassas Junction. On August 27, 1862, they had a battle at Briston Station, and then followed the second engagement at Bull Run, on August 29th and 30th, and the battle of Chantilly on September 1st. On the latter date they fell back to Alexandria, where they remained a short time, then marched to Poolsville, Md., crossing the Potomac near Ball's Bluff, by way of Leasburg to Fredericksburg. They arrived at Fredericksburg in time to have a hand in the bloody battle of December 12th and 13th, and then fell back across the Rappahannock and marched under Burnside's command to winter quarters near Falmouth, where they remained until spring. On May 3, 1863, in the battle of Chancellorsville, Mr. Wachob was wounded in the right thigh, necessitating a long stay in hospital. He returned home on a furlough, but reported for duty in July, 1863, and was in the engagements at Auburn Mills, Va., on October 13, Kelly's Ford, October 27, and at Locust Grove on November 27. Mr. Wachob's term of service then expired, but he re-enlisted for three years more. In January, 1864, another furlough was granted, and during his stay at home he was married to Miss Sarah C. Palmer, of Jefferson county, a daughter of Isaac and Mary Palmer. On February 9, 1864, he rejoined his regiment at Brandy Station, Va., and remained in camp until early in May, when they marched to the scene of the battle of the Wilderness, which occurred on May 5th, 6th and 7th. From that time there was almost continual skirmishes, marked by the more severe struggles at Spottsylvania Court House on May 11th and 12th, North Anna on May 23rd and 24th, and Cold Harbor, June 3rd, 4th and 5th. On June 15th they joined the forces at Petersburg, where they remained until April 2, 1865, the severest fighting occurring July 28th, at Deep Bottom, on August 15th and 16th, and on October 27th, at Hatcher's Run. Shortly after leaving the vicinity of Petersburg they met the enemy at Sailor's Creek, on April 6, 1865, and at Farmville, on April 7th, and marching on to Appomattox Court House they were present at Lee's surrender. They then marched to Washington to take part in the Grand Review, and on July 19, 1865, Lieutenant Wachob was discharged. On his return he and his wife made their home on a portion of his father's farm and remained six years, when he bought one hundred and thirty acres of partly improved land known as the old Irley farm, and this place has now been transformed under his management into one of the best homesteads in Henderson township. A two-story frame residence, a bank barn, and other buildings have been erected, and the greater part of the land has been cleared and brought under cultivation.

Mr. Wachob has always been identified with the Republican party, and he takes an active part in various local movements, chiefly those of a non-political nature. He possesses more than ordinary intellectual ability, and is prominent socially as a member of J. W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, F. and A. M., at Punxsutawney; the Order of American Mechanics Lodge No. 362, at Big Run; the Order of Maccabees of the World, and the Union Veteran Legion at Punxsutawney. In religious faith he and his wife are Methodists, being active members of the Church at Big Run. They have a bright and interesting family of children, but their first child, Mary, who was born August 12, 1866, died at the age of fifteen. (2) U. S. G., born November 25, 1868, married Miss Caroline Reiter, of Henderson township, and now resides on a part of his father's farm. They have two children—Mary E. and Orin, both at home. (3) John W., born July 31, 1870, married Miss Mabel Craft, of Jefferson county. After his marriage he bought property near his old home, and has since resided upon it. He has one child, Rosa. (4) James I., born October 17, 1873, (5) Mark, born March 11, 1876, and Frank D., born October 3, 1878, are at home with their parents.

SYLVESTER S. HAMILTON, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Punxsutawney and one of its representative citizens, was born August 12, 1852, in Indiana county, Penn., of which county his parents, James A. and Isabel (Sutton) Hamilton, were also natives. Early in life the father learned the tanner's trade which he followed for about twenty years, but in 1861 he embarked in merchandising in Indiana county, where he also did an extensive business as a dealer in horses, buying and shipping in large numbers. In 1867 he moved to Big Run, Jefferson county, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits and lumbering until his retirement in 1893. He died in April, 1897, at the age of seventy-three years. Squire Hamilton, as he was familiarly known, was justice of the peace for over twenty-five years, and, until laying aside business cares, he was numbered among the leading and prominent business men of the county. His wife passed away in 1883.

Dr. Hamilton's primary education was obtained in the schools near his boyhood home.

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He was subsequently a student in the Covode Academy. When a young man he engaged in teaching during the winter term, and continued to devote his attention to his studies during the summer, attending school, in 1869, at Lebanon, Ohio. He completed his literary course, however, in the university at Scio, that State. In 1875 he took up the study of medicine, Dr. William Altman, now deceased, being his preceptor. Later, he attended lectures at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He was finally graduated from the Columbus (Ohio) Medical College in 1878. Forming a partnership with his old preceptor, Dr. Altman, he at once began practice, and for the past twenty years has been located in Punxsutawney, where he also conducts a prosperous drug business. Unusually successful, he has gained quite a reputation as a skilled practitioner, and occupies an enviable position in the ranks of the medical fraternity.

In 1876 Dr. Hamilton was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Eleanor, daughter of Ralston Mitchell, of Jefferson county, and to them was born a daughter, Cecil Beatrice. The wife and mother departed this life July 24, 1890, and on February 11, 1892, the Doctor was again married, his second union being with Miss Sarah J. Gourley, a daughter of Robert Gourley, a prominent farmer of Jefferson county.

While he has never courted political honors, Dr. Hamilton is an active worker in the interests of the Republican party, doing all in his power to insure its success. His many Republican friends have urged him to become a candidate for the General Assembly from Jefferson county. He is a prominent member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Knights of Pythias lodges of Punxsutawney. He is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, of which he has served as president; a member of the State Medical Association; a member of the American Medical Association; and also a member of the National Association of Railway Surgeons. Earnest Christians, the Doctor and his wife are active and consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as elder for the past fifteen years. As a physician and as a true citizen, he is held in high esteem by all with whom he comes in contact, and during his residence in Punxsutawney he has made many warm friends.

ADAM H. KEITZ, who follows general merchandising at Ohl, Beaver township, Jefferson county, was born at the old Brocious homestead, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, April 28, 1866.

A son of Peter R. and Catherine (Brocious) Reitz, he is on both sides descended from German ancestry. The first of the family in America was his great-great-grandfather, who purchased 1,000 acres of land in Northumberland county, Penn., and divided it among his four sons. Michael Reitz, the great-grandfather, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., but removed to Northumberland county, where he spent his remaining days. He married Catherine Snoke, and their son John became the grandfather of our subject. He was born in Northumberland county, and there met and married Margaret Smith, a native of the same county. In 1833 he brought his family to Jefferson county, and followed farming until his death in 1881, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife died in 1880, at the age of eighty-two years and nine months. Their children are: Isaac, a farmer of Oliver township; Mollie, widow of George Barkhouse, a farmer of Pinecreek township, Jefferson county; Michael, who is living retired at Sandy Valley; Saloma, widow of John Reinhart, of Oliver township, Jefferson county; Harry (deceased); Peter R.; Mary, wife of Henry Emerick, who operates a sawmill.

The maternal great-grandfather of Mr. Reitz was Jacob Brocious, who came from Germany to America at an early day. His son Peter was a native of Centre county, Penn., and married Lair Delph, of Northumberland county.

On October 1, 1857, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, Peter Reitz was married to Catherine Brocious, and to the union were born the following children: Sarah J., wife of Levi Phyler, of Beaver township; Cornelius, a carpenter of the same township; Elizabeth E., wife of Frank Blyler; Albert F., a stone mason; Adam H., of this review; John, a carpenter of Knoxdale, Penn.; Emanuel L., a stone mason; Catherine A., of Brookville, Penn.; and Emma S., Rebecca and Charles W., at home. The father of this family during the Civil war was drafted, September 4, 1864, and served for nine months and fifteen days under Capt. Pierce. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he is a Democrat. In early life he followed carpentering, but was forced to abandon this pursuit on account of his sufferings from rheumatism occasioned by hardships in the war. He is a man of sterling character, and now follows general farming.

Adam H. Reitz, of this review, is a self-made man, who without educational or other advantages to fit him for life's practical and responsible

duties, has steadily worked his way upward by determined purpose, untiring energy and perseverance. When twelve years of age he began working as a farm hand, but his wages were given to his father until he had attained the age of eighteen. He then served a two-years' apprenticeship to the stonemason's trade under his brother Albert F., and was then in partnership with him for seven years. They did contracting for bridge work, and carried on a successful business until 1892, when the partnership was dissolved, our subject having in the meantime embarked in general merchandising. He purchased his store December 23, 1890, and in 1894 built his present substantial store building. He carries a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise, and his courteous treatment of his customers, and his honorable business methods have gained him a liberal patronage.

On March 12, 1890, in Brookville, Adam H. Reitz was married to Miss Rebecca Haugh, who was born in Roseville, Jefferson county, December 25, 1861, a daughter of Valentine and Maria (Shaffer) Haugh, the former of Northampton county, the latter of Jefferson county, Penn. Her father was a carpenter, and died on a farm in Beaver township, April 14, 1875, at the age of fifty-one years. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and in politics was a Democrat. His wife was born April 27, 1843, and after the death of Mr. Haugh she married Jacob Shick, of Clarion county. By her first marriage she became the mother of the following named: Mrs. Reitz; Sherdon, an undertaker of Michigan; Solomon, a stage-driver of Montana; Charles S., who is connected with an oil refinery in Indiana. By her second marriage Mrs. Shick had four children: John, a school teacher; William; Jesse and Ollie O.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Reitz were born two children: Clyde E. and Anna B. L. The parents have a wide acquaintance in Jefferson county, and are highly esteemed by many friends. Mr. Reitz gives his political support to the Republican party, and in 1891 was appointed by President Harrison to the position of postmaster of Ohl, in which capacity he is still creditably serving. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a citizen whose public-spirited and progressive interest in the welfare of the community has been of material benefit to his native town.

GEORGE I. ZUFALL, a veteran of the Civil war, holds a place among the leading citizens of Henderson township, Jefferson county, where he has been engaged in agriculture and lumbering for many years.

The Zufall homestead is one of the oldest farms in that locality, having been settled at a very early day by our subject's parents, Samuel and Mary (Gardner) Zufall, who were born and reared in Fayette county, Penn., and came to Jefferson county soon after their marriage. Samuel Zufall bought 200 acres of the Gaskill lands, and, after building a log cabin with a stone chimney, he and his worthy wife began housekeeping in true pioneer style, having wolves, bears and panthers as near neighbors. The visits of the latter were not of a kind to be encouraged, as they carried away much stock and necessitated constant watchfulness by night as well as by day. As time passed, the industry of the young couple created a comfortable home, and other settlers coming added the pleasures of social life and brought wider business opportunities. A hewed-log house took the place of the rough cabin at the Zufall farm, and still later a plank house was built, and at this residence, in 1882, Samuel Zufall died. His wife, who had shared with him all the hardships of the early days, is still living. They had a numerous family of children, all of whom were born at the homestead. (1) Jacob, born January 1, 1839, in early manhood located on a farm in Henderson township, but a few years ago he sold out to the Bell, Louis & Yates Coal Co., and moved to Big Run, where he now conducts a feed store. He married Miss Annie M. Gray, of Armstrong county, Penn., and has had seven children—William, who is married and resides in Big Run; Samuel, who is married and resides in Henderson township; Ollie O., John and James, who are not married; Jane, now Mrs. Albert Neibergh, of Big Run, and Lavinia, Mrs. Jacob Weaver, who resides near Du Bois, Clearfield county. (2) Alexander Zufall married Miss Lizzie Hileburn, of Bell township, Jefferson county, where they now reside on his farm. They have eight children: Josiah, who is single and lives at home; David and John, both unmarried; Lydia, who married Jack Kuntz, formerly of Westmoreland county, Penn., now of Bell township, Jefferson county; Mary, who married Isaac Crossman, formerly of Armstrong county, and now of Jefferson county; Lottie, Mrs. Samuel Campbell; Miss Sarah A. and Miss Elvira, who are both at home. (3) Josiah married Miss Charlotte Piper, of Henderson township, and now resides on a part of his father's old home. He has four children—David, Elory, Lawrence and Viola. (4) Catherine, born June 28, 1842, married Jacob G. Rudolph, and they have ever since resided on his farm, one mile

north of Big Run, in Henderson township. They have a large family of children: George I., who married Miss Lina Ludwic, and has his home in Henderson township; David and Josiah, both unmarried; Edward, who married Miss Clara Smeyers, of Henderson township, and now resides at Sugar Hill, Jefferson county; John, Jacob, Solomon, the twins William and Willis, and Mary, none of whom are married; and Lydia, who is now Mrs. Lynn Smeyers, of Henderson township, and has two children—Ora Grace and Hervon. (5) Mary A., born June 21, 1846, married William Foltz, a real-estate owner at Big Run, where they now reside. They have seven children: Jacob, who married Miss Maggie McLinsey, and resides in Big Run, has two children—Allen and Calantha; Mary, who married Andy Rhodes, and resides in Henderson township, has four children—George, Jacob, Catharine and Guy; Naomi, Charlotte and Worth are at home; John died in infancy; Christina died in childhood. (6) Christina, born November 1, 1850, married George Pifer, of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, and died there. She had five children: Samuel, who married Miss Maud Loudon, and lives at Big Run, has one child—Leroy; Thomas, who is single; Katherine, who married Solomon Shipler, a farmer of Henderson township, and has two children—Cleveland and Elmer; Bertha, who married John Shank; and John, who died in childhood. (7) Lydia, born February 14, 1853, married Philip Kuntz, then of Henderson township, Jefferson county, but now resides on a farm in Brady township, Cal. They have had eleven children: Mary, who married Christ Webber, of Brady township, Clearfield county; and Henry, James, Samuel, Wesley, Jacob, Reuben, Harvey, George, Vada and Alonzo, all are at home. (8) Sallie, born August 4, 1844, died at the age of seven years.

George I. Zufall was born July 19, 1840, and grew to manhood at the old homestead, his education being acquired at the local school, where he attended three months each winter, during boyhood. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B, 206th P. V. I., under Col. Brady, and after a short stay at Camp Reynolds for drill and equipment, was sent to Baltimore, and from there he went by boat to City Point, Va. His regiment marched to Bermuda Hundred, where the men lay in the open field one night, then proceeded to Peach Orchard to join the forces under Gen. Grant. For a time they served on picket duty at Crow's Nest, and then, marching to Dutch Gap, they built Fort Brady, where they remained until in October, 1864, when they marched to winter quarters at Fort Harrison, in front of Richmond. Their time was mainly spent in guard duty until the evacuation of Richmond by Lee's forces, in April, 1865, when they packed up their belongings and marched into the deserted city, picking up a number of prisoners on the way. The regiment, which was the first of the Union army to enter the city, encamped for the first night in Capital Square, and then took up their quarters at the Poor House, where they remained until June, 1865. They received their discharge papers at Lynchburg, Va., June 26, 1865, and, returning to Camp Reynolds, were mustered out of the service on July 3rd. On coming home Mr. Zufall resumed his work at the homestead, which he had purchased before his father's death. On May 17, 1867, he married Miss Sarah M. Rudolph, of Big Run, and, after keeping house for a time in the old house, he built for himself a small house on the place. In 1893 he built his present residence, a large two-story frame house containing all the modern improvements. He has cleared a large portion of the farm, removing the stumps, and his fields are among the most fertile in the township. He is an intelligent and public-spirited man, and takes great interest in educational affairs, having served two terms as school director. He has always affiliated with the Republican party, and in his religious views he is a devout Methodist, he and his entire family being leading members of the congregation of Big Run. Of his five children, the first born, Samuel J., died in infancy. (2) John, born April 12, 1870, was educated in the local schools, and is now in charge of the work at the homestead. He married Miss Lavina Muth, daughter of Philip and Magdaline Muth, well-to-do agriculturists of the same township, and has one child, Orville Osberne. (3) Laura S., born December 26, 1873, married O. L. Jack, of Armstrong county, Penn., who located at Apollo, Penn., and spent one year in the iron works there, but has since been a resident of Jefferson county. At present he is connected with a sawmill at Big Run. Three children were born to this union, Lester O., Paul and James. (4) Andrew P., born September 2, 1879, resides at the homestead. (5) Lony J., born December 18, 1886, died September 29, 1887.

URIAH J. MATSON. In America labor is king, and the sovereignty that her liberty-loving people acknowledge is that of business. The men of influence in a community in this enlightened age are its enterprising, progressive representatives of commerce, and to this class belongs Mr. Matson, of Falls Creek, who is one of

the proprietors of the largest brick plant in Jefferson county, and is a business man of more than ordinary ability.

He is a native of the county, his birth occurring July 14, 1867, in Brookville, where his parents, R. M. and Elsie (Busby) Matson, still reside, the former being a prominent and successful merchant and lumberman of that place. Our subject is the oldest of three sons, the others being George R., a business man of Brookville; and Norman D., a plumber of the same city. The parents are Methodists in religious belief, and the father is a stalwart Democrat in politics. His parents were Uriah and Minerva (Reynolds) Matson, natives of Jefferson and Clarion counties, Penn., respectively, and the former was a son of John and Mary (Thompson) Matson. The Thompson family was from Ireland, and quite prominent.

In the public schools of his native city our subject obtained a good practical education, which was supplemented by a course in the Clarion State Normal. Thus well fitted for the responsible duties of business life, he began his career as a lumberman, and for four years was interested in that industry. Subsequently for the same length of time he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Brookville, but in 1891 sold his store and came to Falls Creek, where he embarked in his present enterprise, as an extensive manufacturer of brick. His plant, which is equipped with modern improved machinery, has a capacity of 30,000 brick per day, and as the product turned out is first-class in every particular it finds a ready sale at the highest market price. His clay banks seem to be almost inexhaustible, and will easily supply the demand for fifty years at least. The plant is conveniently located one mile west of Falls Creek, and in its operation our subject has met with excellent success. As a man of strict integrity and sterling worth, he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life. In politics he is independent, but usually supports the men and measures of the Democratic party.

In 1893 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Thompson, a young lady of intelligence and culture, who was born and reared in Brookville, and is descended from an honored pioneer family. Her parents are John J. and Mary E. (Darr) Thompson, the former a son of John J. Y. Thompson, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was an early settler of Jefferson county, where he did considerable surveying during pioneer days. He later conducted the "American Hotel" in Brookville, and engaged in the same business at other places. His children were: Kennedy; John J., who was reared in the hotels, and later engaged in the lumber business; Annie; Albert C.; Robert M.; Ella; and Clarence, who was killed while fighting for his country during the Civil war. As her mother died when she was quite young, Mrs. Matson knows but little of her maternal ancestry except that they were of German descent and pioneers of Jefferson county. Her uncle, Joseph Darr, is a resident of Jefferson county, and a lumberman by occupation. She was born January 27, 1871, and by her marriage has become the mother of two children: John J., born November 5, 1893; and Elsa T., born November 7, 1895. Mrs. Matson is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and with her husband occupies a leading position in social circles.

JAY C. BOOHER, M. D., one of the most prominent young physicians and surgeons of Jefferson county, has been since 1892 successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in and around Falls Creek.

Born in 1867, in Washington township, Armstrong county, Penn., the Doctor is a son of Jacob and Sarah Ann (Bowser) Booher, the former of whom was born in Bedford county, Penn., in 1830. Frederick Booher, father of Jacob, was a native of France, whence he emigrated to the New World in 1829. He located in Bedford county, where he engaged in milling for some time, but later removed to Armstrong county, and turned his attention to lumbering and farming throughout the remainder of his life; his death occurred in that county. There the father was reared, and upon the farm which he cleared and improved in Washington township he still resides. To Jacob Booher and his wife were born the following children: Abraham, a farmer of Armstrong county; Catherine, wife of William Wyant, of the same county; Evaline, wife of Mr. J. W. Frick, of Verona, Allegheny Co., Penn.; Mrs. Painter, wife of F. M. Painter, of Pittsburg, Penn.; S. F., the present sheriff of Armstrong county; F. B., a farmer of that county; Jay C., of this review; and Libbie and Annis, both at home.

Dr. Booher began his education in the public schools of Armstrong county, later becoming a student in the Read Institute and Clarion Normal of Clarion county, Penn., and prepared for his profession in the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, which he entered in 1889. At the age of sixteen he began teaching, a profession he followed three years. Immediately after his graduation, in March, 1892,

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he located at Falls Creek, and now enjoys an extensive practice, his talent and culture having gained for him an honorable position in the medical fraternity.

On October 25, 1893, at Falls Creek, Dr. Booher was united in marriage with Miss Blanche L. Taylor, a native of Du Bois, Penn., a daughter of Hon. J. P. Taylor, now a resident of Du-Bois, this State. The Doctor is a leading member of the Jefferson County Medical Society; of the State Medical Society; of the American Medical Association; and is medical examiner for the Knights of the Maccabees, to which order he belongs, and for the New York Life, and the Pennsylvania Mutual of Philadelphia. He is also connected with Garfield Lodge No. 559, F. & A. M., of Du Bois; of the Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter No. 225, of Brookville; and Knapp Commandery No. 40, at Ridgway; also affiliated with Falls Creek Lodge No. 957, I. O. O. F., and with the Rebekah branch of the latter order. The Doctor is much interested in blooded horses, and is the owner of one of the most valuable colts in America, Blanche B., registered and standard, sired by Star Pointer, record 1.59¼, the fastest pacer in the world, dam Tommy Hunter by Bay Tom; he also drives the finest road team to be found in the county.

M. M. MOORE is one of the most genial and whole-souled men of Washington township, Jefferson county, where for many years he has been prominently identified with the agricultural and lumber interests.

This enterprising gentleman is a native of Elk county, Penn., his birth occurring near Centreville, April 8, 1841, and is a son of James L. and Sarah (Rogers) Moore, and grandson of Andrew and Margaret (Akens) Moore. The grandfather was born in County Derry, Ireland, whence when a lad of sixteen years he emigrated to America, locating in Centre county, Penn., where he married and worked at the Washington Furnace for some time. He also owned and operated a small farm, but in 1834 came to Jefferson county, where he improved a place, and throughout his active business life continued to follow farming and the manufacture of sugar. He died in 1877 at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. In religious faith he and his wife were Presbyterians. Their eight children are all living, and make their homes within a short distance of one another. They are James L., Edward M., Mrs. Mary A. Stewart, Mrs. Frances Best, Mrs. Margaret N. Hannold, Andrew E., Jacob, and David B.

James L. Moore, the father of our subject, was born in Centre county, and was sixteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to their new home in Jefferson county. As a young man he went to Elk county, where he married, and spent ten years, but at the end of that time returned to Jefferson county, and purchased a tract of wild land, to which he was obliged to cut a road, the country at that time being so little developed. He continued to the improvement and cultivation of his farm until recent years; since the death of his wife, however, he has made his home with his children. Farming has always claimed the principal part of his attention, but he also converted his own timber into square lumber, and engaged in speculating to a limited extent. In early life both he and his wife joined the Baptist Church, and ever lived in harmony with its teachings. Of their twelve children, four died in infancy, and the others are as follows: M. M., of this sketch; Mrs. Malvina M. Perrin; Martha J. and Mary L. (twins), the former now Mrs. Thompson and the latter Mrs. Hetrick; Mrs. Esther V. Hetrick; Andrew U., who is operating the old homestead farm; James, a mechanic; and Alva B.

In the country schools M. M. Moore pursued his studies to a limited extent during his boyhood and youth, but his training at farm work and lumbering was not so meagre, and he became very proficient in those vocations, which he has since successfully followed, beginning the latter at the age of sixteen. He remained at home until his marriage, which important event in his life occurred in 1870, Miss Elizabeth Perrin becoming his wife. Her father, Nathan Perrin, was from New York, and became one of the early settlers of Warsaw township, Jefferson Co., Penn., where he purchased a large tract of land, improved a farm, and extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber, having a sawmill upon his place. There his death occurred in January, 1877, having for twenty years survived his wife, who died in 1857. One of their six children died in childhood, and the others are as follows: Mrs. Lucretia Moore; Ephraim, a farmer; Mrs. Helen Moore; Mrs. Dorinda Ferguson; and Elizabeth, wife of our subject. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore, but one died in infancy. Those living are: Fred A., a teacher by profession; James W., at home; Edna, who is attending the State Normal; and Mabel, Maud, Emily and Hepsie, all five at home, as is also Earl M., born in February, 1894. After his marriage Mr. Moore purchased a small tract of wild land, which he at once began to improve and cultivate, and, as his financial resources have increased, has extended its bound-

aries until he now has 200 acres of rich and arable land divided into two farms. Of his home place he has fifty acres under cultivation, and has twenty-five of the other. His residence is a commodious two-story frame house pleasantly located five miles northwest of Reynoldsville, and is surrounded by neat and substantial outbuildings. In early life he was a Democrat; but believing the temperance question the most important issue before the people, he now affiliates with the Prohibition party, and has capably filled a number of township offices. As a citizen he justly merits the esteem and confidence which is always accorded him, and gives his support to all worthy enterprises intended to advance the welfare of his township and county. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 217, of Brookville, and his estimable wife holds membership in the Baptist Church.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS JENKS. Public life is an excellent test of personal worth as well as of mental ability, especially in an office in which the people are directly interested, and the efficient young postmaster at Punxsutawney has scored a distinct success by an administration that meets the approval of the entire community. Mr. Jenks was, however, well-established previously in the confidence of his fellow citizens, having spent his life in Punxsutawney, where he was born May 3, 1869.

The Jenks family is well-known in Punxsutawney. His parents, John W. Jenks, a native of Jefferson county, and Eliza (Richey) Jenks, a native of Armstrong county, Penn., having settled in the locality many years ago. The father read medicine in early life, but has never practiced, preferring a business career, in which he has been quite successful, much of his attention having been given to his tannery. A man of quiet disposition, he has never sought prominence, but he enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. His estimable wife suffered a stroke of paralysis in 1893, from which she never entirely recovered. She died August 17, 1897.

Charles Augustus Jenks was educated mainly in the schools of his town, graduating from the High School in 1887. He then pursued some advanced studies under private instruction, and also taught at various times as a supply in the public schools before engaging in business. From 1888 to 1894 he was employed in the freight office of the P. & N. W. R. R., his work being interrupted by his appointment by President Cleveland on February 16, 1894, to his present office. He was the youngest third-class postmaster in the United States, at that time, and his success is the more conspicuous for the reason that the Punxsutawney office handles more mail than any other in Jefferson county. In political faith, Mr. Jenks has always been a Democrat, but had never aspired to official honors, and never held any public office until he was chosen to the one which he now fills. Socially, as well as in business and political life, he is popular, and he has shown himself a loyal friend to progress in every line of effort. At the age of eighteen he united with the C. P. Church, and when only twenty was made an elder. Since that time he has served almost continuously as clerk of the session. It is a notable coincidence that his grandfather was the first elder ever installed in that Church.

On April 7, 1897, Mr. Jenks was married to Miss Kate E. Empfield, a daughter of Isaac and Clarissa Empfield, early settlers of Indiana county.

LESLIE E. CAMPBELL, one of the most reliable, energetic and progressive young business men of Jefferson county, is engaged as manager of the lumber business of A. Bell & Son, at Bell Port, where since the death of his father he has had charge of the mills, and has been remarkably successful in their operation. On the 1st of December, 1896, he had over 2,500,000 feet of lumber in his yards. From present indications we predict for him a most brilliant future, as he is a young man of good executive ability and sound judgment.

Mr. Campbell was born in 1872, in Jefferson county, where his father, J. B. Campbell, spent his entire life. The latter early engaged in the lumber business, and became a prominent contractor and dealer in square timber and sawed lumber. The last seventeen years of his life were spent in Bell Port, as manager of the mills at that place. He was a wide-awake, enterprising man, of known reliability, and his name was a synonym for honorable business dealing. He had the respect and confidence of all who knew him, and in his death, which occurred in December, 1893, the community recognized that they had lost a valued and representative citizen. His wife, who still survives him, bore the maiden name of Emily Bullers, and by her marriage became the mother of seven children, as follows: Bertha, Leslie, Sadie, John B., George, Florence and Edna. All are still at home with the exception of Bertha, who is now the wife of John Plyler. Mrs. Campbell is a

sincere and earnest Christian, a devoted member of the Baptist Church, and is beloved by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance.

Our subject obtained his elementary education in the public schools of Port Barnett, but subsequently attended the Brookville schools, and took a business course at the Rochester (N. Y.) Business College. He then accepted a position in the Brookville National Bank, where he was employed for two years, and was then called home to take charge of his father's affairs, which he has since so ably managed. He is a member of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Lumberman's Association, and in politics is identified with the Republican party. Mr. Campbell is one of the prominent young men of the community, and a leader in social and business circles. Whether in public or private life, he is always a courteous, genial gentleman, well deserving the high regard in which he is held.

EDWARD BARRY. There is probably no man in Young township, Jefferson county, wider or more favorably known than Mr. Barry, who is an honored veteran of the Civil war, and one of the most enterprising agriculturists of his community.

A native of the county, he was born in 1841, in Bell township, and is a son of Patrick and Jane (Kendell) Barry, the former a native of Queenstown, Ireland, and the latter of London, England. The father was but eight years old when he came to America, and was numbered among the first settlers of Jefferson county, Penn., where he engaged in farming and lumbering throughout life. As a pioneer he was recognized as one of the important factors in the progress and development of this region, and he assisted in clearing away the trees and grubbing the stumps from the present site of the flourishing city of Punxsutawney. He died in 1880, after surviving his wife a number of years, her death occurring in 1867.

The educational privileges afforded our subject were very limited, as the schools of the county were then quite primitive and held but short sessions during the year. Early in life he began his business career by working in the lumber woods and assisting in clearing and improving his father's land. When the tocsin of war sounded he donned the blue, enlisting in Company A, 82nd P. V. I., and was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, in June, 1864. Being removed to the Alexandria hospital, he had his left leg amputated quite near the body, and for many years has resorted to the use of an artificial limb. On receiving his discharge he returned to Pennsylvania, and was engaged as a Star Route Mail contractor until 1881. In 1884 he was chosen by his fellow citizens as county commissioner, and so satisfactorily did he fill that responsible position that he was re-elected, serving in all six years. His services were always in the interests of his constituents, and he left the office as he had entered it with the confidence and respect of the best people of the county. Since his term expired he has turned his attention to farming, but has been continuously called upon to serve in minor positions, at the present time being road supervisor.

In December, 1866, Mr. Barry was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Carr, a daughter of Moses Carr, of Jefferson county, and, of the eight children born to this union, seven are still living: Patrick, Robert, Joseph, Susannah, Thomas, Jane and John. The mother is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and while not a member of any religious denomination, Mr. Barry is a strong believer in the Golden Rule, and is inclined toward the faith of the Baptist Church. Fraternally he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias and the Grand Army of the Republic; politically he is identified with the Republican party, taking a very active part in its work and strongly advocating its principles. Well posted on the leading questions and issues of the day, he votes intelligently, and conscientiously discharges every duty of citizenship.

SAMPSON KIRKER, a thorough and skillful agriculturist of Washington township, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, has spent his entire life in Jefferson county, his birth occurring in 1841, in Snyder township.

James Kirker, his father, was a native of Butler county, this State, and when a young man came to Jefferson county, where he met and married Miss Sarah McClum, and here spent his remaining days, dying in 1867. The children of this couple were as follows: (1) John died, when a young man, in Jefferson county. (2) George wedded Maria Bolinger, of Jefferson county, where he owns and operates a farm. His children are: Joseph, Clarence, Charles, Frank and Margaret. (3) Sarah A. died in Jefferson county in early womanhood. (4) Margaret is the wife of Charles Dunn, of Erie, Penn., and has four children—Winfred, Lewis, George and Ethel.

During the early manhood of our subject the Civil war broke out, and he manifested his patriotism and loyalty to his country by enlisting, in 1861, in Company H, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. A.

H. Tracy, and was sworn into the United States service at Pittsburg, where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, under Gen. McClellan. His first engagement was at Williamsburg, which was followed by the battle at Fair Oaks in 1862 and the seven-days' fight near Malvern Hill. After some time spent at Harrison's Landing, the regiment was placed on guard duty at the Alexandria railroad, and while guarding Bristow Station three companies were captured, but on the following day were paroled on the field and sent to the parole camp at Annapolis, where they were exchanged in the winter of 1863. Mr. Kirker was among the number. From Annapolis they marched to Fredericksburg, where they were held in reserve until the following spring. In May they participated in the battle of Chancellorsville, where the Union loss was very heavy, and this was followed by the battle of Gettysburg, where Mr. Kirker was seriously wounded in the right leg by a minie ball. He was first taken to a Baltimore hospital, from there to Washington, D. C., and later to Philadelphia. On his recovering he rejoined his regiment in the spring of 1864, and took part in the battle of the Wilderness, where he was again wounded in the right leg. He was then confined in a hospital in Washington until honorably discharged, August 31, 1864, and on his return home followed lumbering for some years. In 1867 he was married to Miss Hannah Place, of Hickory Kingdom, Clearfield county, a daughter of Jacob and Margaret Place, well-known agriculturists. They began their domestic life in Jefferson county, where he continued to follow lumbering until 1881, when he purchased the William McGee farm in Washington township, where he has since made his home, his attention being principally given to the cultivation and improvement of his place, which is one of the best farms in the locality. He has erected a large and comfortable residence and also a good barn. To this marriage have come seven children: Orpha married Thomas H. Spurs, of Reynoldsville, who died there in 1896, leaving a wife and one child—Annie M.; Bertha is with her parents; J. C. married Annie M. Warwick, of Clarion county, Penn., and with their one child, Mary P., they reside in Jefferson county; George C. is at home; Ida J. is the wife of J. G. Warwick, of Reynoldsville, by whom she has one daughter—Mary C.; Clara and Margaret A. are at home.

In politics our subject is a stanch Republican, and he has filled the positions of inspector of elections, and roadmaster for two terms. He is a sturdy, honest, intelligent citizen, a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Falls Creek, and enjoys the esteem and high regard of all classes of people. His industrious habits and genial warm-heartedness endear him to all with whom he comes in contact, and he is justly regarded as one of the representative citizens of his township.

ADAM J. ELDER. Among the agriculturists of Jefferson county, who have attained success from a financial point of view, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is the owner of a large farm pleasantly situated in Union township, three miles north of Corsica, and is one of the most progressive and energetic citizens of this section of the country; in fact, a complete master of his chosen calling.

Mr. Elder was born July 5, 1854, in Clarion township, Clarion Co., Penn., a son of William S. and Lucy (Kifer) Elder, and a grandson of John and Margaret (Scott) Elder. The last named, who was a native of Ireland, was married in Pennsylvania, and both she and her husband died in Centre county. Their children were Mathew, Samuel, John, William, Robert, Martha, Margaret, Catherine. The sons all became residents of Clarion county, where with one exception all died. In religious belief the grandparents were Methodists.

William S. Elder was born in Franklin county, Penn., but was reared in Centre county, and after attaining to man's estate removed to Clarion county, where he married Lucy Kifer, a daughter of Adam and Anna Kifer, of Westmoreland county, Penn. Her parents were of German descent, and early settlers of Clarion county, where the father improved a large farm and spent his remaining days. In early life they were Lutherans in religious belief, but later joined the Baptist Church. They had twelve children, namely: Esther, Sarah, Lucy, Margaret, Catherine, Amanda, Jacob, Joseph, Miles, Ellen, Nannie and Clara. By a former marriage seven children were born to Mr. Kifer: John, Samuel, Abraham, Polly, Christina, Henry, and Andrew J.

After his marriage William S. Elder located permanently in Clarion county, where from a heavily timbered tract he developed a fine farm, making his home there until called to his final rest, September 9, 1887. During early life he, for sixteen seasons, engaged in the manufacture of coke for furnaces. He was a member of the State militia, and one of the best drilled men in his company. Being reared in the Methodist Church, he always loyally adhered to that faith, and with the same Church his widow is also iden-

Lizzie M. Elder.

A. J. Elder

tified. She is still living at the old homestead in Clarion county, at the age of sixty-nine years. Their children were: Margery J., wife of James L. Douglass; Adam J., the subject of this sketch; Glenn D., deceased; Anna S., wife of G. W. Ion; Clark, a farmer at the old homestead; Alice, who is with her mother; and William, also an agriculturist.

During his boyhood, Adam J. Elder pursued his studies in the home schools, at the same time being reared to the honest toil of a farmer, and also becoming familiar with lumbering. He has ever been a systematic, industrious and progressive farmer, and with his brother was the first to bring a traction thresher into Clarion county, operating the same here for several years. He is now the owner of 315 acres of valuable land in Union township, 150 of which are under a high state of cultivation, and in connection with general farming he furnishes lumber camps with provisions, grain and hay, a business that has proved quite profitable. Being a strong temperance man, Mr. Elder is an ardent supporter of the men and measures of the Prohibition party. He is a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as steward, class-leader and trustee, and as superintendent of the Sabbath-school. He is public-spirited in an eminent degree, and has always done much in behalf of his county's interests, and for the general welfare of the community. His wife is also an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and they are the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances who honor and esteem them for their many virtues and genuine worth.

Adam J. Elder has been twice married, first in June, 1879, to Miss Martha Dunn, who was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and died June 27, 1882, leaving two sons: Oran P. and Forest M., both at home. Her parents were Joseph and Nancy (Fleming) Dunn, the former born in Ireland, the latter in Clarion county, Penn., of Irish ancestry. They were married in Clarion county, where the father followed farming, and where both died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Fleming (deceased); John, a merchant of Reynoldsville; Martha; Abel, a merchant of Reynoldsville; and Nannie, wife of G. D. Elder.

On March 29, 1883, Mr. Elder was again married, this time to Miss Lizzie M. Orr, a lady of intelligence and culture, and they have two sons, both at home: Wade L., born April 19, 1884; and J. D., born December 3, 1886.

Joseph D. Orr, the father of Mrs. Elder, was born February 5, 1837, in Philadelphia, a son of William and Martha (Dunn) Orr, natives of County Derry, Ireland, who had landed at Philadelphia in 1837, a short time prior to the birth of their son. In the following year they removed to Clarion county, and, in 1839, located on the present site of Corsica, in Jefferson county, where his father converted the heavily-timbered land into a good farm. There he died in March, 1896, aged eighty-two years, and his wife in March, 1897, aged eighty-three, both being members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of eight children: Joseph D.; William J., John H., Matilda M. and Nancy J. (both deceased), Thomas F., Albert S. and George B. McClellan.

From the age of two years Joseph D. Orr was reared on his father's farm in Jefferson county, early learning lessons of industry, honesty and uprightness, and when eighteen he started out in life for himself as an employee in the woods. Four years later he commenced jobbing on his own account, and step by step worked his way steadily upward until he became one of the leading and most successful lumbermen in the county. He was also interested in farming and in other lines of business, and, as he was a man of sterling integrity, honorable dealings and superior business ability, met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings. At the age of nineteen he united with the Presbyterian Church, of which he remained a faithful member until his death, which occurred March 27, 1894.

Mrs. Joseph D. Orr, who is still living, bore the maiden name of Miss Mary J. Gaston, and was born December 10, 1840, in Jefferson county, a member of an honored pioneer family. Robert Gaston, her father, a native of Westmoreland county, accompanied his parents to Jefferson county, where he followed the occupation of farming, and married Eliza Manners, who died in 1855. Three children blessed that union: James M., who died in childhood; Mary J., mother of Mrs. Elder; and John C., a farmer of Kansas. The parents were both earnest members of the Presbyterian Church. By a second marriage Mr. Gaston had four children: William R. (deceased); Robert M., who is engaged in farming in the State of Washington; Mrs. Emma Ingram; and Mrs. Laura Brady. To Joseph D. and Mary J. Orr were born eight children: William R., who died at the age of eight years; Lizzie M., wife of our subject; Ferdinand W., who died at the age of four years; Matilda M., who died at the age of nine months; Bertha J., wife of H. T. Baker; Elva S., who died at the age of five months: Maggie J., who died at the age of

twenty years; and Nannie O., at home. They also have an adopted son, Joseph R., now eight years old.

JACOB G. RUDOLPH. Among the first settlers who ventured into the forests of Jefferson county were Jacob and Elizabeth Rudolph, the grandparents of the well-known citizen whose history is here outlined. They came from Westmoreland county and purchased land in Bell township, where they passed their remaining years, the homestead which they cleared and improved being that now known as the George Davis farm. Jacob Rudolph died in 18—, and his worthy wife survived him but a few years. They had eight children: Abraham, who resides in Minnesota; John, our subject's father; Jacob, who died in Minnesota; Isaac, a soldier in the Civil war, now deceased; Christiana, widow of John Tawney, of Westmoreland county, Penn.; David, Levi, and Daniel. Of these, John Rudolph was born in Westmoreland county, in 1818, and coming to Bell township, Jefferson county, with his parents, he remained there until 1859, when he sold his property and purchased 106 acres of timber land in Henderson township, where he made his permanent home, building a hewed-log house and a round-log barn, and cleared the land for agricultural purposes. He died in 1897. His wife, who passed away in 1893, was Susan Shetterly, a member of an old and highly respected family of this State. Her parents came from Union county to Jefferson county, at a very early date and settled in the wilderness. Our subject was the eldest of a large family; (2) Elizabeth, was born in Bell township, in 1844, and married Jacob Kraemer, formerly of Fayette county, Penn., and now a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county. They have seven children—John, Lydia, William, Elizabeth, Ellie, Jessie and Allen. (3) Susanna, who was born in Bell township, in 1846, married Philip Kraemer, a lumberman of Du Bois, and has ten children--Catherine, Jennie, Sadie, Samuel, Joseph, George, Myrtle, Lydia, Guy, and Emma. (4) Christiana, born in 1848, in Bell township, married Daniel Fultz, of Jefferson county, and moved to Armstrong county, where she died in 1896. She had six children—Mary, Susan, Eliza, William (who died in 1897), Lee, and Maggie. (5) Sarah, born in 1850, married George I. Zufall. (6) Lydia, born in 1852, married Solomon Gressman, a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county, who also follows the carpenter trade. They have four children—Clifford, Lloyd, Celia and Cora. (7) Mary, born in 1856, married Andrew Shepler, a farmer and carpenter in Henderson township, and has four children—Philip, Nora, Minnie and Amos. (8) John, born in 1857, died at the age of twenty-three. (9) Samuel, who was born in 1860 on the homestead in Henderson township, now resides in Big Run borough. He married Miss Caroline Pifer, of Jefferson county, and has two children—Zula and Florence. (10) William, born in 1864, in Henderson township, is still a resident of that locality. He married Miss Minnie Reed, of Jefferson county, but has no children. (11) James, born in 1867 in Henderson township, died in infancy.

The subject of our sketch was born in January, 1842, at the old home in Bell township, and as his youth was spent mainly in farm work he received but a limited education. In May, 1864, he was married to Miss Annie C. Zufall, daughter of Samuel and Mary Zufall, wealthy agriculturists of Henderson township, Jefferson county. After his marriage Mr. Rudolph bought his father's homestead in Henderson township, Jefferson county, and has since resided there, clearing and improving the place. About ninety acres have been prepared by him for tilling, and the whole place is kept in a high state of cultivation. In 1884 he built a large bank barn, 50 x 60, and in 1891 his handsome and commodious dwelling house was erected, with all modern improvements. Lately he has bought twenty-five acres between his home and Big Run, and his wife has purchased thirty-six acres in the same locality, so that they now own a very fine property, much of which is underlaid with the Eleanor coal vein. Mr. Rudolph has always been a liberal supporter of churches and schools, and can always be relied upon to assist in any worthy cause. He and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Big Run, and their family have taken an active part in the various lines of work. Politically he is a Republican, and has held the office of supervisor two terms, and he has twice served as school director.

Eleven children have blessed his home, all of whom are living: (1) George I., born May 4, 1865, is a mason by trade, and owns a fine property in Henderson township, where he makes his home. He is not married. (2) David E., born in January, 1867, is a carpenter by occupation, and is unmarried. (3) Edward C., born in July, 1869, is a resident of Sugar Hill, Henderson township. He married Miss Clara Smeyres, of the same township, but has no children. (4) Mary S., born in August, 1871, received an education in the public schools, and now resides with her parents. (5) Josiah, born in July, 1873,

is also at home. (6) Lydia C., born in September, 1875, married Lynn Smeyres, of Henderson township, and they have two children—Ora and Herr von McKinley. (7) John F., born in October, 1877, is a mason by trade, and is unmarried. (8) Jacob G., Jr., born in October, 1879; (9) Solomon P., born in February, 1882, and the twins, (10) Willis A. and (11) Willie A., born in December, 1885, are all at home.

DANIEL B. SMITH, an influential citizen and successful general farmer and stock-raiser of Winslow township, Jefferson county, is one of the self-made men of the community. He now represents a very valuable property, all of which he has accumulated by his own perseverance and industry. Since reaching manhood he has distinguished himself as a liberal, public-spirited citizen, interested in the development of the county, and always willing to contribute to its prosperity and welfare.

Mr. Smith was born August 29, 1842, in Northumberland county, Penn., where the birth of his parents, Philip and Sarah (Boob) Smith, also occurred. There they continued to reside until 1854; when they removed to Jefferson county, Penn., locating in Beaver township, but in 1865 they came to Washington township, Jefferson county, where the father followed farming for many years, but is now living retired. The mother died on the home farm, February 11, 1890, at the age of sixty years, and was laid to rest in the Henry Smith graveyard in Winslow township, Jefferson county. The father was born in 1822, and although well advanced in years still enjoys good health. He has always been identified with the Democratic party, and is a member of the Reformed Church. In his family are the following children: Sarah, who died in infancy; Daniel B., of this sketch; Franklin, a farmer of Beach Woods, Jefferson county; Jonathan, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits and the sawmill business at the same place; Miranda, who is with her father; Emanuel, a farmer of Beach Woods; Samuel, an agriculturist of Northumberland county, Penn.; William, at home; and Lydia A., wife of Reuben Hetrick, of Falls Creek, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of our subject, Michael Smith and his wife, were natives of Northumberland county, Penn., where the former spent his entire life upon one farm, dying at that place at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. His father, Peter Smith, also passed away on that farm. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Mike and Sarah (Swinehard) Boob, who also lived in Northumberland county. In religious faith they were Lutherans, and in politics he was a Democrat.

During his boyhood and youth, Daniel B. Smith attended the local schools and continued to assist in the cultivation of the home farm until twenty-two years of age, when his father gave him $25, and he started out to make his own way in the world. Until his marriage, in 1868, he worked in the lumber woods and in sawmills, but in the following spring he went to Omaha, Neb., where he remained four weeks, while the next eight weeks were spent in cutting cordwood on the Missouri river, near Leavenworth, Kans. Going to Michigan, he there worked by the day for a few months, and then proceeded to Ohio, continuing to travel until the following October, when he returned home. In Warsaw township, Jefferson county, he was employed in a sawmill for two years, after which he and his brother, Jonathan, contracted to cut and carry to market 300,000 cubic feet of lumber, which they accomplished in one winter. He continued to work in the woods until purchasing his present farm—a valuable tract of eighty-eight acres, which he has transformed into one of the most desirable places of Winslow township. He first bought fifty-six acres from Charles Prescott for $25 per acre, but was able to pay only $200 down, and was to take two rafts of timber from the place each winter for three years, which would finish paying for it. In 1883 he purchased the adjoining thirty-two acres now included in his farm. The Democratic party finds in him an earnest supporter, but he has never aspired to official distinction, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business interests. Religiously he is a member of the Reformed Church. He is popular, and is the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances who honor and esteem him for his many virtues and genuine worth. In 1868, in Jefferson county, Mr. Smith married Miss Sarah Hetrick, who died the same year, and on the 29th of September, 1873, he married Miss Elizabeth Hetrick, her sister. They have become the parents of the following children: Albert, who died in infancy; Peter, Edward and Adam (twins), Mary E., and Sarah H., all at home; Samuel, who died at the age of five years; and Charles, Franklin, William, Catherine, Israel and Daniel F., all at home.

The birth of Mrs. Smith occurred in Armstrong county, Penn., May 29, 1854. Her parents, Peter and Catherine (Himes) Hetrick, were natives of Northumberland and Clarion counties, Penn., respectively. They were married in Clarion county, where the father is now living,

and is engaged in farming. The mother departed this life in Washington township, Jefferson county, April 28, 1872, aged sixty-two years, and was buried in the Emerickville cemetery. The father has since married Mrs. Caroline Wonderling, who was the widow of William Hines. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious belief is a Lutheran, to which faith the mother of Mrs. Smith also adhered. Her paternal grandparents, Michael and Christiana (Reitz) Hetrick, were natives of Northumberland county, and died in Beaver township, while the maternal grandparents, Jacob and Catherine Hines, were also natives of Northumberland county, and passed away in Clarion county.

In the family of Peter and Catherine (Hines) Hetrick were fourteen children, namely: Catherine, now the wife of Louis Schwab, a blacksmith of Venango county, Penn.; Jacob, John, William and George, all deceased; David, a teamster of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Sarah, who became the first wife of our subject; Martin, a farmer of Washington township, Jefferson county; Reuben, a laborer of Falls Creek, Penn.; Amos, also an agriculturist of Washington township; Elizabeth, the present wife of our subject; Caroline, wife of Gilbert Thompson, a laborer of Brockwayville, Penn.; Louis, a teamster of Reynoldsville; and Tillie, wife of Jasper Carles, a miner of Winslow township, Jefferson county.

EDWARD McLAUGHLIN, who follows farming and lumbering in Rose township, Jefferson county, was born in Farmington township, Clarion Co., Penn., in 1842.

Charles and Margaret (Downey) McLaughlin, his parents, were both natives of County Derry, Ireland. The father spent his early life there, and his first marriage occurred in his native land. On coming to America he located in Lancaster county, Penn., whence he removed to Clarion county, and some years afterward to Jefferson county, where he engaged in furnace work. For a period prior to his death, however, he devoted his energies to farming. The mother of our subject came with her parents to the United States in her youth, and was married in Butler county, Penn. Her death occurred in 1866.

Edward McLaughlin received but limited school privileges in his youth, for the schools were of an inferior character, and his assistance was needed in the development of the home farm, where he was early trained to habits of industry. He remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he responded to the call of his country and exchanged the life of a farm for that of the camp and the battle-field. Enlisting in Company E, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves, he served with that command for about a year, when, owing to disability caused by sunstroke and rheumatism, he received an honorable discharge. When he had recovered his health he re-enlisted, in the Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, participating in many engagements and proving his loyalty and bravery on many a battle-field. When the war was over, and the country no longer needed his services at the front, he returned to the duties of home and farm life. He was employed in the lumber woods of Elk and Jefferson counties until 1874, when he located upon the farm which is now his home, since which time he has carried on agricultural pursuits in connection with the lumber business. He owns a good property of seventy acres, the farm is well watered, supplied with good buildings, and has a considerable amount of fruit thereon. The owner is an energetic, progressive man, and to his own efforts may be attributed his success.

Mr. McLaughlin was married, in 1869, to Catherine Brocius, daughter of John Brocius, of Jefferson county. Of their seven children, five are yet living: Minnie, wife of John M. Giffin, of Jefferson county; E. P.; Rose; Elder B.; and Adda J. Mr. McLaughlin supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and has served as school director, but has preferred to give his attention to his business interests rather than to seek for public office.

DANIEL C. McGREGOR, a leading farmer of Porter township, is descended from an honored pioneer family of Jefferson county, which was founded here by his grandfather when most of the county was still in its primitive condition. Amid the primitive scenes of frontier life his children grew to man and woman hood, becoming honored and useful members of society. They bore an important part in the upbuilding and development of this region, transforming the wild, wooded land into beautiful homes and farms.

Malan McGregor, our subject's father, was a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., but at an early day accompanied his parents, Daniel and Catharine McGregor, on their removal to Jefferson county and located upon the farm where our subject now resides. Here the grandfather purchased eighty acres of timber land, built a log house and barn and began to clear and cultivate the place. In his family were eight children, namely: Malan, George, Daniel, William, Levi, Margaret,

Lucinda and Catharine. On attaining to man's estate Malan McGregor was married to Miss Margaret Chambers, who died in 1844, leaving two children: James, now of Indiana county, Penn.; and Daniel C., of this review. During early life the father lived in Porter and Ringgold townships, Jefferson county, but after his marriage to Miss Margaret McClellan, of Indiana county, he removed to that county, where he purchased a farm. This he later sold, and took up his residence in Dayton, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he died some years ago, leaving a widow and four children by his second union—Elizabeth C., now Mrs. John Elmberger, of Armstrong county; Robert, who is married, and lives near Maysville, in Clarion county, Penn.; Margaret, wife of Henry Neal, of Jefferson county; and Scott, who is married, and resides near Dayton.

Daniel C. McGregor was born in June, 1842, in Porter township, on the farm where his father first located, and where his mother died. After that sad event he lived with his paternal grandfather on his present farm until he reached manhood. In 1862 he married Miss Elizabeth Adams, of Porter township, and for one year remained upon the old homestead, operating the farm, but at the end of that time purchased seventy acres of Levi McGregor, adjoining his present home. Two years later, however, he sold out and bought his grandfather's farm, where he has since made his home. In February, 1865, he enlisted in the 78th P. V. I., and remained in the service until the close of the war, when he returned home and resumed farming. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McGregor (Elizy McGregor, a grandchild, makes her home with them): (1) Mary, born on their present home in 1863, is now the wife of James Bush, a farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, by whom she has six children—Della, Lavina, Clark, John, William and Max. (2) J. E., born in 1865, married Zelda Neal, of Porter township, and resides on his farm in that township. Their children are—Lottie, Essie, Harry, Bert and Daniel J. (3) Malan R., born in 1867, wedded Mattie Elkin, and lives in Big Run, Jefferson county. They have three children—Lillie, Frank and Annie. (4) Sarah J. married George Barnett, of Porter township, and with their children, William and May, they now reside in Indiana county. (5) Margaret is the wife of Vest Welchonce, of Rockdale, Jefferson county, by whom she has two children—Sherman and Alva. (6) W. T. wedded May Harrison, of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, where they reside. They have a son, Duff. (7) John, (8) Annie, and (9) Daniel C. are still with their parents. (10) Lula died in childhood, and (11) Minnie died at the age of three years.

Mr. McGregor's ancestors in politics were Old-line Whigs, and since attaining his majority he has been a supporter of Republican principles. For six years he held the office of overseer of the poor, and he has been school director for fifteen years, the duties of both positions being faithfully and conscientiously performed by him. He was reared in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In order to serve his country during the Civil war he was compelled to leave his young wife and small children, but he has always faithfully discharged every duty that has devolved upon him, either in public or private life, and justly merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

THOMAS T. ADAMS, one of the most progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Porter township, Jefferson county, was born on his present farm in 1843, a son of Thomas and Catharine (McConahay) Adams.

The birth of Thomas Adams, the father, occurred east of the Alleghany Mountains, in this State, and he grew to manhood in Huntingdon county. On coming to this section he first located in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, where he married Miss Keziah Dodson, and later took up his residence in Porter township, Jefferson county, there purchasing 357 acres of wild forest land. He erected a log house and barn and cleared 100 acres of the tract, making that place his home until called to his final rest in 1851. His first wife had died in 1840, leaving two children: (1) Richard married and made his home on a farm adjoining his father's until his death. He left a large family of children. (2) Mary A., is now the wife of Hugh McDivitt, a farmer of Porter township. In 1842, Thomas Adams, Sr., married Miss Catharine Fairman, of Jefferson county, and they became the parents of four children, of whom our subject is the eldest. (2) Robert B., born on the old homestead in Porter township, married Rebecca Postlethwait, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and upon a farm in Young township made his home for three years. On selling out he moved to McLeod county, Minn., where he purchased 280 acres of land, and has since successfully engaged in farming. His children are—Gounella, Henrietta, David, Annie, Bertha, Katie, Oris, James and John. (3) Margaret E., born in 1848, was reared in Perry township, and married Isaac M. Depp, of Oliver township, Jefferson county, but

both are now deceased, Mrs. Depp dying in 1884, and her husband a little later. Their children were—May, who died when young; Iona, who became the wife of Mr. Gahagen, and died in July, 1894; Odah, who was killed by a limb falling from a tree; Belle, wife of John Shariah, of Elk county, Penn.; Wade, who is married and resides in Porter township, Jefferson county; Mary, now Mrs. Nell Hines, of Elk county; Mrs. Stella Hines, of the same county; Maggie, who resides in Brockwayville, Jefferson county; and Clyde.

Thomas T. Adams remained on the old homestead until after his father's death, when his mother became the wife of John Martin in 1865, and he then lived at the home of his step-father in Perry township, Jefferson county, until reaching manhood, acquiring his education in the schools of the neighborhood. In 1861, at the age of eighteen years, he joined Company A, 105th P. V. I., was sworn into the United States service at Washington, D. C., and spent the winter at Fort Lyons, near Alexandria. In April, 1862, he went by boat to Fortress Monroe, thence marched to Yorktown and participated in the siege at that place. He served under Capt. John Hastings, of Punxsutawney, and Col. McKnight, of Jefferson county, with the Army of the Potomac. After the siege of Yorktown Mr. Adams' regiment took part in the battle of Williamsburg, in May, 1862, driving the Rebels from the place, and in the next engagement, at Fair Oaks, lost about three hundred men in killed and wounded. Mr. Adams was among the latter, a minie ball having pierced his hand, and from June until September he was confined in hospital at New Haven. He was then sent to the convalescent camp near Fort Ellsworth, where he remained until January, 1863, when he was honorably discharged, and was later exempt from service on account of physical disability. In 1865 Mr. Adams married Miss Minerva J. Means, of Jefferson county, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Means, the former also a soldier of the Civil war. After his marriage our subject located on a farm in Perry township, but later bought his father's old homestead, to which he removed in 1867, and that place has since been his home. His present fine residence was built in 1870, and in 1887 his substantial barn was also erected. He has cleared and placed under cultivation twenty acres, and has made many other useful improvements, so that it is now one of the best farms in the locality. He also has other real-estate holdings in Porter township. Mrs. Adams died in 1869, leaving two children: (1) E. L., born in Perry township, in May, 1866, was educated in the public schools, and is now a farmer of Pike township, Jefferson county. He married Rosie Miller, of the same township, and has five children—William, Roy, May, Gould and Norma A. (2) Ada P. married B. F. Ledig, of Porter township, who is now engaged in blacksmithing in the village of Porter, where they reside. Their children are Harry, Earl, Lillie and Maud.

In May, 1869, Mr. Adams was again married, his second union being with Miss Rebecca Travis, of Porter township, and seven children have been born to them. Minnie W., the eldest, died at the age of seven years. Martha M. began her education in the common schools, later attended a select school at Dayton, Armstrong Co., Penn., and afterward pursued her studies at Smicksburg, Indiana county, at Perrysville one term, at Mt. Union College, Ohio, for the same length of time, and is at present a student at the Clarion State Normal. For seven years she has successfully engaged in teaching, a part of the time as assistant teacher of the high school of Punxsutawney. Virginia B. is at home. Mary has also been provided with a fine education, having attended the Clarion Normal for two terms, and has also engaged in teaching for that length of time. Robert R., who attended the same institution in 1897, is now assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. Homer H., George B. and Bessie E. are all at home.

Mr. Adams has not only provided his own children with excellent educational advantages, but as school director has materially promoted the educational interests of his township. He has reared a family of which he may be justly proud. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has creditably filled the offices of school director, supervisor, overseer of the poor and justice of the peace, being the present incumbent in the last position, to which he was elected in 1893. The family is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

F. B. HARVEY, a representative and leading farmer and lumberman of Washington township, is a fair specimen of the progressive agriculturists who have so largely assisted in the development and growth of Jefferson county, and who are drawing from the soil the important elements of their fortune.

On his present homestead Mr. Harvey was born in 1843, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Braden) Harvey, natives of Delaware county, Penn., whence they came to this region in 1842.

The father purchased one hundred acres of timber land, which he at once commenced to clear and cultivate, and erected thereon a log house and stable. There his wife, who had patiently shared with him all the hardships and trials of frontier life, passed away in 1861, and he was called to his final rest in 1887. The ten children born to this worthy couple are as follows: Margaret still resides on the old homestead with our subject. Phœbe A., born in Delaware county, married Abram Boyer, of Jefferson county, and they removed to the State of Washington, where they still reside. F. B., our subject, is next in order of birth. Charles W. married Miss Smouse, of Minnesota, and they now live in Findon, Montana. Mary J. wedded Francis Smith, of Clarion county, Penn., and they now make their home in Washington. Joseph is a resident of Washington township, Jefferson county. James H. died at the age of fourteen years. Leonard married Sarah Preston, of Washington townsphip, and now lives in the State of Washington. John G. also resides in Washington. Susan E. became the wife of Hugh A. Morrow, of Jefferson county, and they lived near Brockwayville, Penn., where she died in 1890, leaving a husband and eight children—Clarence, Harvey, Rosy, Maggie, Edna, James, Max A. and Raymond.

In much the usual manner of farmers' sons, F. B. Harvey spent the days of his boyhood and youth, receiving a good common-school education, which has well-fitted him for the practical duties of life. In 1863 he laid aside all personal interests, and enlisted in Company B, 135th P. V. I., under Capt. Richard J. Espy, of Brookville, Penn., and was with the Army of the Potomac under General Meade, being sworn into the United States service at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg. For six months he did provost duty in Washington, D. C., and later took part in the battle of Fredericksburg. On the expiration of his term of enlistment he was mustered out at Harrisburg and returned home, but in 1864 re-enlisted for ninety days in defense of the State while the notorious Morgan was on his raid. After being discharged at Pittsburg in the fall of the same year, he again re-enlisted for one year, and faithfully served until the close of the war, taking part in the battle in front of Petersburg and at Bermuda Hundred. The Union troops then followed Lee to Appomattox Court House, where he surrendered to General Grant. Mr. Harvey was also in the battle of Fort Steadman, participated in the grand review in Washington, D. C., and at Alexandria was finally discharged with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

Mr. Harvey has never left the old homestead in Washington township, which he now has under a high state of cultivation, the well-tilled fields plainly indicating the industrious habits and progressive spirit of the owner, who is justly regarded as one of the most enterprising and wide-awake farmers of his community. In 1882 he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Hunter, of Jefferson county, who is a daughter of John and Sarah Hunter, prosperous farming people of Washington township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harvey are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are widely and favorably known throughout the county, where they have always made their home, and are the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciate their sterling worth. Mr. Harvey uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Prohibition party, and faithfully performs every duty of citizenship.

DANIEL McGEE, one of the busiest, most energetic, and most enterprising business men of Bell township, Jefferson county, carries on general farming, and is also successfully engaged in lumbering and butchering. He was born in that township, in 1843, a son of Robert and Catherine (Graffius) McGee. The birth of the father occurred near Bellefonte, Centre Co., Penn., whence during his early manhood he was brought to Jefferson county by his parents, James and Elizabeth McGee, who located near Punxsutawney, in Bell township, where they spent their remaining days, dying some years ago. There were only two sons in their family, the other being Isaac McGee, who spent his life in Young township, Jefferson county.

In Bell township, our subject's father purchased a tract of wild land, which he transformed into a good farm, and thereon reared his family, and died in 1882, aged sixty-seven years. Three of his eleven children died when young; those still living are: William, now a resident of Gaskill township, Jefferson county; Samuel, who was a soldier of the Civil war, and now resides in Bell township, Clearfield county; Daniel, of this sketch; George, who was born in Bell township, and now lives in Gaskill township; James, who is married and makes his home in Du Bois, Penn., where he is foreman on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railroad; Robert C., who is married and resides in Clayville, Jefferson county; and Mary A., wife of Urias Peace, a farmer of Bell township.

Daniel McGee grew to manhood on the old

homestead, acquiring his education in the public schools of the neighborhood, and in 1866 married Miss Mary A. Williams, of Perrysville, Jefferson county, a daughter of Reuben and Lucinda Williams, substantial citizens of Perry township. The ten children born to this union are still living, namely: (1) Ida C., born in Gaskill township, in 1867, was educated in the common schools, and is now the wife of C. A. Leasure, of Indiana county, Penn., who resides on the old homestead purchased by her father. Their children are—John E., Daniel P., and Carl. (2) John, born in Gaskill township, in 1869, follows the carpenter's trade, and resides at home. (3) James, born at the present home of the family, married Caddie Grinder, of Bell township, by whom he has one child, Coreless, and they reside in Cloe, Bell township. (4) Lucy is the wife of Elmer McElwain, of Bell township, and has two daughters, Ella and Dorah. The other members of the family, Harry, Harland V., Ralph, Elma, Pearl and Ethel, are still single and with their parents.

For a few years after his marriage, Daniel McGee resided near Winslow, in Gaskill township, where he followed lumbering and rafting square timber down Mahoning creek to the Pittsburg markets, but in 1871 he purchased a part of the I. C. London property on Mahoning creek, about two and one-half miles east of Punxsutawney. Here he built a commodious house, good barns and other outbuildings, removed the stumps from his land, and made many other valuable improvements, so that it is now one of the finest homes in the locality. In 1891 he purchased a part of the old homestead, and other farming and coal lands in Banks township, Indiana county. Building a slaughter house upon his farm in 1888, he has since engaged in the butchering business, having a market in Punxsutawney.

In politics, Mr. McGee is a Jacksonian-Democrat, has held the office of supervisor of Bell township, auditor nine years, school director, and in 1881 he was elected justice of the peace, and, being re-elected, served two consecutive terms of five years each, one by appointment of the governor for one year, all to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He is now serving his third term by election in the same office, and his rulings have ever been marked by fairness and impartiality. He and his family are connected with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and for the past thirty years he has been an elder in the same, being the youngest man to hold that position in the county. He is modest and unassuming in disposition, courteous and pleasant in manner, thoughtful of the feelings and respectful toward the opinions of others, and has aided his fellowmen with a generous devotion that has won him the highest regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

NEWELL E. HOLDEN, M. D., is a prominent physician and druggist of Corsica, Jefferson county. One of the most exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of a physician. A most scrupulous preliminary training is demanded, and a nicety of judgment but little understood by the laity. Our subject is well-fitted for the profession which he has chosen as a life work, and his skill and ability have won for him a lucrative practice.

Dr. Holden was born in 1855, near Summerville, Jefferson county, a son of Hartley and Alretta (Anderson) Holden, the former a native of Jefferson county, and the latter of Westmoreland county, Penn. For a number of years Hartley Holden was a resident of Wisconsin, but after the death of his first wife he returned to Pennsylvania. Throughout his active business life he was engaged in lumbering and farming, but he is now living retired in Clarion county, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

The common schools of Clarion county furnished Dr. Holden his early educational advantages, and subsequently he pursued a course in Corsica Academy. In 1879 he took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Hindman, and two years later entered the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1883. He at once established an office in Corsica, where he has since successfully engaged in practice. Wishing to further perfect himself in his chosen calling, he, in 1894, took a post-graduate course at the Philadelphia Polyclinics. He has ever been a close student of his profession, keeping well posted on the advancement and discoveries made in the science.

In 1893 Dr. Holden was married to Miss Laura E. Orcutt, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Edward B. and Rachel (McCollough) Orcutt, natives of Maine and Jefferson county respectively. One daughter blessed this union, Anna Laura. Both the Doctor and his wife are earnest members of the Presbyterian Church; fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Order of American Mechanics. In politics, while not an active politician, he never fails to cast his ballot with the Democratic party, and was elected coroner of Jefferson county for one term.

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He occupies an enviable position in social circles, and his pleasant, affable manner has gained him a host of warm friends.

JOHN MILLIRON, one of the brave "boys in blue" during the Rebellion, and at present a representative farmer of Warsaw township, Jefferson county, was born October 21, 1844, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

Our subject is a son of David and Rebecca (Wadding) Milliron, the former a native of Black Lick, Penn., and the latter of Armstrong county, where they were married. For some time the father followed the gunsmith's trade near Putneyville, Penn., was later a resident of Ringgold, Jefferson county, for several years, and then returned to Armstrong county, where he passed away in 1890, at the age of eighty-five years. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife belongs. She still resides at the old homestead in Armstrong county at the ripe old age of eighty-three years. Their children were Dorcas, William (he was a patriot, and gave up his life in defense of his country in the Civil war. He was a member of Company E, 148th P. V. I. In June, 1864, he was taken prisoner by the enemy at Weldon Railroad, and died in Andersonville prison), John, Nancy J., Emaline and George W.

The education of our subject was such as the country schools of his day afforded, and his training at farm work was received mainly upon his father's place. On leaving the parental roof he began working on a farm in Indiana county, Penn., but in 1862 he laid aside civil pursuits to enter the military service as a member of Company E, 148th P. V. I., a part of the Army of the Potomac. For three years he faithfully fought for the old flag and the cause it represented, receiving only one furlough of ten days when he visited his home. He participated in many hotly contested engagements, his first battle being at Chancellorsville, and he was wounded, while in front of Petersburg, where a bullet passed through his left leg. For some time he was unfit for active service, and on being released from the hospital was sent to Trenton, N. J., where he did patrol duty until honorably discharged, July 16, 1865. His arduous service broke down his health entirely, and he still suffers from a number of diseases contracted at that time. Although he receives a pension, it is but a slight compensation for the hardships, sufferings and privations he was forced to endure, and which have left their effects upon him.

For some time after his return home, Mr. Milliron was unable to engage in hard work, his health being greatly impaired for about two years. He has devoted his time and attention mainly to lumbering and farming, and after his marriage in 1867 he purchased a tract of land and improved a farm, but later sold out and bought his present place in 1873. In connection with its operations he has also conducted a shingle mill. He is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, but has never aspired to office, although he acceptably served as constable for three years. In early life he took quite an active and prominent part in Church and Sunday-school work, and is still serving as steward of the Methodist Church, to which he belongs, and of which his wife is also a consistent member.

In 1867 Mr. Milliron was wedded to Miss Mary J., a daughter of Forgus and Nancy (Moorehead) Craven, natives of Indiana and Armstrong counties, respectively. Her mother died July 2, 1893, but her father is still living in Warsaw, Jefferson county, at the age of seventy-three years. They were married in that county, where Mr. Craven located at a very early day, there being only one or two families residing in Warsaw township at that time. Settling in the forest, he for many years engaged in both lumbering and farming. In his family were six children, namely: Mary J., wife of our subject; James (deceased); Clementine; Ella (deceased); Milton J., and William E. The parents both held membership in the Presbyterian Church. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Milliron: Harvey J.; William R., who died at the age of ten years; James E.; May C.; Charles R.; Maud A.; and Reuben M., born June 3, 1885.

DANIEL O. COUCH, Esq., a representative farmer and prominent citizen of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, was born on a farm near where he now lives, September 30, 1846, a son of John and Elizabeth (Ross) Couch, also natives of Pennsylvania. The mother, who was born in Jefferson county, passed away in 1846, when our subject was but an infant, and, later, the father married Elizabeth Kaufman, who still survives. Of the three children born to the first union, two are now living: David W. and Daniel O. Throughout his active business life the father followed lumbering and farming, and took quite an active and prominent part in local affairs. He died in 1893, at the age of seventy-four years.

Daniel O. Couch had the advantages of the common schools of his day, which were much inferior to those of the present time, but he made the most of his opportunities and has become a

well-informed man. He also early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, and his life has been spent in that honored calling, now owning and operating thirty-five acres, which he has improved with good and substantial buildings. In connection with general farming, he makes the culture of fine fruit growing a specialty. He is also interested in stock raising. On February 7, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Lucy, daughter of Robert Miller, a leading citizen of Gaskill township, and to them were born twelve children, of whom seven are still living, namely: Jesse B., Vina, James K., Guy, Minnie A., Paul D. and Wade Hampton. The father has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who passed away in September, 1895, but he has kept his family together at their pleasant home in Gaskill township.

Politically, Mr. Couch has always been an ardent Democrat, and while not an official aspirant, he has held many local positions of honor and trust to the satisfaction of all concerned. In 1884 he was first elected justice of the peace, and since that time has served constantly in that office. Socially, he has affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for twenty-eight years, and, religiously, he holds membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was chosen a ruling elder of the Church some thirty years ago when that body was known as Mount Pleasant Church. In 1891 this Church organization erected a fine new edifice. The Couch family are also identified with this Church. As a citizen he stands high morally, socially and otherwise, and justly deserves an honored place among the leading men of Jefferson county.

JOSEPH DAVENPORT, one of the substantial agriculturists and stock dealers of Jefferson county, a resident of the homestead, is descended from an honored pioneer family. He was born March 24, 1846, at the homestead in Washington township. William and Jane (Miller) Davenport, his parents, were both natives of County Donegal, Ireland, where they were married, and whence, in 1828, they set out for the United States, landing in Philadelphia. In 1839 they moved to Jefferson county, Penn., locating on land in Washington township, which they improved and converted into a fine farm. This was before any lumbering was done in that locality, and the logs, instead of being utilized, were rolled into great heaps and burned. Here William Davenport died in April, 1873, at the age of seventy-three years, for years a widower, his wife having departed this life in April, 1855. In religious faith they were both devout Presbyterians. Six children were born to this pioneer couple, as follows: William resides in Iowa; Jane A. (deceased); Margaret; Samuel was killed in Charleston (S. C.) harbor while serving in the U. S. navy on board the "Patapsco;" Martha; and Joseph.

Joseph Davenport attended the common schools of the neighborhood of his home, and was reared to farming pursuits. At the death of his father he bought the interest of the other heirs in the homestead, which consisted of 160 acres, 145 having been cleared and under good cultivation, equipped with a commodious dwelling, large barn and other outhouses. Here, in addition to general agriculture, he rears some live stock, which he is improving and grading. On February 20, 1868, he was married to Miss Mary Dougherty, who was born in Jefferson county, Penn., a daughter of William and Jane (Smith) Dougherty, the former of whom was a native of Ireland, coming to America with his parents when a small boy. The mother was born in September, 1820, in County Donegal, Ireland, and when a young girl immigrated to this country, landing in Philadelphia when twelve years old, but after a short sojourn there she moved to Chester county, Penn. When she was sixteen years old she came to Beechwoods, and joined the rest of the family, consisting of two sisters and six brothers. William Dougherty died October 8, 1892; the mother, who was a daughter of William Smith, had preceded him to the grave.

Joseph Davenport, in politics, has always been a strong Republican, caring nothing for personal aggrandizement but ever active in the interests of the party. In his family he has not wavered from the rigid discipline characterizing the Scotch-Irish race. "Spare the rod and spoil the child" had no place in the economy of his household. Any of his four boys could give convincing, though perhaps not at all times cheerful, testimony of this fact. All his children have in later life appreciated the rigid discipline that in earlier years was not understood. A more loving, generous father never lived, nor one more willing to sacrifice personal comfort for the welfare of his children, than the subject of this sketch. To see each fitted to take up the burden of life and bear it befitting men and women, has been the one great aim in his teaching and example.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davenport have been born six children, to wit: DR. SAMUEL M.; William S.; Jane O.; Robert S.; James B.; and Anna M. The parents are Presbyterians in re-

ligious faith. A sketch of the father would be incomplete indeed without some further mention of his faithful wife. The daily life of Mary Davenport is a strong argument for practical Christianity. Her's is a life whose influence does not end on her own threshold. Characterized as it is by a love for all humanity, her influence in family and community is readily understood. She is a woman of many virtues.

GEORGE REITER. The industry and thrifty management of the typical German is well shown in the successful career of this worthy citizen of Henderson township, Jefferson county, who has accumulated a fine competence through his own efforts, and is now the owner of two good farms in the vicinity of Sykesville.

Mr. Reiter is an American by birth, but his parents, John and Christina (Miller) Reiter, were both natives of Germany, coming to America in early life, met and were married in Pittsburg, Penn. Later they settled at Paradise, Jefferson county, purchasing 200 acres of land where a log-house and barn were built, and a large farm cleared and brought under cultivation. The mother died there in 1865. The father, too, has passed away. Of their ten children, the eldest, Elizabeth, married John P. Shire, and lives in Minnesota; John married Miss Austeena Muth, and resides in Brady township, Clearfield county; Christina is now the wife of Adam Lott, of Jefferson county; Magdalena married Philip Muth, of Jefferson county, and both died some years ago, leaving a large family; George, our subject, is next in order of birth; Daniel, who is engaged in stock raising in West Virginia, is married and has several children; Henry, a farmer in Winslow township, Jefferson county, married Miss Sallie Buchheit, of that county, and has a large family; Mary married Charles Muth, of Jefferson county, who died in 1893, leaving several children; Adam, who resides in Oklahoma Territory, married Miss Haag, of Jefferson county, and has a family; and August married Miss Miller and settled in Du Bois, Penn. He has no children.

George Reiter was born in 1846 at the old homestead, near Paradise, and much of his time in youth was spent in clearing the place and getting it ready for the plow. In early manhood he engaged in farming and lumbering on his own account, and in 1869 he married Miss Caroline Buchheit, of Henderson township, and made his home at his log camp on Stump creek, near the site of the town of Sykesville. He remained there two years, then purchased fifty acres of land from his father and began to clear and improve it for a homestead. Later he bought from W. H. Reber ten acres adjoining him, and in time he found himself in possession of a fine farm with modern improvements, a two-story frame house and a large bank barn being erected in 1886. In 1894 he bought the Benjamin Sykes farm adjoining the homestead. This contains seventy-five acres of land, entirely cleared, and with good buildings, and Mr. Reiter now keeps both estates in a high state of cultivation.

As a citizen, our subject manifests an interest in all progressive movements, and he is held in great esteem by all who know him. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his worthy wife are members of the United Evangelical Church, at Troutville. Twelve children have blessed their home, namely: (1) William C., born April 29, 1870, died four years later. (2) John A., born October 8, 1872, is a resident of Brady township, Clearfield county. He married Miss Laura Hafford, of Clearfield, and they have two children—Flora and Pearl. (3) Polly M., born May 29, 1874, married Thomas Randall, of Elk county, Penn., who is engaged in sawmilling. They have no children. (4) Walter M. was born March 24, 1876. (5) Margaret C., born January 25, 1878, married Earl Jefferson, of Elk county, Penn. (6) Aden J. was born February 4, 1880. (7) David F. was born December 21, 1881. (8) Lavina E. was born November 23, 1883. (9) Thomas A., born May 30, 1886, died at the age of two years. (10) Julia E. was born August 30, 1888. (11) Benjamin J. was born August 5, 1890. (12) Alice L. was born October 31, 1892.

JAMES W. MURPHY is an industrious, energetic man, who for many years has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Jefferson county, and has also carried on business as a well-driller and tool-dresser.

Born March 13, 1846, in Emerickville, Jefferson county, Mr. Murphy is of Irish lineage. His grandparents were natives of that country, and the founders of the family in America. James A. and Susanna (McMurray) Murphy, his parents, were natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., where they were married and made their home until 1842. In that year they moved to Pinecreek township, Jefferson county, where the father died, in 1876, at the age of sixty years and six months. The mother, who was born February 12, 1822, now resides on the old homestead in Pinecreek township. Mr. Murphy learned the tailor's trade in early life, but from

1851 until his death devoted his attention exclusively to farming. In politics he was a Republican. His wife held membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church. The children of this worthy couple are: Charles, who is engaged in the hotel business in Byromtown, Penn.; Elizabeth, wife of Smith McCreight, a farmer and miller of Jefferson county; Robert P., who was killed by a falling tree; James W.; Noah L., who died at the age of eighteen months; Cyrus J., agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Warrentown, Penn.; Ira, who is in the oil business in Indiana; Alvira, who became the wife of Jacob Strouse, who was killed in a coal mine, and after his death she married Fred Zeitler, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Almira, twin sister of Alvira, now at home; and Elmer E., a sawyer of North Carolina.

James W. Murphy, whose name opens this review, remained on his father's farm until eighteen years of age, but he has practically depended upon his own efforts since the age of fourteen. When his services were not needed at home he worked for different farmers of the neighborhood and gave his wages for the support of his father's family. He also followed lumbering in connection with his brother Charles until nineteen years of age, when he began that pursuit on his own account, and continuously followed it until 1873. In that year he purchased a farm in Oliver township, operating the same for six years, when he sold and removed to his present farm. In connection with the cultivation of his land he has since 1882 engaged in drilling wells and dressing tools; but sickness has largely interfered with his labors since 1893. He has been the architect of his own fortune, and has built wisely and well, accumulating a handsome competence as the result of his earnest and honorable labors. During the Civil war, he valiantly aided his country, enlisting in Company B, 57th P. V. I., under Capt. Gordon, in June, 1862. He served mostly on detached duty, and twice went to the front, being finally discharged in 1864

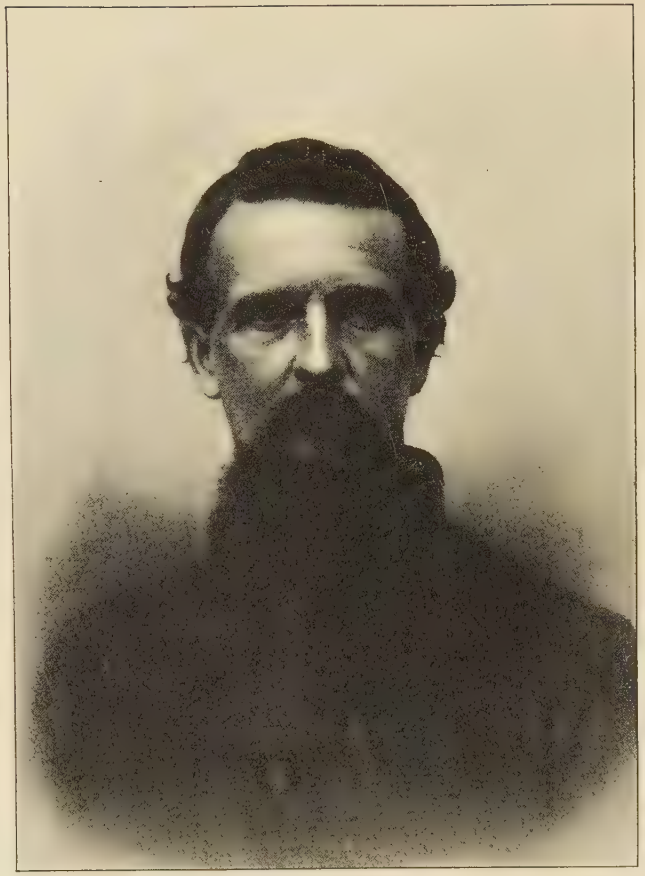
On July 25, 1867, at Sprangle Mills, Jefferson county, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Martha M. Enterline, who was born there in September, 1846, a daughter of Rev. Daniel and Lucinda (Shibes) Enterline, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a millwright and farmer, and operated a saw and grist mill until his death, which occurred at Sprangle Mills, in 1864. He was a member of the Evangelical Church and a local minister of that denomination. His wife died in 1861, at the age of forty-two, and both were buried in Ringgold cemetery. Their children were: Lucetta, widow of Jacob Anthony, of Clayville, Penn.; Hannah, widow of Samuel Gerhart, who was killed in the army; Rachel, who is engaged in the millinery business at Big Run, Penn.; George (deceased); Martha M.; Daniel D., who operates a gristmill at Worthville; John (deceased); Philip, who is engaged in the marble business in Kittanning, Penn.; and Samuel, who follows the same vocation in Dayton, Pennsylvania.

The children of our subject and his wife are: George, who died at the age of two years; Daniel J., who married Nora Koher, and is an engineer in Cortez, Penn.; Ira L., who follows lumbering in Oliver township; Daisy M., wife of Calvin Buck, a farmer of Beaver township, Jefferson county; Charles B., Clarence, Myron N., Merrill, Max and Preston, all at home. Mrs. Murphy has been to her husband a faithful helpmeet, and through their combined efforts they have accumulated a valuable property, constituting one of the fine farms of the township. Their many excellencies of character commend them to the confidence and good will of all.

JAMES W. REA (deceased) was one of the brave boys in blue during the Civil war who laid down their lives on their country's altar.

A son of John Rea, who was born in Lawrence county, Penn., in 1824, and while having only limited educational advantages, as it was his ambition to secure a higher education, he made the most of his opportunities. At the early age of sixteen years he began teaching, and successfully followed that profession through the winter months until 1862. He possessed that love for his work without which there is no success, and became one of the most able and prominent educators of his community. A patriotic and loyal citizen, Mr. Rea, in 1862, offered his services to the government and became a member of Company I, 148th P. V. I., in which he served for about two years, when he contracted a disease, which, in September, 1864, terminated his life. In all the relations of life he manifested that same loyalty and fidelity to duty that marked his course on Southern battle-fields, and he had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his widow also belongs.

In 1849, Mr. Rea was married to Miss Ellen Smith, youngest daughter of James and Catherine (Odenkirk) Smith, residents of Clarion county, Penn., where her father was engaged in the boot and shoe business, and in that county she was principally educated. By her marriage,



JAMES W. REA

MRS. ELLEN REA

Mrs. Rea became the mother of three children who are yet living, namely: Loretta J., wife of Nelson Corbett: Frances Alvira, wife of Fletcher D. Burns; and Charles N.

MRS. ELLEN REA is a lady of large business capacity and marked intelligence, and is distinguished for her straightforward and womanly course, no less than for the tact and energy she has employed in her business affairs since her husband's death. In 1873 she had the misfortune to lose her large business house by fire, on which she had no insurance. Left without a dollar to commence life again, she bravely began at the foot of the ladder. She conducted a millinery store for some time at Corsica, and through good management and business ability was successful, and to-day owns several buildings including a variety store. Mrs. Rea is sixty-seven years of age, but is as bright and active as many are at one-half her age. She still takes a share in any enterprise that comes her way, which appeals to her judgment. Being an earnest Christian woman, trusting always in the Lord, knowing He has been her stay in every time of need, she hopes to end her days peacefully in the village that has been the scene of her life. She is one of the representative citizens of Jefferson county, and merits and receives the warmest respect and esteem of the whole community.

ROBERT F. MORRISON, a leading and prominent agriculturist of Washington township, Jefferson county, was born in 1846, on the farm where he still resides, and is a son of John and Frances (McConnell) Morrison, natives of Ireland and Centre county, Penn., respectively.

At the age of eighteen years John Morrison left the Emerald Isle, crossing the Atlantic to the New World, and on reaching the shores of this country came at once to Jefferson county, and located on the farm where his son yet lives. He has since successfully engaged in farming and speculating, leading an industrious, honorable and upright life. Although he has reached the age of eighty-five he is still well preserved for one of his years. The mother of our subject has long since departed this life, dying in 1857.

Upon the home farm, Robert F. Morrison early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and has made that honorable calling his life work. He is one of the substantial and prosperous business men of Washington township, where he owns a highly-improved farm of 100 acres, whose neat and thrifty appearance plainly shows that it is under the supervision of a careful and painstaking manager. In connection with his agricultural pursuits he has also for the past two years been interested in lumbering. As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey, Mr. Morrison chose Miss R. J. Stephenson, a daughter of Thomas Stephenson, and their marriage was celebrated in 1874. Four children bless their union, namely: Frances E., Jeremiah F., Florence M. and Hugh James. With the Presbyterian Church Mrs. Morrison holds membership. Socially, our subject belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Lincoln Republican Club, of Jefferson county. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, but cares nothing for party preferment. Being endowed with many virtues and a genial, hospitable manner, he merits and receives the respect and confidence of the entire community.

ALEXANDER KENNEDY, one of the most energetic and progressive citizens of Rose township, Jefferson county, has throughout his entire life been prominently identified with the agricultural and commercial interests of this region, and is still numbered among its most reliable and substantial business men. He gives that careful attention to every detail of his business, without which success in any undertaking is never assured.

On the farm where he still makes his home, Mr. Kennedy was born in 1846, a son of William and Patience B. (Hall) Kennedy. The father is a native of Ireland, but when only seven years of age left the Emerald Isle with his parents and came to America. They became residents of Pennsylvania, where William Kennedy was reared and has spent his entire life, principally engaged in farming and lumbering He never took an active part in public affairs, preferring the quiet life of an agriculturist. He was born September 24, 1810, and died November 6, 1896. at the age of eighty-six years, one month and twelve days. His loving wife, who is a native of Pennsylvania, is also deceased.

During his boyhood and youth, Alexander Kennedy attended the district schools near his home, and also pursued his studies for a short time in a select school. When the Civil war broke out, he laid aside all personal interests, and responded to his country's call for troops, first being a member of Company B, Fifty-seventh Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia, in which he served seven weeks. Later he became one of the one-hundred-day men (served one hundred and twenty-six days) as a member of

Company F, of the 1st Battalion, and during his entire service was neither wounded nor taken prisoner. On receiving his discharge from the army, he returned to Jefferson county, where for four years he followed teaming, and in the spring of 1867 located upon his present farm, and has since engaged in the occupations of lumbering and farming with good success. He is also interested in various other enterprises, and is numbered among the most wide-awake and progressive citizens of Rose township. He is a member of the well-known hardware firm of Rankin, Kennedy & Co., of Brookville, but gives his personal supervision principally to his agricultural pursuits.

In 1868 Mr. Kennedy was married to Miss Lucinda J. Fitzsimmons, of Jefferson county, and to them have been born six children; five are yet living, namely: James M., of Brookville, Penn.; Eva P., wife of Ross D. Brocius, of Jefferson county; W. C., a farmer of the same county; John F. and George B. R.; Charles Richard, the youngest son, was born December 20, 1886, and died July 16, 1889. Sincere and earnest Christians, the parents have been lifelong members of the United Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Kennedy is now serving as deacon, and their sterling worth and many excellent traits of character commend them to the love and confidence of all who know them. Mr. Kennedy in politics is an ardent Republican, is a strong advocate of sound money and protection, and has acceptably served in a number of local offices of honor and trust. Public-spirited and enterprising, he gives his liberal support to all worthy objects destined to promote the welfare of the community or advance its material interests.

SAMUEL STATES. In this enlightened age when men of energy, industry and merit are rapidly pushing their way to the front, those who, by their own individual efforts, have won favor and fortune may properly claim recognition. At an early age our subject started out to fight life's battles unaided, and has steadily persevered in his efforts until to-day he has become one of the well-to-do farmers and lumbermen of Bell township, as well as one of its representative and prominent citizens. He is now a member of the board of county commissioners of Jefferson county.

Mr. States was born in 1846 in Monroe county, Ohio, a son of John and Lucinda (Fullmer) States. The father was a native of Jefferson county, Penn., where he spent his entire life with the exception of one year which was passed in the Buckeye State, and during that time our subject was born. Throughout the principal part of his active business life John States engaged in lumbering, and he was a quiet, unassuming citizen, whose time was devoted to his own affairs. He passed away in 1894, but his wife is still living, and, although seventy-two years of age, enjoys good health. Our subject was afforded very meagre advantages for securing an education, as he was early put to work, and never attended school after attaining the age of thirteen years. At that time he entered a lumber camp, and has continuously engaged in lumbering and farming up to the present time. On the 13th of January, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary White, a daughter of Samuel White, of Indiana county, Penn., and five children bless their union, namely: Edward, a prominent teacher of Jefferson county; Joseph; Blanche; United, and Marshal Ney. The mother and eldest three children hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1893, Samuel States was chosen by his fellow citizens to serve as one of the county commissioners, and in 1896, after a hotly contested struggle, was re-elected for another three-years' term. He has proved a careful, conservative member of that body, and the people showed their appreciation of his service by their ballots on the 3d of November, 1896. He has satisfactorily filled other offices of honor and trust, being school director eighteen years, and, for fifteen years of that time, he was the secretary of the board. For nine years he served his fellow-citizens in the capacity of justice of the peace, resigning that office to accept his present position. The Democratic party has ever found in Mr. States one of its most earnest supporters, and socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is now past grand. Whether in public or private life, he has ever been found true to every trust reposed in him, and therefore has the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

ANDREW WILKINS was one of the pioneer lumbermen on Mahoning creek, and took an active part in the development of that industry in Bell township, Jefferson county. He possessed great energy, perseverance and keen discrimination in business, and prosecuted his interests with success.

Mr. Wilkins came to Jefferson county in 1847, and married Miss Eliza Jane Colwell, of Punxsutawney, a daughter of Josiah and Mary Colwell. They located on a farm in Bell township, where for a few years he followed lumbering for other

parties, handling sawed lumber and square timber, which he rafted down the Mahoning to the Pittsburg markets. In 1860 he purchased a tract of land on Mahoning creek, in Bell township, one mile west of Big Run, and later bought a tract of timber land, carrying on lumbering on an extensive scale for himself and other parties until his death, which occurred in March, 1864. He was a man honorable in business, faithful to the duties of public and private life, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He served in the positions of tax collector and constable.

Mr. Wilkins left a widow and five children to mourn their loss: (1) James M., the eldest, born in Bell township, Jefferson county, in May, 1848, married Miss Nancy Crawford, of Indiana county, Penn. They now reside in Pittsburg, where he follows the plumbing and gas-fitting business. His wife died in December, 1875. She had three children—Harry, Della May and Bertha. The first named died at the age of eight years. The second was born in Bell township, in 1872, and after her mother's death went to live in the home of her grandmother, with whom she still remains. Bertha, born in May, 1875, was taken to the home of her uncle, John Crawford, of Punxsutawney, at the time of her mother's death, and with him lived until 1892, when she became the wife of Elmer Pierce, who is now operator on the Bell's Gap railroad at Fordham, Jefferson county. They have two children. After the death of his first wife, James M. Wilkins married Mrs. Susan Holowell, of Jefferson county. They have six children—James, Bessie, Mary, John G., Irene and Raymond.

(2) Thomas J. Wilkins, the second of the family, was born on the farmstead in Bell township, in August, 1850, and married Maggie Snyder, of Indiana county. They reside near the old homestead, and the following named are the children that have been born to them—Michael, Clayton, Mary, Harry, Willie, Annie, Maria, Cora, and Elva. Of these, Michael, Mary and Harry are deceased. (3) Mary J., born in August, 1853, died at the age of fifteen years. (4) John C., born in September, 1857, resides with his mother on the old homestead. After attaining to man's estate he and his brother William erected a good residence on the property purchased by their father in Bell township, and successfully cultivated and operated the farm. Since the marriage of William, John has cared for the place, attending to all the business and looking after his mother's interests.

(5) WILLIAM B., born in Bell township, February 14, 1860, was three years of age at the time of his father's death. He was educated in the common schools, and after reaching manhood began lumbering as a jobber. He has followed that business up to the present time and for a number of years has operated a sawmill, engaging in the manufacture of sawed lumber for different parties. He is now the owner of a large mill. In August, 1892, he removed from Beech Tree, Jefferson county, to Bell township, Clearfield county, where he contracted with Edward Seipert, of McKeesport, to manufacture sawed lumber. In 1896, in partnership with P. B. Smith, of Clearfield county, he purchased a tract of timber land of H. G. Bowers, of Jefferson county, and they have since engaged in the manufacture of lumber. Mr. Wilkins is also manufacturing sawed lumber for Cyrus and Daniel Smith on a tract of land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and for W. M. Irwin & Son, of Big Run.

On August 16, 1890, William Wilkins married Miss Della Bush, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, a daughter of William and Jennie Bush, her father a well-to-do farmer and lumberman of Indiana county, Penn. Mrs. Della Wilkins is a member of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Wilkins is a Jacksonian Democrat. He and his brother John started on their business careers with a few advantages to aid them, but have steadily worked their way upward, and are now numbered among the successful, prosperous and honorable business men of their section of the county.

ALBERT J. FERMAN, who is prominently identified with the farming and lumber interests of Snyder township, Jefferson county, was born June 21, 1849, on the old homestead, where he still resides. His educational advantages were such as were afforded by the local schools, and under his father's able direction he became a thorough and systematic business man, competent to successfully manage the large estate left by the father, of which he and his brother Samuel are the administrators.

In 1876 Mr. Ferman was united in marriage with Miss Jennie McKay, and they now have three children: Ethel, who is at home, is studying painting; Carroll, who is soon to graduate at the Brockwayville High School, expects to take a thorough business course; and Edna, who is now going to the same school, expects to graduate, then take a course in music, which is her chosen profession. Mrs. Ferman's father, who was born and reared in Ireland, improved a good farm in Mercer county, Penn., where he died when she was only four years old. He left two

children who are still living, the other being Neill. The mother has since become the wife of Joseph Cross, a farmer, by whom she has had five children. She is residing at Sandy Lake, Mercer county, and is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Ferman are Methodists in religious belief, and, in politics, Mr. Ferman is identified with the Republican party. They have a host of warm friends throughout the community, and deserve the warm regard in which they are universally held.

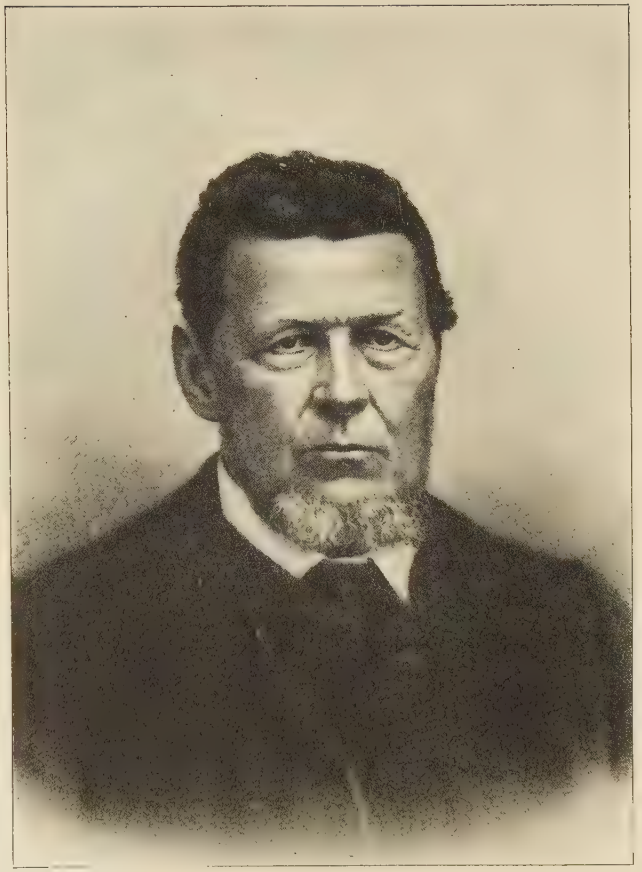
Alonzo Ferman, the father of our subject, was a native of the State of New York, born in Franklin county, November 27, 1818, and, as he was left an orphan in infancy, was adopted by Samuel Beaman and his wife, who proved to be kind and indulgent parents. In later years he showed his appreciation of their goodness by bringing them to his home and caring for them in their old age. He came to Jefferson county in 1839, and entered the employ of a lumber company, whose plant and lands in Snyder township he subsequently purchased, making his home there until called to his final rest, November 7, 1895. Although he started out in life for himself empty-handed, he accumulated a handsome property, leaving at his death 700 acres of farming and timber land, in the homestead tract. In connection with his lumber interests, he purchased many acres of timber land, which he would clear and convert into marketable lumber, and at one time he owned 1,000 acres in Elk county, Penn., which he later sold. For three years he was also interested in merchandising in Crenshaw, and gave strict attention to every detail of his extensive business. Self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy, honesty—these are the traits of character that insure the highest emoluments and greatest success, and to these may be attributed the success that crowned the efforts of Mr. Ferman.

He was married August 9, 1848, to Miss Susanna Bundy, a daughter of John I. Bundy, who was for many years a prominent agriculturist of Clearfield county, to which he had removed from Jefferson county, Penn., but subsequently emigrated to Minnesota, where his death occurred. In his family were five children, namely: Louisa, Susanna, Lucius, Hannah and Rebecca. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Ferman became the parents of eight children: Albert J., of this review; Eliza M., at home; Samuel B., who is connected with our subject in business; Mrs. Clara S. Horton (deceased); Mrs. Josephine Dailey, a resident of Fredonia, N. Y.; Mrs. Nellie Iddings, a merchant of Crenshaw; Allie, who died August 6, 1880, at the age of sixteen years; and Mrs. Zada V. McNeill. The mother did not long survive her husband, passing away on April 19, 1896. They were active and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which their children also belong.

JAMES A. HAMILTON (deceased), late a prominent resident of Big Run, Jefferson county, in whose death, on April 20, 1897, the community in which he resided and the people of the county in general, lost one of its best citizens, one who ever took an active interest in the business, social and political affairs of Jefferson county.

In his veins there was the mixture of Scotch and Irish blood which has produced so many able and forceful characters. Robert and Rachel (Work) Hamilton, his parents, were probably natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., but the father was of Irish and the mother of Scotch parentage. Mr. Hamilton was born in 1823, in Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Penn., and was reared upon a farm, his education being limited to the country schools of that day. He vividly recalled his first school which was held in the old log cabin that did not contain a nail or a single piece of window glass. At fourteen he began to learn the tanner's trade, and at the completion of his term of apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman for a time in Indiana, Penn., receiving four dollars per month, during his first year, and twelve during the second. By way of change he made a trip down the Susquehanna on a raft, and soon after, in 1845, he embarked in the tanning business on his own responsibility, in his native county, on the somewhat limited capital of $51.75. Industry and careful management won the day for him, and he established a good business as a tanner and harness-maker, hiring experienced workmen for the latter department. After a time he purchased a farm, which he conducted in addition to his other lines of work, and later he engaged in a profitable mercantile enterprise. He suffered reverses at times, but in the main was successful, acquiring enough to keep the wolf some distance from the door for the remainder of his life. From 1867 until the time of his death he made his home in Big Run, and although he "retired" from business some years ago was a vice-president of the Big Run Building and Loan Association.

In 1845 Squire Hamilton married his first wife, Miss Isabelle Maria Sutton, of Indiana county, by whom he had five children: Martha Ruth, wife of George Gourley, of Big Run;



J. A. Hamilton — Mrs H E Hamilton

Robert A., of Elmont, Penn.; Sylvester, a prominent physician of Punxsutawney; Frank J., a resident of Jefferson county; and Mary Laura (deceased). The mother of this family passed away in 1884, and in 1885 Squire Hamilton was married to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Weber, *née* Sunderland. Three children were born to this union: Emma and Ella (twins), of whom the latter is deceased, and James A., Jr. Squire Hamilton always tried to live up to the Golden Rule, and his kindly nature attracted a host of friends. He had always been active in local affairs, wherever he had resided. He served twenty years as justice of the peace in Indiana county, and about the same length of time at Big Run. In politics he was a Republican on national issues, but where local questions only were involved he voted independently. His remains now rest in the Big Run cemetery.

CHARLES B. JORDAN. That well-known author, Samuel Smiles, in his work on "Character," has said that every person may learn something from the recorded life of another, and this volume will prove a rich treasure to the reader in its faithful pictures of those who are most prominent at this day in the life of this section. The subject of this sketch, a leading agriculturist and lumberman of Oliver township, Jefferson county, is a member of a family which became identified with that locality at an early day, and in his own character reveals the same traits that marked his progressive, self-reliant ancestry.

Mr. Jordan was born August 30, 1848, on the old Jordan homestead, a portion of which he now occupies. He remained at home working for his father, the late Isaac C. Jordan, until the age of twenty-four, when he established a home of his own. On May 5, 1873, he was married at Punxsutawney, by Rev. Daniel Cooper, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, to Miss Martha J. Morris, a daughter of Theodore Morris, a leading citizen of Young township, Jefferson county. After his marriage Mr. Jordan resided for four years in the vicinity of Punxsutawney, where he operated a sawmill in partnership with his father. He then located on the farm he now lives on, which is now considered one of the best farms in the township. His residence is a handsome building, standing upon an elevation on the main road between Punxsutawney and Brookville. Agricultural work occupies much of his time and attention, but he is also extensively engaged in lumbering, being a partner of W. J. Morrison in a sawmill in Oliver township. For about eighteen years he operated a sawmill in McCalmont township in association with his father and brother, Albert, and he is widely known as an energetic and shrewd man of business. Politically he is a Republican, but while he takes great interest in the issues of the day, he has never aspired to office. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, F. & A. M., of Punxsutawney, and to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a deacon for the past five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have an interesting family of children, who would be a credit to any parents: Laura is the wife of Wallace Curray, a farmer and sawmill operator at Brockwayville, Penn.; Harland is a student in a college at Waynesburg, Penn.; Morris T., Elsa Maud, an attractive young lady, Martha Della, Frank O'D. and Ollie are at home.

The Jordan family is one of the most prominent in Jefferson county, and traces its descent from Robert Jordan, a native of Ireland, who came to Pennsylvania during the Colonial period and settled upon a farm in Indiana county, on the ridge between Smicksburg and Perrysville. During the struggle for independence he was a teamster in the patriot army. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-three, leaving a numerous family. By his first wife, Hannah Hill, there were five children—Alexander, Samuel (our subject's grandfather), Joseph, James and Margaret (who married Isaac Matson). His second wife, Catherine Pounds, bore him seven children—Robert, Hannah (Mrs. James W. Bell), Nancy (Mrs. Enoch Crissman), Mary (Mrs. George Mogle), Mattie (Mrs. John McHenry), John (who married Martha Sharrard), Margaret (Mrs. Griffin Rowland), and William (who married Eliza Riddle.) William Jordan and his wife are residents of Frostburg, Jefferson county; all the others mentioned are deceased.

Samuel Jordan, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Indiana county in 1792, and died in 1872 at the homestead in Oliver township, Jefferson county. He was married in Indiana county to Miss Lida Cochran, a native of Mifflin county, Penn., who died in 1864, aged sixty-four years. Her parents, Isaac and Sarah Cochran, removed from their first home in Juniata county at an early day, and after making their home for a few years in Indiana county, located permanently in Jefferson county, where they were prominent among the pioneers. In 1815 Samuel Jordan and his wife left Indiana county and made their home in Jefferson county upon a tract of land which they supposed was open to settlement; but finding afterward that it

had been taken up, they moved to Oliver township (then Perry), where they purchased 160 acres of land at $1.25 per acre. In early life they had both united with the Presbyterian Church, but after his wife's death Samuel Jordan identified himself with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Their remains were interred in Olive cemetery, near the home where they spent so many years of their useful and honored lives. They had the following children: Isaac C., our subject's father; Hannah H., now the widow of John McBrier, of Rose township, Jefferson county; Robert, a farmer in Indiana county, married Elizabeth Fetterhoff, and is now deceased; Sarah, who married (first) James Cary, deceased, and (second) John McPherson, of Clearfield; John, who married Nancy Bell and resides at Perry, Jefferson county; Joseph, a resident of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Law (now deceased); William A., a farmer in Oliver township, who married Mary J. Reed; James B., who married Anna M. Smith, and resides in Punxsutawney. He is a veteran of the Civil war and a leading politician of the section, having served six years as county commissioner and three as county auditor.

The late Isaac C. Jordan, our subject's father, was born July 14, 1816, in Indiana county, but his life was mainly spent in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he owned a large farm. Beginning life in very poor circumstances, he made his own way successfully and acquired a handsome competence. He was a well-known lumberman, and had several mills there and in neighboring townships. He died November 12, 1884, in McCalmont township, after a brief but severe illness, while he was visiting one of his sawmills in which his sons, Charles B. and Albert, were his partners. His remains were taken home for burial and were interred in Olive cemetery. He was a man of prominence, and for many years was a ruling elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Oliveburg, while he also held numerous township offices, and was an influential worker in the Republican party. At one time he was the nominee for the State Assembly, but there was a Democratic landslide that year, and, although he was ahead of his ticket, he was defeated. On October 30, 1839, he was married in Jefferson county, by Rev. Charles R. Barkley, a minister of the C. P. Church, to Miss Leanna Steffy, a native of Rockingham county, Va., born November 21, 1818, and they had ten children: Miss Mary E. resides at the homestead with her mother; Samuel S., a resident of Oliver township; Charles B., our subject; Lida A., who died at the age of four years; Winifred S., who lived only one year and ten months; Albert, a farmer and lumberman at the old homestead; Minerva J., wife of William Morrison, a merchant, lumberman and farmer at Oliveburg; Leah, who married Frederick Parr, a farmer in Oliver township; Lina J., wife of J. W. Martin, an attorney at Punxsutawney; J. Simon, a farmer in Oliver township, who married Miss Maggie Anthony. All of the surviving children reside near the old home, their parents having encouraged them to do so.

The Steffy family are of German origin, but has long been identified with Virginia. Philip Steffy, our subject's great-grandfather, was a farmer and shoemaker in that State, and his son, Samuel Steffy, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared there. Samuel Steffy married Mary Bowers, daughter of John Bowers, a farmer, and his wife, Elizabeth ———, who were natives respectively of Germany and Virginia. In 1820 Mr. Steffy removed to Jefferson county, and located upon a farm in Bell township. He was engaged in lumbering as well as in agriculture, and piloted the first raft sent from the upper end of Mahoning creek. He was a Democrat in politics, and a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He died in 1876 at the age of eighty-four, and his first wife, our subject's grandmother, died in 1823, aged thirty, the remains of both being interred at Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Jefferson county. By his first marriage he had four children—Elizabeth, widow of John Corey, of Punxsutawney; Leanna, our subject's mother; John, who died in Kansas; and Simon, who entered the Union army, and died in Libby prison. By a second marriage, with Ann Cook, of Shippenburg, Penn., there were four children: Mary, widow of William Yost, of Millville, Penn.; William, a resident of Punxsutawney; Maria, wife of A. Miller, a farmer in Virginia; and Joseph, deceased.

ROBERT B. LONDON, a prominent agriculturist and lumberman of Henderson township, Jefferson county, is a worthy representative of a family which has had an influential part in the work of developing that locality. Having located there at an early day, when the country was practically a wilderness, the various members of the family cleared farms, established homes, and entered heartily upon the duties of citizenship in the newly organized community, giving liberally of their means for the support of churches and schools, and all other helpful enterprises.

Edward London, our subject's father, was one of seven brothers, all of whom were born in Luzerne county, Penn., and settled in this section in early manhood: (1) Truman located at Soldier Run, Jefferson county, where he followed lumbering until his death, which occurred in 1894. He was married there, and his wife died about 1884 leaving three children—Isaac, who is married and is a merchant of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county; and Eliza is the wife of Andrew Johnson. (2) Nathan located first near Punxsutawney where he followed cabinet making for some time, but his last years were spent at Big Run, his death occurring in 1887. He married Miss Catherine Vail, of Luzerne county, who survived him with three children—Gilbert, William and Emeline. (3) Isaac made his home upon a farm in Bell township, where he died in 1893. He married after coming to Jefferson county, and had four children—John; Nathan; Hulda (Mrs. William Steer), of Ringgold township, Jefferson county; and Lizzie, who married Ward Wood, of Punxsutawney. (4) Hiram, who married Miss Margaret Stewart, of Perry township, Jefferson county. She died some years ago leaving two children—William, and Emeline (now Mrs. Daniel Moser), of Jefferson county. (5) Samuel, a farmer in Bell township, married and has six children—Joseph; James; Emma (now Mrs. Baptist); Ida (Mrs. Saltskwer), of Falls Creek; Mary, who married George Beamer, of Big Soldier; and Annie (Mrs. Philip Shlianer), of the same place. (6) Stephen (deceased) was a farmer in Porter township, Jefferson county. He was married in that county to Miss Martha Miller, who survived him with one son, Samuel (now deceased).

Edward London, the father of our subject, was born in 1818, and was educated in Luzerne county, preparing for the profession of teaching, which he followed for some time. Coming to Jefferson county as a young man, he was married in Perry township, in 1844, to Miss Susan Shilling, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Shilling, who removed at an early day from Lewistown, Pennsylvania, to a farm in Perry township, where their last days were spent. After his marriage our subject's father settled near Punxsutawney on Mahoning creek, and for some years was engaged in operating a sawmill. He then bought from William Bell seventy acres of wood land in Henderson township, located along Stump creek, two miles east of Big Run. There was a small loghouse on the place, to which the family removed, and he continued to reside there until his death, which occurred in December, 1870. Some years before he cut his knee by accident and crippled himself permanently, so that he could do comparatively little work during his last years. His faithful wife, who had shared all the hardships of pioneer life, survived him, and resides at the old farm with our subject. They had fourteen children, all of whom were born in Jefferson county:

(1) Sarah, born in 1843, married Ezra Stewart, of Jefferson county, a farmer by occupation, and after spending some years in Perry township, they moved to Wisconsin, and later to Richland county, North Dakota, where they now reside. They have had twelve children. (2) Wallace, born in 1845, in Bell township, grew to manhood in Henderson township, where he now resides upon a farm. He married Miss Sarah Smith, of the same township, and has eight children—Irene (now Mrs. Sam Shipley); Minnie, who married Alfred Choler, of Clearfield county; William; G. M.; Edith; Clara; Cora; and Lillie. (3) Mary, born in 1847, married Noah Syphert, a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county, and has nine children, all at home; Ida, Joseph, Scott, Edward, Thomas, Mead, Theresa, Ella and Laura. (4) Robert B., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (5) Arthur, born in March, 1850, owns a fine farm near Troutville, with excellent buildings. He married Miss Polly Miller, of Henderson township, and has seven children—Harry, Stella, Flora, Josie, Lulu, Johnnie and Bessie. (6) James K., born in 1851, resides upon a farm adjoining the old homestead in Henderson township, and is extensively engaged in agriculture and in the manufacture of sawed lumber, ranking among the substantial business men of the locality. He married Miss Phœbe Owens, and has eight children—Maud (now Mrs. Sam Pifer), of Big Run, Jennie, Edward, Sadie, James, May, Roy and Bessie. (7) Francis R., born in August, 1853, is a farmer near Kramer Station, Jefferson county. He married first Miss Catherine Deemer, of the same county, who died in 1886, and later he married Miss Susan Fox, of Henderson township. By his first marriage he had five children—Webster, who is not married and resides in Minnesota; Bertha, Laura, Clyde and Cleveland are all at home. By the second union there are also five children—Blair, Floyd, Earl, Raymond and Ambrose. (8) T. J., born February 15, 1856, resides in Bell township, Clearfield county, where he is engaged in lumbering. He married Miss Mintie Anthony, and has four children—Della, Mary, Orwin and Ollie. (9) Alison W., born in December, 1860, resides upon his farm at Sykesville, where he follows the carpenter's trade in addition to his agricult-

ural work. He married Miss H. Moore, and they have three children—Karl, Tuila and Alison. (10) Henry, born in September, 1862, married Miss Sallie Wrin, of Jefferson county, and purchased a homestead near Punxsutawney, where he died in 1890. His wife survived him with two children—Edna and Henry C. (11) Hester, born in July, 1864, is not married and resides with his brother, Robert. (12) John C., born in 1866, was drowned in a spring when he was a year and a half old. (13) George W. M., born 1868, died of typhoid fever at the age of twenty-four. (14) John H., born in July, 1870, resides at Big Run, where he is employed in the Irwin tannery. He married Miss Minnie Read, and has two living children—Harl S. and Fay. A younger child, Olin, died in infancy.

Robert B. London, the subject proper of this sketch, was born October 28, 1849, at the old home in Bell township, Jefferson county, and received a public-school education. After his father's death he continued to reside at the homestead, taking care of his mother and the younger children, and managing the farm. In 1886 he married Miss Mary Shilling, of Jefferson county, and six children have blessed their union—Homer, Nora, Lizzie, Mabel, Irwin and Olin. Mr. London has built a fine residence on the homestead, and also a large bank barn. He owns seventy acres adjoining the old home, and during the winter season he is engaged in lumbering there, while in summer he brings the cleared land under cultivation. Politically he is a Democrat of the good old stamp, and he has held office as township treasurer and overseer of the poor, and for two terms was supervisor. His parents were both reared in the Baptist faith, to which they always adhered, but he and his wife are members of the Reformed Church.

BENONI B. WILLIAMS, the well-known and popular postmaster at Horatio, has the reputation of a strictly first-class agriculturist, reliable and energetic, and is now the owner of a valuable and well-improved farm of over 100 acres in Young township, Jefferson county, which he is successfully operating. The buildings upon the place are neat and substantial, and the whole farm betokens the thrift and enterprise of the owner.

Mr. Williams was born in 1849, in Young township, a son of James and Mary Ellen (Hopkins) Williams, both natives of Pennsylvania, the birth of the former occurring in Jefferson county. During his younger years the father took quite a prominent part in local affairs, and throughout his active business life engaged in farming and lumbering, but is now living retired, though he still enjoys fair health at the age of sixty-seven years. The mother departed this life in July, 1886. Our subject had only the advantages of a common-school education in his youth, and was reared upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with every department of its work. When only twelve years of age he had charge of a crew and ran a raft of logs, and since that time he has spent a great portion of his life in lumbering, but for the past few years has devoted his attention chiefly to the cultivation and improvement of his fine farm in Young township.

On the 4th of July, 1871, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Anna Elizabeth Simpson, a daughter of John Simpson, a native of Loudoun county, Va., but Mrs. Williams was born in Jefferson county, Penn. Of their eleven children nine are yet living, as follows: Bessie Myrtilla, James Lloyd, Lyle Simpson, Charles Harry, Vada Ellen, Leonard Roy, William Max, Clara Naomi and Ivan Rex.

The father of these is a recognized leader in the local Democracy, does all in his power to advance the interests of his party, and has been elected to various township offices, which he filled in a most creditable manner. In May, 1896, he was appointed postmaster at Horatio, and has ever since satisfactorily served in that position, discharging his duties in a prompt and efficient manner. Mrs. Williams is an earnest and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a most estimable lady.

ISAAC PIFER. One of the oldest homesteads of Jefferson county is that of the Pifer family in Henderson township, which is now in the possession of the third generation of the family. It comprises 200 acres, and was purchased in 1828 by John Pifer, who came from Westmoreland county, Penn., to make his home in the wilderness, and passed his remaining years there living in a log cabin in true pioneer style.

David Pifer, son of John, and the father of the well-known citizen whose name opens this sketch, was born in Westmoreland county, in 1825, and, coming to the new homestead in childhood, has remained there throughout his life, making many improvements as time passed, and building a fine modern residence which he still occupies. He married Miss Elizabeth Hess, who died in 1882, leaving a large family of children: (1) J. J., who resides on a farm in Henderson township, adjoining that of our subject, married Miss Lizzie Strouse, of Jefferson county,

and has three children—Albert, Lottie and Clair. (2) Isaac, the subject of this sketch, is referred to farther on. (3) Charlotte married Josiah Zufall, a farmer of Henderson township, and has four children—David, Eldry, Clarence and "Baby." (4) Jonas, who owns a farm in Brady township, Clearfield county, married Miss Mary Bonsal, of that township. (5) Sarah married Charles Scheffler, formerly of Centre county, but now a butcher of Big Run. They have one son —Willson. (6) Lydia married Amos Strouse, of Winslow township, Jefferson county, and they now reside on the Wash Miller farm in that county. They have six children—Lizzie, David, Minnie, Clarence, Gem and Nanie. (7) David, a farmer in Henderson township, married Miss Ollie Ludwig, of Winslow township, in the same county, and they have two children—Ethel and Ivan. (8) Mamie (deceased) married Gilbert Fye, of Winslow township, Jefferson county, and resided on the husband's farm at Big Soldier. They had six children—Minnie, Harry, Oscar, Laura, Ora and Clara. (9) William, a farmer at the homestead, married Miss Rachel Zufall, of Henderson township, but has no children. (10) Miss Lizzie and (11) Miss Minnie C. reside with their father at the homestead.

Isaac Pifer was born August 8, 1850, and has always made his home at the old farm, the common schools of the locality furnishing him an education. In early manhood he followed farming during the summers and lumbering in winter seasons. In 1878 he began dealing in sheep, buying them in Jefferson, Clearfield and Indiana counties, and shipping them to Philadelphia. Later he bought cattle for John Du Bois, of the town of Du Bois, continuing two years, and then for ten years he dealt in sheep and cattle on his own account, disposing of them mainly to W. S. Dellett, in Mifflin county, Penn. Since then he has been engaged in buying fat cattle at the stock yards in East Liberty, Pittsburg, and shipping them to Reynoldsville and other points. In 1884 he formed a partnership with Adam Miller, and purchased a sawmill in Henderson township from A. Wineburg, and they have ever since been extensively engaged in sawing lumber, having purchased several pieces of timber land, including the William Pifer tract in McCalmont township, Jefferson county. In addition to these interests, Mr. Pifer is a stockholder in the Citizens Bank of Big Run, and he finds time to take an active and influential part in local affairs. Politically he is a firm adherent of the old Jacksonian Democracy, and for sixteen years he has held the office of constable and tax collector.

In 1876 he was married to Miss Susannah Bonsall, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and in the same year he built a two-story frame residence on a portion of the old homestead, where they still reside. Ten years later he erected a large bank barn, and from time to time he has added other improvements. In 1886 his beloved wife died, leaving five children, of whom the youngest, Wilson, born in 1886, died in the following year. The others, who are all at home, are: Jacob K., born March 4, 1878; Miss Lydia, November 10, 1879; Luther, February 12, 1881; and David, December 12, 1882. The father of these, in religious faith, is an Evangelical Lutheran, and he and his wife a number of years ago united with the Church at Paradise, of which he has always been a generous supporter.

WILLIAM JAMES THOMPSON is a well-known general farmer and lumberman residing in Winslow township, Jefferson county, and his home with its surroundings denotes the supervision of an intelligent agriculturist and capable business man, who at the same time has proved a useful member of society, and one deserving the esteem and confidence of the people around him.

Mr. Thompson is a native of Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Penn., a son of Alexander and Ann E. (Blair) Thompson, who were born, reared and married in that county, remaining there until 1863, when they removed to Clearfield county, Penn., and located near Madera, then known as Puzeyville. Four years later they went to Osceola, the same county, but in 1871 took up their residence in Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, where they spent their remaining days, and were buried, the mother in Beulah cemetery of that place, and the father in Michigan. The father engaged in lumbering until 1887, but passed his last years in retirement. His estimable wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both were held in the highest respect by the entire community. They had two children: Maggie A., now the widow of Peter C. McKee, a lumberman of Reynoldsville, by whom she had two sons; and William James, of this sketch.

John Thompson, the paternal great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Ireland, and crossed the Atlantic at an early day. In a canoe he went up Lycoming creek from the present site of Williamsport to what is now Cogan Station, and secured a tract of land in Lycoming county, where he passed the last years of his life. The grandparents, King and Ann (Mahaffey) Thompson, became prominent farming peo-

ple of that county, where they always made their home. The maternal grandparents of our subject were William and Phœbe (Conklin) Blair, agriculturists of Maturesville, Pennsylvania.

William James Thompson, of this review, attended school as the opportunity afforded until about twelve years of age, and then worked with his father at lumbering until sixteen, when he left home to earn his own livelihood, being employed for the first two years in a sawmill. The following year he was a brakeman and fireman on the Northwestern railroad, and then spent eight months in the oil fields, after which he returned to railroading, and was thus engaged for a year and a half. Three years were then spent in the West—Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and other States—where he worked on farms, in sawmills, or at anything which he could find to do. In 1869, he returned to Clearfield county, Penn., and was for a year and a half in the employ of the Clearfield Coal Company at Osceola, after which he worked in a sawmill for three years. He continued a resident of that county until 1886, following teaming, or working at any employment which he could obtain, and then removed to North Dakota, where he took up a homestead and tree claim of a quarter of a section each, which were fifteen miles from a settlement. He took with him 3,500 feet of lumber and 3,000 shingles, and, as soon as his house was completed, he sent for his wife and family. He had to haul the lumber for the house 100 miles. Many hardships and privations had to be endured in their frontier home as they were one hundred miles from any railroad until 1888, when the Great Northern Railroad Company extended a branch line within three hundred yards of their home, two miles from Willow City, a fine, prosperous little town. The nearest timber tract was twelve miles distant, and they were obliged to haul the wood for fuel from fifteen to twenty-five miles, while their wheat was taken to Devils Lake to market, one hundred miles away. The family continued to make their home there for six years and a half, but in 1892 returned to Reynoldsville, Penn., as Mr. Thompson was suffering from rheumatism and eczema, contracted by exposure at their Western home. He still owns his tree claim, but has sold the homestead. After recuperating, he turned his attention to lumbering, but this he had to give up on account of rheumatism, and he has since purchased the Joel Snyder farm of seventy-nine acres in Winslow township, Jefferson county, which he is now successfully operating.

On January 1, 1873, at Tyrone, Blair Co., Penn., our subject was married to Miss Mary A. Kooken, and ten children were born to this union: Charles P., now a farmer of Blair county; Lawshe, who died at the age of four months; Elizabeth B., deceased wife of J. C. Starr, of Brookville, Penn.; and James K., Phœbe M., Mary L., Aurius N., Alma J., Bertha E. and Mildred D. J., all at home. The mother of these was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., May 3, 1852, a daughter of Peter and Hettie (Musser) Kooken, natives of Centre county, Penn., where they were married. Later they removed to Huntingdon county, but in 1877 emigrated to Lancaster, Ohio, where they continued to reside until called from this life. The father, a farmer by occupation, was born in 1812, and died in 1879, while the mother was born in 1815, and died in 1882. In their family were the following children: John Z., now operating a fruit farm in Union county, Penn.; Daniel W., who is in the cattle business in Montana; Thomas J., a farmer of Huntingdon county, Penn.; James M. and George D., both agriculturists of Blair county, Penn.; Sarah M., deceased wife of William Kuhn, of Kingman county, Kans.; Mary M., wife of our subject; Franklin P., a resident of Montana; Ellen, wife of John Larkin, a farmer of Oklahoma; and Abraham H., who is in the hotel business in Montana. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Thompson were John Kooken and wife (whose maiden name was Rhumster); both died in Centre county, Penn., and the maternal grandfather, Daniel Musser, was also a lifelong resident of Penn's Valley, Centre county.

Throughout life, our subject has been a hard-working, industrious man, and the success that he has achieved is due entirely to his own unaided efforts, for since the age of sixteen he has been dependent upon his own resources, but he has steadily worked his way upward until he has secured a comfortable competence. He holds membership in the Odd Fellows Lodge, of Reynoldsville, and is a pronounced Democrat in politics.

JAMES M. AHARRAH. Among the well-to-do and successful farmers of Jefferson county, who have accumulated competencies through their own exertions and economy, and who are carrying on the occupation of farming in a manner that draws forth praise from every one, is the subject of this biographical notice, who is an honored resident of Heath township, where he has spent his entire life, and those who have known him from childhood are numbered among his stanchest friends.

William and Catherine (Elrod) Aharrah, his

parents, were natives of Indiana and Allegheny counties, Penn., respectively. Throughout the greater part of his life the father engaged in lumbering, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and spent his last days in the quiet, uneventful manner of most farmers. He was called to his final rest in 1892, but his widow is still living at the age of sixty-eight years. To them were born ten children, of whom eight are still living, namely: Caroline, wife of David Miller; Marietta, wife of Robert Walford; James M., of this sketch; Margaret, wife of Alphos Callen; Jennie, wife of Jacob Hydinger; Elrod; Ella and Nancy.

Our subject was born January 1, 1850, and was provided with very meagre educational privileges during his youth. As soon as he could be of any service, he entered the lumber woods, and since the age of eighteen he has been dependent upon his own resources. He still engages in farming and lumbering, and has met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings. In 1873, he was married to Miss Clara Walters, a daughter of J. Wilson Walters, of Forest county, Penn., and they have become the parents of thirteen children, twelve of whom are living, as follows: Etta (Mrs. Mead Miller), Katie (Mrs. Frank Larmar), Vienna, Hannah, James, Charles, Anna, Grover, Robert, Ola, Myrtle and Effie.

Mr. Aharrah takes quite an active interest in civic societies, and now belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, and, although he has never cared for official distinction, his fellow citizens have called upon him to serve in a number of local positions of honor and trust. In 1896 he was the candidate of his party for county treasurer, but was defeated as the county is strongly Republican. His sterling integrity, inflexible honesty, and general high principles, have won him the respect of the community where he has so long made his home, and he is to-day one of the most esteemed and valued citizens of Jefferson county.

SOLOMON W. SHAFFER, one of the successful agriculturists of Beaver township, Jefferson county, owns a farm near the village of Ohl, which is not only productive on the surface, but is underlaid with heavy veins of coal. He has a handsome home, elegantly furnished, and, while working hard, has the wisdom to live well.

Mr. Shaffer is a member of one of the pioneer families of Jefferson county. His great-grandparents, Phelda and Elizabeth Shaffer, of Northumberland county, settled in 1840 in Ringgold township, where they were the first comers. They built a log cabin in the midst of the "howling wilderness," and their remaining years were spent there. In religious faith they were Lutherans, and at death their remains were interred in the cemetery at St. John's Church. Among their eleven children was a son, Isaac (our subject's grandfather), who was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., and was married there to Miss Christina Geitz, whose father, Andrew Geitz, a private in the Revolutionary army, was born in Pennsylvania, east of the mountains, and died at Wolfs Creek, Northumberland county, at the age of ninety-seven. In 1835 Isaac Shaffer and his wife made their home in the woods in Beaver township, Jefferson county, their journey, which occupied nine days, being made with one single and two double teams. They purchased eighty acres of land at $1.50 per acre, paying only a portion of the price down. In his younger days Isaac Shaffer had followed the weaver's trade, but this was given up, as his agricultural operations became more extensive and profitable. He was a Democrat in politics, and a devout member of the Lutheran Church. He died at the age of sixty-nine years and three months; his wife survived him until 1883, when she passed away when aged eighty-one years, five months and twenty-five days; the remains of both were laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery in Beaver township. They had the following children: Lida, who died in childhood; Solomon, our subject's father; Harriet, who died at the age of twenty; Lucy A., widow of Eli Thomas, of Beaver township; Christina, the wife of Joseph Thomas, a carpenter in the same township; Rebecca, widow of John Reitz, of Warren, Penn.; Isaac, a farmer in Beaver township; Abraham, a lumberman at Mannsville, Penn.; George, a farmer and lumberman in Ringgold township, Jefferson county; John, a blacksmith at Apollo, Penn.; Sarah, who married John Mowry, a farmer in Ringgold township, and Jacob, a lumberman on Sandy creek, Jefferson county.

Solomon Shaffer, Sr., the father of our subject, was born January 7, 1824, in Northumberland county, and when about twelve years old came to Jefferson county with his parents. The forests which surrounded his new home have long since disappeared, but much of his time until his twenty-first year was spent in assisting in the work of clearing the farm. On November 5, 1845, he was married in Ringgold township to Miss Elizabeth Wonderling, and the next three years he passed at Maysville, Penn., in the em-

ploy of his uncle, Daniel Geitz, a farmer. Later Mr. Shaffer purchased forty acres of land from his father, for $200.00, of which sum he paid half in cash; seven years afterward he bought eighty acres more, making a fine property; but on May 13, 1869, he removed to his present farm in Beaver township, which he purchased from Mr. Barkhouse. At present he gives less time than formerly to the active management of the farm, having turned it over to younger hands; but he is very well preserved for his age. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, though his first Presidential vote was cast for James Buchanan. Official honors have never tempted him greatly; however, he has served one term as supervisor. He is a prominent member of the Evangelical Church, and for some time was a class leader.

His wife was a native of Northampton county, Penn., born June 17, 1826, the daughter of Frederick and Sophina (Billman) Wonderling, of Switzerland, who came to Pennsylvania in early life, and after residing for a time in Northampton county settled in Clarion county. Her father died there, but her mother's last days were spent in Jefferson county. They had nine children: Henry and John, deceased; Caroline, wife of Peter Hetrick, of Clarion county; Elizabeth (Mrs. Shaffer); Charles, a farmer in Oliver township; Joseph, a carpenter in Clarion county; Reuben, a carpenter in Jefferson county; Mary, widow of Solomon Young, of Maysville; and Catherine, wife of Solomon Glontz, a farmer in Beaver township, Jefferson county.

To Solomon Shaffer, Sr., and his wife, twelve children were born, viz.: Marvia, who married Jacob Shick, a farmer in Redbank township, Clarion county; Susanna, wife of Joseph Sparr, an undertaker and furniture dealer at Brookville, Penn.; Daniel, a farmer in Beaver township, who married Catherine Shingedecker; Solomon W., the subject proper of this biography; Lavina, who died when three years old; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Sowers, a farmer and stone-mason in Beaver township; Rebecca, who married Emanuel Brocious, a farmer in the same township; John, a lumberman in the same locality; Emanuel, who died at the age of twenty-one; Benjamin, a retired barber, who married Miss Orena McCriston, and resides at New Kensington, Penn., of which town he is now burgess; James, who died at the age of twenty-six; and Miss Olive Randa Shaffer, who resides with her parents. This lady, although she has been for sixteen years a helpless paralytic, displays a serenity and cheerfulness which makes a visit to her an inspiration. As her affliction came upon her in 1881, at the early age of twelve years, she had comparatively limited schooling, but her keen and active intellect has sought instruction in what Carlyle calls the "University of Books," where the best thought of mankind is enshrined. She was not especially fond of reading as a child, but fine literary taste has been developed through a study of the best writers in prose and poetry, and her conversation is enriched by many an apt and beautiful quotation. Naturally this noble resolution and patient yet persistent effort command the admiration of all who know her, and her sweet disposition has won her hosts of friends, who delight in visiting her. She is passionately fond of flowers, and, possessing much artistic ability, she has, without instruction, gained wonderful skill in copying their forms and colors.

Solomon W. Shaffer was born February 13, 1851, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, and was reared upon his father's farm. On February 13, 1872, he married Miss Louisa M. Milliron, and their home was made upon a farm in Ringgold township, Jefferson county. It contained seventy-five acres, and cost $2,300, of which sum Mr. Shaffer paid $1,000 in cash. After operating the place five years he sold it for $2,600, and then for two years he rented a farm in the same township from Mr. Geitz. On leaving that place he rented a residence at North Freedom, Penn., where he remained six months, and then he purchased another farm in Ringgold township. A year later he sold this place at an advance of $200, and bought his present farm of sixty-nine acres, for which he paid $3,000. He is a hard worker, and has spared no pains in improving his place, and his energetic and shrewd management has enabled him to find an excellent market for his products. In local affairs he is active and influential, being a strong adherent of the Republican party, and he has served two terms as assessor, also one as constable.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have had no children, but they have adopted a daughter, Miss Annie B. Reitz, known as Miss Shaffer. She was born February 13, 1875, in Beaver township, the daughter of John and Rebecca (Shaffer) Reitz, and is now an accomplished young lady. Her father died before she was born, and she has lived with Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer since she was three years old. Mrs. Shaffer is a native of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, born March 7, 1852.

CAPT. J. C. KELSO, who won his title by faithful service during the trying days of the Civil war, is now a distinguished and honored citizen of Clover township, Jefferson county.

J. C. Kelso

Our subject is a native of the county, born July 19, 1835, a son of William and Martha (Chambers) Kelso. The birth of the father occurred in 1807, in County Down, Ireland, whence in 1813 he was brought to this country by his parents. After landing at Philadelphia, they proceeded to Huntingdon county, Penn., making their first location near McAlavy's Fort, but in 1820 they settled in what is now Clover township, Jefferson county. The journey was made in wagons through an almost unbroken forest, and until their little cabin could be erected the sheltering branches of the trees was their only home. Here the grandfather, John Kelso, purchased a tract of wild land at what was then known as the Irish settlement, and improved a farm, on which he made his home until called from this life, in 1860. He and his wife were devout members of the Seceder Church. They were the parents of eight children: William, Elizabeth, Susan, James, Isabel, John, Margaret and David.

Being the oldest of the family, William Kelso early began to assist his father in the arduous task of clearing the land and developing a farm, and he never left the old homestead, his death occurring there in December, 1863. His wife, who also belonged to one of the honored pioneer families of this section of the State, was a daughter of James Chambers, who was born, reared and married in Ireland, and on coming to the United States located in Red Bank township, Clarion county, where he spent his remaining days. He was also a member of the Seceder Church, and was the father of four children: Joseph, Samuel, Solomon and Martha. To Mr. and Mrs. William Kelso were born seven children: John and James C., who died in childhood; J. C., of this sketch; Solomon, who also served his country during the Civil war; Isabel, wife of C. Chatfield; Elizabeth A., who died when young; and Martha J., wife of W. J. Gilbert. The mother, who was a most estimable lady and a member of the Seceder Church, died in January, 1860.

Upon the home farm Capt. J. C. Kelso was reared to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. In 1859 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Simpson, who also belongs to one of the prominent pioneer families, her parents being William and Lilly Ann (Scott) Simpson, who left Ireland—their native land—after their marriage, and in 1826 took up their residence in Clarion county, Penn. Coming to Jefferson county in 1840, the father improved another farm, on which his death occurred in 1874, while his wife passed away in 1869. They held membership in the Pisgah Presbyterian Church, and had a family of ten children, namely: Mrs. Jane Hull; John (deceased); Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas; Mrs. Mary Smith; David died in infancy; Mrs. Martha White; Sarah, wife of our subject; Mrs. Margaret Fitzsimmons; Mrs. Lilly Ann McGiffin; and Mrs. Lavina Moore. To Capt. Kelso and wife have been born four children: Martha A., now the wife of J. G. Anderson; John S., a practicing physician; Roverda J., who died at the age of nine years; and Harry, who died at the age of six.

Fired by a spirit of patriotism at the breaking out of the Civil war, our subject in August, 1861, enlisted as a private at Brookville, and was made fifth sergeant in Company B, 105th P. V. I., which was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and was under the command first of Gen. Heintzelman, later under Gen. Sickles, and still later under Gen. Hancock. For meritorious conduct and bravery on the field of battle he was regularly promoted until four months before the expiration of his three years, when he was commissioned captain of his company. He saw much hard service, was several times wounded, as follows: at Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862, causing an absence from his regiment of some six weeks, returning to duty at Harrison's Landing. On August 27, 1862, he was taken prisoner at Manassas Junction, but three days later he was paroled by Gen. Stonewall Jackson and sent to the parole camp at Annapolis. Most of the prisoners took "French leave," and visited home. On being exchanged Capt. Kelso, about December 15, 1862, returned to his command, then stationed at Falmouth, Va. At Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, he was wounded, the ball shattering the bone of his left leg, which caused his confinement in the hospital for months; returning to duty with his regiment at Brandy Station, Va., in December, 1863, after which he re-enlisted for three years or during the war, remaining with the same company and regiment. On May 24, 1864, at North Anna river (the Wilderness) he was shot through the right shoulder, the ball passing through his suspenders in both the front and back, and this also disabled him for six months. On his recovering he rejoined his command in the trenches at Petersburg, Va., in November, 1864, and remained at the front until hostilities ceased, when he was honorably discharged at Pittsburg, July 11, 1865, and returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud. He now receives a pension for injuries sustained.

Returning home, Capt. Kelso resumed agricultural pursuits upon his present fine farm, which is conveniently located one mile east of Summer-

ville, and is a valuable tract, 100 acres of which is highly cultivated and improved with excellent buildings. Since the organization of the party he has been an ardent Republican, takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs, and is now acceptably serving his second term as justice of the peace, being first elected in 1889. Fraternally he is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Veteran Union, while religiously he and his wife are both identified with the Seceder or United Presbyterian Church. His genial manner and his pleasant address have won him friends throughout the entire community, and he justly merits the high esteem in which he is uniformly held.

DAVID ALFRED STAHL, of Sykesville, who is engaged in general farming and lumbering, was born in Indiana county, Penn., August 7, 1851, a son of William M. and Rachel (Fiaught) Stahl. His parental grandparents were natives of Germany, and died in Indiana county, this State, where for many years the grandfather had followed farming. In Germany the maternal grandparents were also born, and at an early day established a home in Indiana county, where Mr. Fiaught devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits.

The father of our subject was born in 1837, the mother in 1840, and their home is still in Indiana county, where he is engaged in farming and carpentering. Their children are: David Alfred, of this review; Mary, who died at the age of fifteen; William C., a carpenter of California; Levi, a farmer and carpenter of Montour, Penn.; John, who follows carpentering in California; Edward and Furman, who are engaged in the same pursuit in the Golden State; and Emma, wife of Alexander Reeves, of Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

David Alfred Stahl, whose name introduces this sketch, resided with his parents until fifteen years of age, and then started out in life for himself, working in the lumber woods and on farms of the neighborhood. He was thus employed until 1873, when he made his way to the Pacific slope, locating in Sacramento county, Cal., where he spent the next eight years of his life, working as a farm hand. In 1881 he returned to Pennsylvania, and after visiting his parents for two weeks came to Jefferson county, where he engaged in lumbering until the spring of 1882. He then returned to California, but in the succeeding autumn again came to Jefferson county, and has since resided upon his present farm. In his political views he is a Republican, but he has never sought office, preferring to give his entire attention to his business interests.

On April 6, 1882, at Brookville, Penn., Mr. Stahl was married to Miss Christiana Shaffer, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. Henderson. Her father, Henry Shaffer, a general farmer of Sykesville, was born in Fayette county, February 19, 1837. His parents were Peter and Susan (Shaffer) Shaffer, who, though of the same name, were of different families. The former was born in Somerset county, the latter in Westmoreland county, and both died in Fayette county. Mr. Shaffer died in 1847, at the age of fifty-five, his wife in 1877, aged eighty years. Their children were Beckie, deceased wife of Elijah Zufall, also deceased; John, who died on the old homestead; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Joseph Wimer; Samuel, who is living on the old homestead in Fayette county; Peter, who also makes his home there; John, a shipper, of Henderson township, Jefferson county; Henry, father of Mrs. Stahl; Leonard, a farmer of Fayette county; Susan, wife of Rev. Simon Fulken, of Fayette county; Mary, twin sister of Susan, who married Isaac Miller, and after his death became the wife of Jeremiah Stoffer, a farmer of Fayette county; and Flora, deceased wife of George Meyer, of Fayette county.

Henry Shaffer was married in 1863 to Barbara Smith, and they became the parents of the following named: Christiana; Susan, who died in infancy; William, who is engaged in business with Mr. Stahl; Jacob, of Minnesota; and James and Laura, who are living with Mrs. Stahl. The mother of this family was born at Big Run, Jefferson county, and died in the fall of 1879, at the age of thirty-three years. Her parents were Jacob and Christiana (Philippi) Smith, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Shaffer resided with his parents until eighteen years of age, and then went to Henry county, Ill., where he was employed at farm labor for four years. He afterward returned to Jefferson county, and purchased two tracts of land of 118 acres each, paying $3 per acre for the same. The greater portion of Sykesville is built upon his farm. In politics he is a Democrat, is a member of the German Reformed Church, and is a prominent citizen of the community.

The home of our subject and his wife has been blessed with six children: William H., Edith, Glenn, Alda, Mahlon, and Raymond—all yet under the parental roof. Mr. and Mrs. Stahl have a wide circle of friends in Jefferson county, with whom their home is a favorite resort. They are well known throughout this locality, and their genuine worth has gained them warm esteem.

EDWIN HULL McKEE. Among the self-made men of Jefferson county—men who have accumulated their property through their own thrift—may be reckoned the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is now engaged in general farming in Winslow township, and is meeting with a fair degree of success in his chosen calling.

At Mary Ann Furnace, Clarion Co., Penn., Mr. McKee was born June 19, 1851, a son of David and Matilda (Chambers) McKee. The birth of the father occurred in Centre county, Penn., in 1809, but his parents, William and Elizabeth McKee, were natives of Ireland and Scotland, respectively, and were married in Centre county, Penn. William McKee died in 1812, leaving a widow and six children, all of whom are now deceased. In 1835, the father of our subject located in Clarion county, and in 1839 married Matilda J. Chambers, who was born in 18—, and is a daughter of William Chambers. After a trip to California, David McKee purchased a farm of 137 acres in Jefferson county, in 1855 located near Punxsutawney, and there made his home until called to his final rest in 1890, his remains being interred in the Punxsutawney cemetery. He was an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he was officially connected, and was a supporter of the Republican party. His estimable wife, who is still living, now resides with her son, D. Oscar, in Hemmetsville, California.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: William G., who was a member of Company A, 105th P. V. I., and was killed during the Civil war; James M., a farmer in Indiana county, Penn.; Maggie A., who married James Anthony, but both are now deceased; Frances P., wife of Thomas McCreight, a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Thomas B., an agriculturist of the same township; Edwin Hull, of this sketch; D. Oscar, a hardware merchant of Hemmetsville, Cal.; and Clara, who is with her mother.

During his boyhood and youth Edwin McKee assisted in the work of the home farm and attended school, and until he attained his majority he remained with his parents, though for five years he was engaged in making square timber. At the age of twenty-two he rented a farm in Bell township, Jefferson county, where he resided for three years, and then purchased his present farm of seventy-three acres in Winslow township, at $20 per acre. He is a painstaking and thrifty farmer, and his success is certainly well deserved. On February 7, 1872, in Jefferson county, he was married by Squire Miller to Miss Sarah C. Brown, and they have become the parents of the following children: Edwin H., Jr., born October 31, 1872, is at home; Clara J., born August 18, 1874, is the wife of Sandy Cammeron, of Johnsburg, Penn., by whom she has one child, Earl; and Julia M., born August 10, 1876, Smith M., born January 14, 1878, James Calvin, born October 9, 1879, Maud Viola, born January 7, 1882, Harry B., born January 18, 1884, Norman E., born July 5, 1886, Lillie A., born June 13, 1888, George W., born May 3, 1891, Verna May, born June 2, 1893, and Arthur L., born December 22, 1894, all at home.

Mrs. McKee, the mother of this family, was born near Punxsutawney, in Jefferson county, January 31, 1854, a daughter of Thomas J. and Margaret (Hartless) Brown, natives of Allegheny county, Penn., where their marriage was celebrated. They were among the first settlers of McCalmont township, Jefferson Co., Penn., settling here in 1838, on the present site of Panic, where the father followed farming and lumbering; he purchased 180 acres in the wilderness at $1.50 an acre, where he remained until his death. He was born February 9, 1803, and died September 13, 1868; and his wife was born February 25, 1813, and died May 15, 1865. They were earnest members of the United Brethren Church, and highly respected throughout the community, and they now sleep side by side on a part of the old homestead at Panic. In politics Mr. Brown was a Republican. In their family were the following children: Moses, born October 7, 1830, died February 7, 1852; Mary, born April 25, 1832, died in 1849; Job, a retired farmer of Indiana county, Penn.; Daniel, born September 21, 1836, near Logan's Ferry, Allegheny Co., Penn., is now a farmer of McCalmont township, Jefferson county; Margaret, born September 30, 1838, died May 7, 1849; William, born September 12, 1840, died December 12, 1841; Barbara A., born September 8, 1841, is the wife of Frank Ellenbarger, who lives near Coolspring, in Jefferson county; Thomas J., born September 10, 1843, lives on a portion of the old homestead now included in the village of Panic; Susana, born January —, 1846, died February 4, 1846; Emily, born March 3, 1847, is the wife of Jacob Dickey, who operates a part of the old farm in McCalmont township; George, born June 10, 1849, is a farmer in Jefferson county; Jacob Resler, born December 5, 1851, is a resident of Battle Hollow, McCalmont township; and Sarah C., born January 31, 1854, is the wife of our subject. The father of these children was married a second time, his choice being Miss Cath-

erine Smith, who died in 1890 and is buried in Punxsutawney.

As a pronounced Republican, Edwin Hull McKee takes an active interest in political affairs, and acceptably served as register of his township for two years, and as constable from 1891 to 1894, but he has declined to accept other official positions. He is an intelligent and public-spirited citizen, who occupies a remarkably high position in the estimation of the people of the community, and is known far and wide as one of the leading representative men of Winslow township.

JOHN S. MOORE, a prominent marble and granite dealer of Brookville, Jefferson county, has the happy faculty of combining virtues of energy and pluck with excellent judgment, which have brought great success to his efforts and labors. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Indiana county in 1849, a son of Abraham and Phœbe (Sutton) Moore.

Abraham Moore was born in Philadelphia, whence when a young man he moved to Indiana county with his father, Abraham Moore, Sr., where they engaged in farming. That honored calling Abraham, Jr., made his life work, but he spent his later years in retirement, though he still owned and looked after his farm. He passed away in 1878; his wife, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, died in 1890. He was a quiet, unassuming man, of excellent business ability, and succeeded in accumulating a comfortable competence.

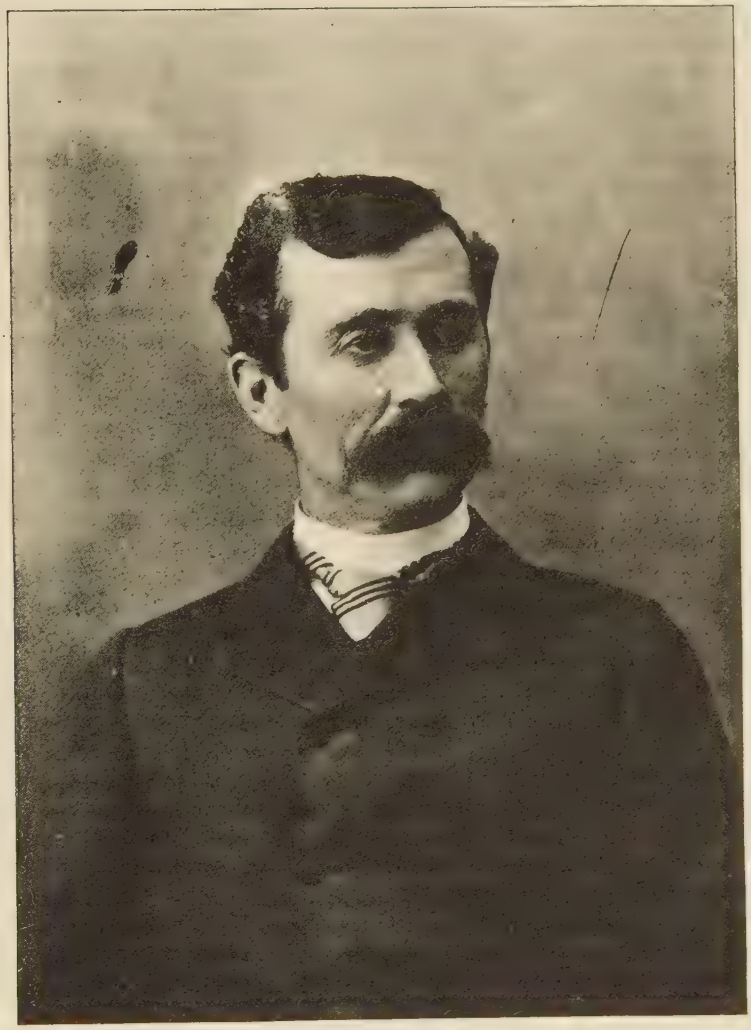
John S. Moore, our subject, pursued his studies in the public schools of Indiana county, and spent the first seven years of his life upon a farm, at the end of which time his parents removed to the town of Indiana, where he grew to manhood. In 1868 he accepted a clerkship in the store of Moore & Lafferty, of Jacksonville, Penn., where he remained for one year, and in the spring of 1869 went to Terre Haute, Ind. There he successfully engaged in the marble and granite business until 1871, when he sold out and returned to Indiana, Penn. In January, 1872, he located in Brookville and established his present business, in which he has prospered, and to-day ranks among the leading dealers in marble and granite in western Pennsylvania. From a small beginning he has steadily built up the business until it has assumed extensive proportions.

In 1871 Mr. Moore was married to Miss Frances H. Stall, who was born in Indianapolis, Ind., a daughter of Andrew Aiken Stall, a native of Maryland. One son and one daughter graced this union, the son dying in infancy. The daughter, Elizabeth S., graduated at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Penn., in the class of '95. On October 1, 1897, she entered the medical department of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., where she is preparing herself for the practice of medicine by taking the full four-years' course. Prior to this she took a six-months' course at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are consistent and faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Moore is serving as an elder. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand, and has served, by both appointment and election, as district deputy grand master, and has been treasurer of the local lodge for several years; he is also identified with the Knights of Pythias, and is past chancellor of the lodge at Brookville. In politics he is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and, while not an aspirant for official distinction, he has faithfully served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director and as a member of the town council. He is true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private, and no man in Brookville is held in higher regard.

JOHN E. SMITH. Among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Perry township, Jefferson county, the subject of this sketch takes front rank. He has spent his entire life in the county, where the family was founded at an early day by his grandfather, Henry Smith, a native of Germany, who purchased land in Young township and transformed the wild land into a productive farm, which was afterward divided among his three children. Jacob, the oldest, lived and died on a portion of that place. Louisa, the only daughter, married Henry Wingert, and also died on the old homestead.

William Smith, our subject's father, was also born in Germany, and when a boy crossed the Atlantic with his parents and took up his residence in Young township, Jefferson county. He married Miss Annie Prillheart, and began housekeeping on a part of the old homestead, where he died in 1896, at the age of seventy-seven. His first wife, and the mother of our subject, was called to her final rest in 1852, leaving five children: (1) Catharine is the wife of Frederick Hurlebus, of Cleveland, Ohio, and has three children—Annie, Ida and William. (2) Samuel, a farmer of Oliver township, Jefferson county, married Jane Straithoof, and both she and her child died some years ago. Later he wedded Becky McCracken, of Perry township, and they



John S. Moore

have reared a family. (3) William K., of Young township, is married, and has two children—Esther, and one not given. (4) Mary is the wife of George Hartzfeld, of Brady township, Clearfield Co., Penn., and has a family of children.

(5) John E. Smith, who completes the family, was born in 1852, on the old homestead in Young township, where he grew to manhood, receiving a good common-school education. In early life he learned the mason's trade, which he followed for about fourteen years, but after his marriage in 1872 he moved to his farm in Young township, where the town of Walston now stands. After a residence there of about three years he sold to the Walston Coal Company and bought the old Emhoof farm in Perry township, where he still resides. Subsequently he purchased the Smith farm in Ringgold township, Jefferson county, and the old David Barnett place in Young township, near Punxsutawney. A thorough and skillful farmer and a man of more than ordinary business ability, he has met with a well deserved success in his undertakings, and through his own industry, perseverance and good management has accumulated a large amount of valuable real estate.

In 1881 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Ella Barnet, of Jefferson county, and they have become the parents of ten children, namely: Joseph M., Horace A., Fannie M., Laura M., Anna D., Frederick L., Emily L., Elias, Marion L. and Arthur E. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are earnest members of St. John's Reformed Church of Perry township, and contribute liberally of their means to its support. They also give freely to all charitable and religious enterprises, and are numbered among the valued and highly respected citizens of their community. In his political affiliations, Mr. Smith is a Democrat.

ANDREW JACOBS is a lumberman and farmer of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, who ranks among its best citizens by reason of his devotion to every duty of both public and private life. His name is synonymous with honorable business dealing, and the success that has come to him is the just reward of his own labors.

Mr. Jacobs is a son of Perry and Lizzie (Whitman) Jacobs. His father was born in eastern Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Armstrong county, where he followed the foundry business at McCray's Furnace. His wife died in 1852, and soon afterward he went to California, since which time no news has been received of him. In the family were three children: Mina, born in Armstrong county, was educated in the common school and also received a musical education. She became the wife of Foster Corbitt, of Clarion county, Penn., who is now engaged in merchandising in Jefferson county. They have four children: Guy, a jeweler of Allegheny; Mary, May, and Lawson, all at home. Clara, the second daughter, was born and reared in Armstrong county, and became the wife of Irwin Swavly, of Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn., who engaged in merchandising there for a time, but is now a dealer in musical instruments in Bellefonte, Penn. His wife died leaving three children.

Andrew Jacobs, the only son, was born in Armstrong county, in 1852, and after his mother's death was bound out to Samuel Irwin, of that county, with whom he remained until fifteen years of age. He then went to Reynoldsville, where he began work in the lumber woods, following that pursuit until his marriage. In 1877 he wedded Miss Minerva Smith, a daughter of William and Polly Smith, well-to-do farming people of Oliver township, Jefferson county. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have been born three children. Rhoda B., born July 7, 1878, is receiving a liberal musical education, and has made splendid advancement in that art. William Perry, born March 4, 1880, possesses superior mechanical genius. Bertha May, born March 9, 1884, completes the family.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Jacobs located on the farm of Elias Bowers, his wife's uncle, where he has since been engaged in lumbering and agricultural pursuits. He is a successful business man, who throughout his entire life has been dependent upon his own exertions for a livelihood. Energy and perseverance formed the key to his advancement, and have brought to him a comfortable competence. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and has been honored with all the local offices of his township, including those of supervisor, collector, auditor and school director. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church, and have the warm regard of many friends.

AMOS S. STROUSE is a general farmer and lumberman of Winslow township, Jefferson county. Throughout his business career he has been identified with these industries which are among the most important that are followed in the county and have contributed most largely to its progress and substantial improvement. He has also filled with credit and ability a number of

offices, and is regarded as one of the most popular and valued citizens of the community.

Mr. Strouse was born December 7, 1853, in Winslow township. His father, Martin Strouse, a retired farmer of that township, was born May 18, 1829, in Westmoreland county, a son of Jonathan and Julia Ann (Cease) Strouse, the former a native of Berks, and the latter of Westmoreland counties. They became early settlers of Jefferson county, where the grandfather successfully carried on farming, and held a number of local offices. The family is of German origin, and the great-grandfather, Christian Strouse, a native of Germany, was the founder of the family in America. On October 21, 1852, Martin Strouse was married to Mary A. Philippi. He has followed farming and lumbering throughout the greater part of his life, and now, with a comfortable competence, acquired through his own labors, is living retired. He served as assessor of Winslow township for about twelve years, and is a recognized leader of the Republican party. He belongs to the Lutheran Church.

Amos S. Strouse is the eldest of his father's family. Rosanna, the second, born February 2, 1856, is the wife of W. A. Sheasley, of Winslow township; Elizabeth, born February 9, 1859, is the wife of J. J. Piffer, a farmer of Henderson township; Mary S., born October 12, 1861, died June 8, 1862; Jonathan E., born April 25, 1863, has not been heard from for five years; John M., born August 26, 1867, is working in a tannery at Big Run; Iona, born April 17, 1872, is the wife of Adam Norris, a farmer and supervisor of Winslow township; and Ada C., born April 12, 1875, is at home.

Amos S. Strouse, of this review, remained with his parents until the age of twenty-three. He was early trained to habits of industry. As soon as he was old enough to handle an axe he engaged in chopping wood, and in driving the teams used in lumbering. His school privileges were limited to three months' attendance during the winter season. At the age of twenty-one he began to work in the lumber woods by the day.

Mr. Strouse was married, July 22, 1880, in Henderson township, Jefferson county, to Lydia Piffer, who was born in that township, June 9, 1859. Her parents, David and Elizabeth (Hess) Piffer, were natives of Westmoreland county. Her father came to Jefferson county with his parents, John and Charlotte (Fry) Piffer, who were pioneer settlers who located in the midst of the forest. The former was born on the ocean while his parents were *en route* for America. The father of Mrs. Strouse was born in September, 1826, and is still living, but his wife died in 1882, at the age of sixty-two years. His political support is given the Democracy, and he has held a number of local township offices. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Piffer are: John J., a farmer of Henderson township, Jefferson county; Isaac H., a farmer and lumberman of Henderson township; Charlotte A., wife of Josiah Zufall, an agriculturist of Henderson township; Jonas, a farmer and oil agent of Brady township, Jefferson county; Sarah S., wife of Charles Sheffler, proprietor of a meat-market of Reynoldsville; Mrs. Strouse; David, a farmer of Henderson township; Mary E., wife of Gilbert Fye, a farmer of Winslow township; William T., who is operating the old homestead; and Elizabeth and Mina, at home.

After his marriage Mr. Strouse removed to a small farm in Winslow township, which he purchased of Jonathan Deemer, and there remained until 1894, when he purchased his present farm of 137 acres for thirty-four dollars per acre. He had timber sawed and ready for shipment to the value of $2,300, when, on the 6th of October, 1896, it was destroyed by fire, which was the work of an incendiary. Mr. Strouse has followed the lumber business since attaining his majority, and has found it a profitable source of income. He is also a progressive agriculturist, whose methods of business are up to date, and who, by his careful management, has secured a liberal return for his labors. To his marriage with Miss Piffer there have been born seven children: Elizabeth M., David M., Mina C., Clarence E., Glenna A. and Willis H., all at home, and Emory W., the fifth child, now deceased. Mr. Strouse has been honored with a number of official positions. In 1891 he was elected supervisor of Winslow township, and served four years. In 1894 he was appointed by the Jefferson county court to fill out an unexpired term of two years as tax collector of Winslow township. He is ever true to his duties of citizenship and to every trust reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature. He votes with the Republican party, and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

AMOS A. GOSS is one of the representative business men and prominent agriculturists of Winslow township, Jefferson county. He belongs to a well-known New England family of Scotch origin, his paternal great-grandfather having come from the land of the hills and heather and founded the family in America. The grandparents, Nathan and Dorothy (Grant) Goss, were both natives of New Hampshire, where the former engaged in farming and blacksmithing

throughout life. Of their thirteen children, all grew to maturity, and six of the sons became stone masons, and one a machinist.

William L. Goss, the father of our subject, was born November 1, 1828, in the old Granite State, and there learned the stone-mason's trade, but on coming to Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., in 1846, he turned his attention to the lumber business. In 1889 he returned to New Hampshire, locating eight miles from the city of Concord, where he is extensively engaged in farming and the dairy business. He is a stalwart Republican in politics, and is one of the leading and influential men of his community, holding a high place in the regard of his fellow-citizens. In 1850 he wedded Miss Rosina Bartlett, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Charles Cumins, a Presbyterian minister of Brookville, Penn., and to them were born three children: Salina, now the wife of John McClane, who is engaged in the harness business in Brookville; Amos A., of this review; and Luella, who is the widow of R. N. Hutchinson, and now resides with her father-in-law in New Hampshire. The mother was born in Jefferson county, July 10, 1820, a daughter of Israel and Nancy (Mason) Bartlett, natives of Connecticut and Pennsylvania, respectively. Her father died when she was but four years of age, leaving three children, and the mother later became the wife of William Long, a noted hunter, by whom she had four sons.

The birth of Amos A. Goss occurred February 3, 1853, at Bell's Mills, Jefferson county, and he remained with his parents until attaining the age of eighteen. Two years previous, however, he began serving an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade with Coleman Oloughlin, a contractor, who was to have paid him $300 for his three years' service, but owing to a disagreement Mr. Goss left at the end of two years and nine months, and received only $150. For fourteen years he continued to successfully engage in carpentering and bridge building, and then located in Winslow township, Jefferson county, where he owns a valuable farm of 145 acres, watered by Sandy Lick creek, and crossed by the Allegheny Valley and Rochester & Falls Creek railroads. For four years he worked in the mines, under Frank Morrison. He purchased his present farm in May, 1886, and since that time has given a part of his attention to agricultural pursuits with most satisfactory results.

On September 24, 1883, Mr. Goss was married by Rev. William Philson, a Presbyterian minister, to Miss Martha J. Hutchison, who was born in Winslow township, April 28, 1858, a daughter of Thomas Hutchison, a prominent citizen of that township. Ten children graced their union, namely: William T., Mary M., Harry L., Rosina R., Frederick, Charles O., Luella, Dorothy, and Anna and Martha (twins). The last named died at the age of four months, but the others are still with their parents.

In his political affiliations Mr. Goss is a Republican, and, fraternally, he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge and the Knights of the Maccabees, both of Falls Creek, Jefferson county. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian. His success in life has been the result of honest, persistent effort in the line of honorable and manly dealing. His aims have always been to attain to the best, and he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. His life has marked a steady growth, and now he is in possession of an ample competence.

SAMUEL B. FERMAN, one of the leading agriculturists and lumbermen, of Snyder township, was born April 23, 1854, upon the farm where he still lives, and is a worthy representative of one of the prominent early families of Jefferson county.

The birth of his father, Alonzo Ferman, occurred November 27, 1818, in Franklin county, N. Y., where he was reared by strangers, as his father, who was of stanch New England stock, died when he was an infant. By his foster parents he was liberally educated, and when he became well established in this State, he sent for them, and in caring for them in their declining years returned in part their kindness to him. Coming to Jefferson county, Penn., in 1839, Alonzo Ferman was for some time in the employ of a lumber firm, whose mill he later purchased, together with a tract of 600 acres of land. Subsequently he became the owner of other tracts, and at his death, which occurred November 7, 1895, he left 700 acres of valuable land. At one time he had 1,000 acres in Elk county, Penn., which he later sold, and after the mines were opened near his home, he conducted a store for three years. He was an enterprising, progressive business man, upright and honorable in all his dealings, and his success was but the just reward of his own industry, perseverance and good management. He cleared and improved many acres of his land, continued to successfully engage in the manufacture of lumber throughout life, sold the coal underlying his land, and also dealt quite extensively in real estate at Crenshaw. His straightforward career won for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

On August 9, 1848, Mr. Ferman was married to Miss Susanna Bundy, a daughter of John I. Bundy, who at an early day came to Jefferson county from Clearfield county, Penn. and improved a large farm, which he conducted for many years, but spent his last days in Minnesota. His children were Louisa, Loisa, Susanna, Lucius, Hannah and Rebecca. Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ferman, of whom six are still living, and with one exception all are married and have homes of their own. Albert J., in partnership with our subject, carries on the work inaugurated by their father; Eliza M. resides at the old homestead; Samuel B. is next in order of birth; Mrs. Clara C. Horton is now deceased; Mrs. Josephine Dailey is living in Fredonia, N. Y.; Nellie is Mrs. Iddings, a merchant of Crenshaw, Penn.; Allie died August 6, 1880, at the age of sixteen years; and Mrs. Zada V. McNeill completes the family. The mother, who departed this life April 19, 1896, was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which her family also belong.

After pursuing his studies for some time in the common schools, Samuel B. Ferman entered the Clarion Seminary, where he completed his education. His business training was obtained upon the home farm, and for several years prior to his father's death he and his brother joined him in business. The sons are now administrators of the estate, which is still undivided, and are successfully engaged in farming and lumbering. For three years our subject also conducted the store which his father established, and he is recognized as one of the most proficient, energetic and reliable business men of Snyder township. In his political principles he is an unswerving Republican, devoted to the best interests of the party, and has acceptably filled a number of local positions, including that of auditor for twelve years. In 1876, Mr. Ferman married, the lady of his choice being Miss Maggie McLaughlin, who who was born in Philadelphia, July 25, 1854, a daughter of John and Catherine (Ferguson) McLaughlin, who were natives of County Donegal, Ireland, but were married in the Quaker City. Her father had located there in 1846, and on October 21, 1855, took up his residence in Jefferson county, settling on his present farm in 1868. For four long years he faithfully served his adopted country in the Civil war as a member of the 105th P. V. I., first, and later of the United States Veteran Corps, commanded by Gen. Hancock. He is an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife, who passed away on May 29, 1886, also belonged.

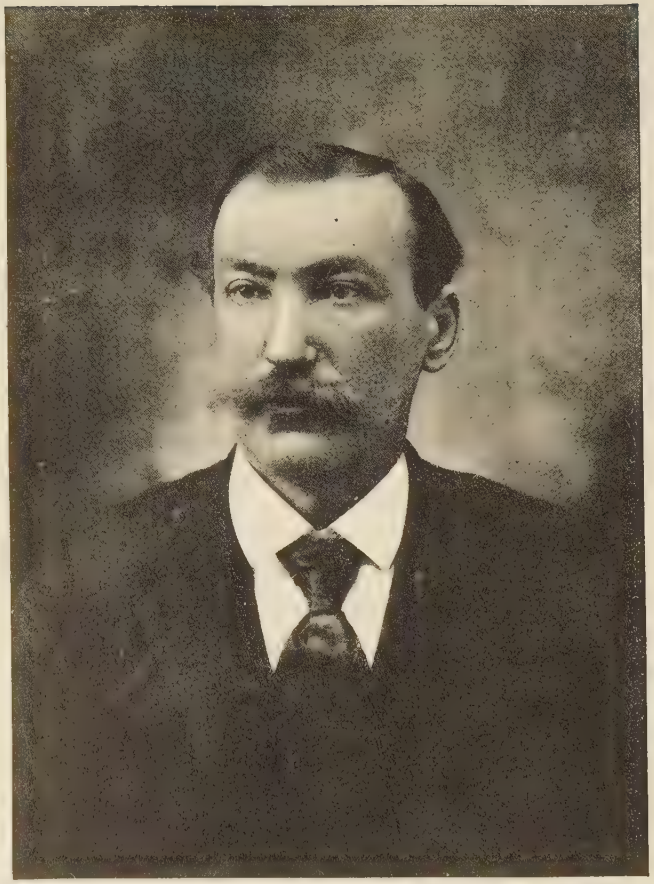
To our subject and his wife were born six children: Alonzo B., born January 2, 1878; John W., February 7, 1880; Alice L., November 17, 1882; James H., June 24, 1884; Charles W., August 9, 1890; and Esther B., May 3, 1892. All are still living with the exception of Charles, who was killed by the cars March 26, 1895. The parents are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in social circles hold an enviable position.

GEORGE M. NOERR, a member of the well-known firm of Noerr Bros., leading lumbermen of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, belongs to a prominent family which is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. He is of German ancestry, and in his career has shown the characteristic industry and ability of that thrifty race.

George and Barbara (Hoffman) Noerr, his parents, were natives of Germany, but first met in Pittsburg, Penn., where they were married. In 1853 they settled in the woods in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, where, notwithstanding their humble beginning, they speedily gained a handsome competence, the father engaging in lumbering and agriculture. They now own a large amount of property including 1,000 acres of land. Since 1885 they have made their home in Punxsutawney, and are enjoying in retirement the fruits of their past years of toil. They had nine children, viz.: Rosa (Mrs. Henry Wingerd), of Marchand, Penn.; George M., our subject; Eliza (Mrs. James K. North), of Punxsutawney, Penn.; John, of Noerr Bros.; Sophia, wife of Henry Smith, a farmer near Trade City, Penn.; Frederick and Mary, who died of diphtheria; William, of Noerr Bros.; and Emma (Mrs. Frank St. Clair), of Punxsutawney.

George Noerr was born in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, in 1853, and passed his youth mainly in farm work. At twenty-four he left the parental roof and settled upon a farm adjoining those of his two brothers, where he still resides. It is a handsome estate, well kept in every respect, and his tasteful residence shows constant care in its fresh and neat appearance. In politics he is a Democrat, and while not an office seeker he is influential in local affairs. He and his wife are prominent in social circles, and he belongs to the U. B. Church, and to the Junior Mechanics, at Panic.

On March 7, 1878, Mr. Noerr was married in Perry township, Jefferson county, by Rev. J. E. Lyda, a Presbyterian minister, to Miss Ada McDowell, who was born October 30, 1855, about four miles from Leipsic, Putnam Co., Ohio. Their home is brightened by nine children,



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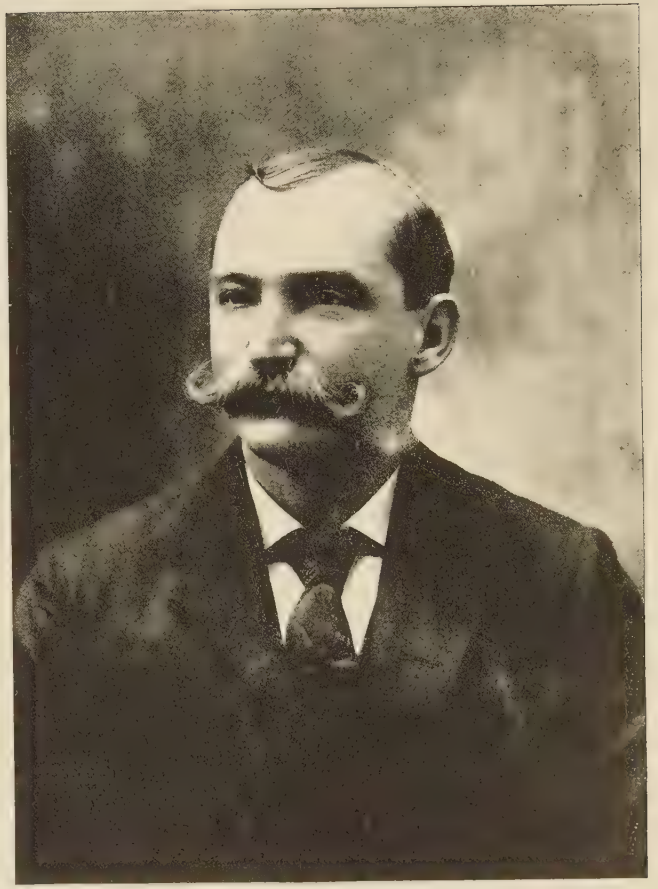

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namely: Frank B., Laura L., Edith O., Anna B., Lloyd P., Walter M., Barbara F., Eddie E. and Ira L.

Mrs. Noerr is descended from the McDowells of Crawford county, Penn., an old and respected family. Matthew and Jane (Jackson) McDowell, her paternal grandparents, moved from that county to Ohio in 1836, settling upon a farm in Putnam county. Their son, Matthew S., father of Mrs. Noerr, was born September 1, 1829, in Crawford county, Penn., grew to manhood in Ohio, and became a potter by trade. In 1851 he married Miss Rachel F. Nash, a native of Putnam county, Ohio, born January 15, 1833, the daughter of William and Tilletha A. (Thrapp) Nash, leading residents of that section, where they owned a large farm. In 1861 Mrs. Noerr's parents removed to Crawford county, Penn., and in 1873 they came to Jefferson county, locating, first at Frostburg, and later, in 1881, at New Bethlehem, where they still reside. Mr. McDowell was a soldier in the Civil war, and while he was not wounded his health was permanently impaired in the service. In politics he is a Republican, and he and his wife are leading members of the Presbyterian Church. They had a numerous family of children, as follows: Jane, who married (first) David Weston, and (second) Isaac Smith, both now deceased; James W., deceased; Ada (Mrs. Noerr); Loreta, who died at the age of two years; Anna, who married Harry McGregor, of Leechburg, Penn.; Sarah E., wife of Clark Jordon, a farmer near Oliveburg, Penn.; Milford N., a dairy farmer in Ashtabula county, Ohio; Harmon S., who operates a coal sifter in a mine near New Bethlehem; Miss Mollie J., a graduate of the Normal School at Lock Haven, now teaching at Punxsutawney; and Olive, wife of John Schrecengost, of New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

JOHN NOERR, a wealthy agriculturist and lumberman of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, is a member of a family which stands high in that locality, thrift, enterprise, and public spirit being leading characteristics. He is of German descent in both paternal and maternal lines.

George Noerr, his father, who was born in the Fatherland, in 1825, came to America as a young man, and while residing in Pittsburg met and married Miss Barbara Hoffman, also a native of Germany, born in 1827. Not long after their marriage they moved to Jefferson county where land was then quite cheap, and, in 1853, began life in the woods in McCalmont township. They were poor, but energy and shrewd management met it's due reward, and a handsome fortune was gained. In 1872 George Noerr built a sawmill, now conducted by his sons, and at the present time he owns 1,000 acres of land, besides other property. He has always taken an interest in local affairs, holding several township offices, and is a steadfast supporter of the Democratic party. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. Since 1885 he and his estimable wife have been living in Punxsutawney, having transferred their active cares to younger hands. Rosa, now the widow of Henry Wingerd, formerly a merchant and farmer at Marchand, Penn.; George M., a partner in the firm of Noerr Bros.; Eliza, wife of James K. North; John, our subject; Sophia, who married Henry Smith, a farmer near Trade City, Penn.; Frederick, who died of diphtheria at the age of seventeen; Mary, who died of the same disease when fourteen years old; William, a partner in the firm; and Emma, wife of Frank St. Clair, a bookkeeper in Punxsutawney.

John Noerr was born September 30, 1859, at the homestead in McCalmont township, where he was reared to habits of industry. When he was about twenty-six years old his parents left the farm, and he and his two brothers have continued to cultivate their respective portions which adjoin each other. For the first five years our subject operated the sawmill which he remodeled, and in 1890 his brothers, William and George, each purchased a one-third interest, and the firm of Noerr Bros. was organized. They have a tract of 1,000 acres of timber land. In 1897 the mill was burned down, causing a loss of $1,500, but it has been replaced by a new plant with a capacity of 20,000 feet per day.

Mr. Noerr is one of the prominent Democrats of his locality. He has been school director three terms, and is now serving his second term as overseer of the poor. Socially he and his wife are prominent, and he is an active member of Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., the Order of Elks, and the Junior Mechanics. He also belongs to the United Brethren Church, and every worthy movement receives encouragement from him.

At Punxsutawney he was married to Miss Susan Zimmerman, and five children have blessed their home: Ella, born October 20, 1884; Clara, August 13, 1886; Carl, February 6, 1888; Lott, February 28, 1890, died in infancy; Clyde, September 1, 1892; and Minnie, February 17, 1894.

Mrs. Noerr, the mother of these, is a daughter of Henry Zimmerman, a prosperous retired agriculturist of McCalmont township, who was born August 1, 1834, in Bavaria, Germany, a son of Henry and Barbara Zimmerman. The family

came to America in 1848 and located in Jefferson county, where Mr. Zimmerman has since resided. He was married in Bell township, Jefferson county, to Miss Barbara Weaver, also a native of Bavaria, born May 5, 1832, the daughter of George Weaver, a farmer. Of their five children, Miss Laura resides in Troutville; Susan is the wife of our subject; Henry is a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county; William operates the homestead; and David is a farmer near Troutville.

GEORGE NOERR. Among the most prosperous and respected families of this section is that of this well-known citizen of Punxsutawney. He is of German birth and ancestry, the home of his people having been in Wittenberg for many generations. His grandparents on his father's side, who were wealthy, passed their entire lives there, and his parents, Michael and Magdalena (Fleeket) Noerr, were born, reared, and married in the Fatherland. In 1849 they came to America and settled upon a farm in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, but although they had a comfortable competence, they were not as prosperous financially as they had been in their native land. The father died in 1877, at the age of seventy-seven, while on a visit to New York City, and his remains were buried there. The mother passed away in 1880, at seventy-six years of age, and was interred in the Oliver township cemetery. Both were devout members of the Lutheran Church, and were active in all forms of religious effort. Of their children, Barbara (deceased) married Daniel Zimmer, who met a soldier's death in the Civil war; George, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Conrad is a merchant at Kittanning, Penn., and Frederick is a farmer in Young township, Jefferson township.

George Noerr was born in Wittenberg, January 12, 1827, and at an early age began to learn the cooper's trade, which he followed for some years, although for a time he was employed in his native city. In May, 1848, he came to the United States, and locating first at Pittsburg, Penn., he spent fourteen months working in a brewery for a Mr. Shimmer. In 1853 he removed to Jefferson county, and rented a farm in McCalmont township, where he remained about thirty-four years, following agriculture and lumbering. With true German thrift and foresight, he invested his savings in real estate, and his different purchases finally covered more than a thousand acres of land. In 1870 he bought a sawmill there, which he operated for about fourteen years. In 1884 he decided to retire from active business, and having built himself a comfortable home in Punxsutawney, he removed there to pass his remaining years.

In April, 1853, George Noerr was married, at Pittsburg, Penn., to Miss Barbara Hoffman, who was born October 23, 1829, in Wittenberg, Germany, and came to America in 1852. Her father, Michael Hoffman, was a drover by occupation. He was married three times, but had no family except by Mrs. Noerr's mother, Catherine Grader, who bore him eight children. She died in 1841, aged thirty-five years and eleven months, and he survived her until 1886, when he passed away at the age of eighty-six.

Mr. and Mrs. George Noerr have reared a family of nine children, of whom seven are living. They are all well-settled in life, and reflect credit upon the estimable couple who trained them to habits of industry and usefulness. They are as follows: Rosa is the widow of Henry Wingert (deceased), formerly a merchant and farmer at Marchand, Penn.; George M. is a resident of McCalmont township; Eliza married James K. North, of Punxsutawney, Penn.; John resides in McCalmont township; Sophia married Henry Smith, a farmer in Indiana county, Penn.; Frederick died at the age of seventeen; Mary died at fourteen; William resides on a farm adjoining the old homestead in McCalmont township; and Emma is the wife of Frank St. Clair, of Punxsutawney.

Our subject has always felt a keen interest in all that concerned the welfare of his adopted country. In political faith he is a Democrat, but he has not been a seeker after official honors. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and wherever he has resided has assisted in it's work in various ways.

FREDERICK W. PARR, who is engaged in general farming in Oliver township, is one of the representative citizens of Jefferson county, to whom success in life has come as the reward of untiring labor and keen discrimination. From the age of eleven years he has been dependent entirely upon his own efforts, steadily working his way upward and overcoming all obstacles by resolute purpose and unfaltering energy.

Mr. Parr was born in Prussia Germany, on April 1, 1855, a son of George and Urilla Parr, natives of the same country. They crossed the Atlantic to the New World in 1865, landing in New York after a voyage of eleven weeks. After a short time spent in that metropolis they took up their residence at the Soda Works near Pittsburg, Penn., where they remained for a year, and

then removed to Covode, Indiana Co., Penn. After fourteen years spent at that place they took up their residence at Irvin Station, Westmoreland county, where the father died in 1880, at the age of sixty-eight years, and was buried there. He was a wagon maker by trade. In political faith he was a Democrat, and in religious belief a Catholic. His wife died near Pittsburg, Penn., in 1866, at the age of forty years, and was buried at Freeport, Penn. Their children were: George, who died at the Soda Works, near Pittsburg; Jacob, who is operating a wagon factory, at Irvin Station; Frederick, and Lew, foreman of the Carrier Lumber Company, at Carrier Station, Pennsylvania.

During his early youth, Frederick W. Parr was brought by his parents to the New World, and at the tender age of eleven he started out to make his own way in life. He was employed as a farm hand until 1871, and then came to Jefferson county, where he entered the employ of his father-in-law, I. C. Jordan, in whose service he remained until after his marriage when he began farming on his own account. He is a very industrious and energetic man, and his farm, neat and thrifty in appearance, well indicates his careful supervision. He has made many improvements upon the place, and now has one of the desirable farm properties of the neighborhood.

At Punxsutawney, on March 29, 1876, Mr. Parr was married to Miss Leanna Jordan, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. H. Kings, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Their children are: Charles, who is attending the Waynesburg Academy; Jordan, and Anna Clara, at home. The parents are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and are most estimable people, their many excellencies of character having gained them high regard. In politics Mr. Parr is a Republican, but has never aspired to political honors, preferring to give his time and attention to his business, in which he has met with a well-deserved success.

JOHN A. SHIRY, a successful general farmer of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, was born August 6, 1856, in Red Bank township, Armstrong Co., Penn., where the family was founded at an early day by his paternal grandparents, John and Mary (Shaffer) Shiry, natives of Butler county, Penn. The early home of the maternal grandparents, David and Catherine (Himes) Haas, was east of the mountains, but during the pioneer epoch of this region they came to Jefferson county, where the death of the grandfather occurred. His wife is still living, however, and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frances Van Horn, in West Millville, Clarion Co., Pennsylvania.

Simon and Rosanna (Haas) Shiry, the parents of our subject, were natives of Armstrong and Jefferson counties, respectively, and were married on the old Haas homestead in the latter county, when they removed to Red Bank township, Armstrong county, where they still continue to reside, the father being actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. In politics he is a Republican, and has acceptably filled a number of local offices. Religiously he was formerly a member of the Reformed Church, but is now identified with the United Evangelical Church, to which his wife also belongs. To this worthy couple were born the following children: David, a farmer of Ringgold township, Jefferson county; Mary, wife of George Doverspike, a farmer and carpenter of Red Bank township, Armstrong county; John A., of this review; William M., an agriculturist of Red Bank township, Armstrong county; Solomon A., who is teaching penmanship and grammar in a school in Cass county, Mo.; Ellen M., wife of John Shick, a huckster of Red Bank township; Eliza, wife of George Danger, a farmer of the same township; Charles, who resides on the old homestead there; Calvin, who is engaged in lumbering; Sadie, wife of Charles Copenhaver, of Red Bank township; and Jesse, who is still with his parents.

John A. Shiry was reared upon the old home farm in much the usual manner of farmer boys, remaining under the parental roof until nineteen years of age, when he took a course in the Millville Academy, and the following year began teaching school, which profession he successfully followed for eleven terms. For three years he made his home upon a farm in Armstrong county, and then removed to his present place in Ringgold township, Jefferson county; but after four years passed here, he went to Hodgeman county, Kans., where the following two years were passed. There he taught one term of school and engaged in farming; but as his crops were a failure he returned to Jefferson county, where he has since successfully carried on agricultural pursuits. He is one of the representative and prominent citizens of Ringgold township, has served as school director in his district and judge of elections. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Maysville; religiously, he is connected with the United Evangelical Church, and politically, he is prominently identified with the Republican party.

On November 17, 1877, in Shannondale, Penn., our subject was married to Miss Lavina

Shaffer, and to them have been born nine children, namely: Lida and Anna (deceased); Effie, Minnie, Pearl, Sadie, Flora and Mary, all at home; and Samuel, who died in infancy.

The mother of these was born September 5, 1852, upon the farm where she still resides, a daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Hamm) Shaffer, who were born, reared and married in Clarion county, Penn., and on coming to Jefferson county located upon the present farm of our subject, it being at that time entirely unimproved. The father died in August, 1893, at the age of eighty-two, the mother in November, 1894, at the age of seventy-seven years and nine months, and the remains of both were interred in St. Johns cemetery in Jefferson county. Their children were as follows: Martin V., who died in Brookville, filled the offices of treasurer and commissioner of Jefferson county, and served his country in the Civil war, during which he was wounded; Ann married H. Hinderlitter, but both are now deceased; Christina died in childhood; Mary, twin sister of Christina, is the wife of Daniel Snyder, a farmer of Jefferson county; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Christian is deceased; Susannah is the wife of Reuben Himes, a farmer of Clarion county; Catherine is deceased; Lavina is the wife of our subject; and Uriah and John P. have also passed away.

T. M. STAHLMAN, a leading and prosperous farmer of Eldred township, has spent his entire life in Jefferson county, where his birth occurred December 11, 1856. His paternal grandfather, Jeremiah Stahlman, was of German extraction, and was reared in Schuylkill county, Penn., but in 1844 removed to Clarion county, where from the wilderness he developed a good farm, and continued to follow agricultural pursuits and hunting throughout the remainder of his life, dying there in 1868. He was a devout member of the Lutheran Church, and strictly observed all religious customs. His children were eleven in number, namely: Moses, Paul, Benewel, William, Cornelius, Dewalt, Gabriel, Lucy, Hettie, Elizabeth and Catharine.

Gabriel Stahlman, our subject's father, was a native of Schuylkill county, and was about sixteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Clarion county, where he grew to manhood. He early started out in life on his own account and subsequently purchased a tract of raw land in Warsaw township, Jefferson county, upon which he still resides. Soon after beginning its improvement he was married and located there. He has met with a fair degree of success in both farming and lumbering, which he still continues to follow, and is now a stockholder in the Brookville Wagon Factory. In Jefferson county he was married to Miss Esther Keck, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of David Keck, who removed from Westmoreland county, Penn., to Clarion county at an early day, and later took up his residence in Jefferson county, where he improved a good farm and spent his remaining days. His ancestors were originally from Germany. In his family were three children: Israel; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Deiner; and Esther, mother of our subject. To Gabriel and Esther Stahlman were born ten children, namely: David; Cornelius, who died at the age of eleven years; T. M., of this sketch; Saloma, who married A. Beninger, and died soon afterward, leaving one daughter; Douglas M., a teacher by profession; George M. and Francis M., both farmers; Emma, at home; Clark R., who is attending the Normal School; and Abbie, at home. Politically the father is a Democrat, and has held some township offices, but cares little for political honors. His estimable wife is a member of the Lutheran Church, and both are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

In much the usual manner of farmer lads T. M. Stahlman spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and at the age of sixteen commenced lumbering, which occupation he has since followed during the winter, while the summer season has been devoted to farm work. Soon after his marriage, in 1878, he purchased his present farm in Eldred township, which at that time was fairly improved, and to-day he has sixty-five acres of the 150-acre tract cleared, the stumps removed, and under a high state of cultivation. By the erection of a commodious two-story frame residence and good barns and other outbuildings, he has made the farm one of the most desirable places in the locality. He is successfully devoting some attention to stock-raising, and yet owns some good sawed timber.

In 1878 Mr. Stahlman was married to Miss Leathy A. Geer, whose parents, Lawson and Nancy (Knapp) Geer, were early settlers of Jefferson county. The father, who was born in Indiana county, Penn., is a millwright, and in following that vocation has become widely and favorably known throughout the State. He and his wife are both earnest members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and are the parents of eight children: Rebecca, now the wife of M. C. Butler; Albert, a farmer by occupation; Leathy A., wife of our subject; Cassius M., an engineer;

Joseph, Abigail, Nancy J., and Newton, deceased.

Four children grace the union of our subject and his wife, all at home, namely: Carrie, Mary E., Nancy M. and Annie M. With their parents they hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Stahlman has ever taken an active and prominent part in Church work, as trustee and superintendent of the Sabbath-school. His political support is given the Democratic party, and he has done all in his power to advance the interests of his township and county, but has never cared for office.

ANDREW A. STEWART is now residing on the old Stewart homestead in Winslow township, Jefferson county, where his birth occurred May 2, 1857. His father, William A. Stewart, was born in Indiana county, Penn., where his parents, David and Martha (Allen) Stewart, natives of Scotland, located on coming to the New World. There his mother died, but the father's death occurred in Jefferson county, while on a visit to his son, William A.

In the latter county William A. Stewart met and married Miss Mary A. Moore, who was born in Centre county, Penn., in 1825, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Aikens) Moore, natives of Ireland and Philadelphia, Penn., respectively. In 1801, when a lad of eleven years, Andrew Moore came to America with his parents, James and Mary A. (Lindsey) Moore, also natives of the Emerald Isle, who first located at Philadelphia, whence they removed to Lancaster county, Penn., and still later took up their residence in Nittany Valley, Centre county, where they spent their remaining days. In 1835, however, Andrew Moore located in the Beechwoods settlement, in Jefferson county, where he followed farming until called to his final rest. In 1853 William A. Stewart, with his wife and family, removed to the present home of our subject, and there he passed away June 20, 1886, at the age of fifty-nine years, his death being caused by the kick of a Texas pony. He was injured on Friday and died on the following Sunday, and his remains were interred in Beulah cemetery at Reynoldsville, Penn. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a stalwart Democrat in politics. In the fall of 1895 Mrs. Stewart removed to Reynoldsville, where she is still living. She is the mother of five children, namely: Maggie M., wife of William A. Shoemaker, a farmer of Washington township, Jefferson county; Andrew A., of this review; Ethan E., who is engaged in the granite business in Reynoldsville; Leonard, who is a brakeman on the B. R. & P. railroad and resides in Reynoldsville; and Ida M., who is with her mother.

Upon the home farm our subject early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and in the local schools he acquired his education. At the age of twenty-two he married and left the parental roof, going to Falls Creek, Clearfield county, where he worked in a coal mine for two years. He then removed to Pancoast, Jefferson county, where he engaged in farming and lumbering until 1887, when he returned to the old homestead, which he has since operated, but he intends soon to locate on his own farm in Winslow township. He worked in a tannery for one year, and also operated a farm for David Reynolds for three years, but now gives his entire time and attention to the cultivation of the old Stewart place. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and fraternally he is a member of Hiawaithia Council Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 733, at Reynoldsville. On January 31, 1880, in Du Bois, Penn., Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Sarah A. Smith, who was born on the old Smith homestead in Washington township, Jefferson county, March 14, 1853, and five children bless their union: Mary F., William J., David E., Edward E. and Anna M., who constitute a most interesting family.

James S. Smith, the father of Mrs. Stewart, was born in 1821, in County Donegal, Ireland, and when a young man came to the United States with his parents, Andrew and Isabella (Smith) Smith, who located in Washington township, Jefferson county, when it was an almost unbroken wilderness. There his father engaged in farming, and at their deaths the parents were buried in Beachwoods. In Washington township, James S. Smith married Miss Mary A. Atwell, a native of Butler county, Penn., and a daughter of John and Mary A. (Dunlap) Atwell, who removed from that county to Washington township, Jefferson county, in early pioneer days. They died, however, in Snyder township, the same county, and were laid to rest in the Beachwood cemetery, where Mrs. Smith was also buried, her death occurring May 30, 1883, when in her fifty-fifth year. For many years her husband was actively engaged in farming and lumbering, but has now laid aside business cares, and is living retired on the old homestead in Washington township.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Sarah A., the wife of our subject; John A., who was killed in a coal bank

on his father's farm in March, 1897, leaving a wife, who was formerly Miss Mary A. McClure, and nine children; Andrew H., a farmer and lumberman of Washington township, who married Miss Ora Gilbraith; Mary R., who died at the age of twenty-eight; Albert W., who resides on the old homestead; Elizabeth A., wife of Sherman Wilson, who runs a stationary engine at Pancoast, Jefferson county; Thomas J., at home; Edna M., wife of O. C. Musser, a grocer at Falls Creek, Penn.; Florence O., at home; and Maud L., who died at the age of twenty.

W. J. SHEESLEY has for some years been actively associated with the development of the lumber and farming interests of Clearfield and Jefferson counties. He is accounted one of the leading business men of Bell township, Clearfield county, where he makes his home, for he possesses the energy and determination that overcome all obstacles, and goes steadily forward to the goal of honorable success.

Mr. Sheesley is a son of Henry and Sarah J. (Williamson) Sheesley. His father was born in Armstrong county, Penn., and after his marriage located in Bell township, Jefferson county, where he followed lumbering for a number of years, rafting square timber down the Mahoning creek to the Pittsburg markets. He afterward bought 150 acres of partially improved land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he erected substantial buildings and developed a good farm, upon which he is still living. His estimable wife, who shared with him all the hardships of his early life, died in 1875. W. J. Sheesley is one of six children born to this worthy couple, the others being: (1) Lydia A., born in Bell township, Jefferson county, became the wife of William Spiece, and they now reside on his farm in Gaskill township, Jefferson county. Their children are—Lizzie, Lulu, Jennie, Caddy and Henry O. (2) Sarah C. is the wife of D. T. Niel, a farmer of Indiana county, Penn., and their children are—Olive (now the wife of Curtis Smyers, of Punxsutawney), Anna (wife of Calvin Pierce, a farmer of Indiana county), Lester, Henry D., Charles E., Blanche, Lewis, Carrie, May, Bertha, Lottie, Floy, Ethel (who died in childhood), and a baby. (3) David L., born in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, married Etta Fuller, of Indiana county, and now resides in Bell township, Clearfield county, where he follows lumbering in connection with our subject. He has two children—Mabel and Henry L. (4) Martha J., who was born in Gaskill township and was an intelligent and cultured young lady, died at the age of twenty years. (5) A. L., born in Gaskill township, married Lizzie Klein, and they now reside on his father's homestead which he operates. They have one daughter—Elma Blanche.

W. J. Sheesley, of this review, was born in Bell township, February 20, 1859, but was reared on the homestead in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he assisted in the work of the farm. In 1883, in connection with his father, he purchased a steam sawmill and manufactured sawed lumber in Indiana county until 1888, when they moved their mill to Clearfield county and cut stock for Hydrick, Taylor & Weber. They remained there until 1894, but in 1893 our subject purchased 100 acres of land on the division line of Clearfield and Jefferson counties, built thereon a house and barn and cleared fifty acres of land, at the same time continuing the manufacture of sawed lumber for other parties.

In 1883 Mr. Sheesley was united in marriage with Miss Nannie J., daughter of Jacob and Sarah Dormire, well-to-do farming people of Indiana county. For some years they resided at his mill in that county, but in 1888 removed to his mill property in Clearfield county, where they have since remained. In 1895, in connection with his brother David, Mr. Sheesley purchased a tract of timber land of All, Reed & Co., located his mill thereon, and is now manufacturing sawed lumber. He also purchased a half interest in 582 acres of land bought of Hydrick, Taylor & Weber, but has since sold a portion of this for farming purposes. By the exercise of his splendid business ability he has accumulated a handsome property, and has become one of the substantial lumbermen of this section of the State.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sheesley has been blessed with four children: Martha J., born in Indiana county in 1884; Henry J., born in that county in November, 1887; Hazel L., born in Clearfield county in May, 1891, and Olive May, born at their present home in March, 1893. The parents are members of the United Evangelical Church of Mt. Carmel, and Mr. Sheesley is a liberal contributor to the same. He has been very active in its work, is one of the trustees of the Church property, and for several years has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, has held the office of school director for four years, and in 1891 was elected to the position of justice of the peace, being now the youngest incumbent in such an office in Clearfield county. He discharges his duties with marked fidelity, and is most true and faithful to every trust reposed in him. He is a valued member of the Knights

of Pythias and Odd Fellows fraternities, and has the unqualified regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

HARVEY DANIEL RHOADS, a successful agriculturist of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, is a member of a well-known pioneer family.

John and Mary (Moyers) Rhoads, his grandparents, came from Germany at an early date, and after spending some years in other portions of this State, settled, in 1829, in Jefferson county, upon a tract of forest land. Their eldest son, John Rhoads, Jr. (our subject's father), was born in Union county, Penn., January 31, 1815, and removing to Jefferson county in boyhood, passed the remainder of his life there in agricultural pursuits. On attaining his majority he purchased 120 acres of land in McCalmont township, and to this he added from time to time until he became the owner of a large amount of property. He gave a farm to each of his children as a marriage present, and at his death, in 1886, still owned a homestead of 205 acres, and 300 acres of land in Nebraska. He was a prominent Democrat, an active member of the Evangelical Church, and in all local affairs took an influential part. His wife, Anna (Bowers), to whom he was married January 9, 1839, was a native of Virginia, born May 2, 1819, and her parents, Philip and Catherine (Kipps) Bowers, became early settlers of Gaskill township, Jefferson county. John Rhoads departed this life January 4, 1886, and his wife did not long survive him, her death occurring September 10, 1890. Of their numerous family of children, the eldest, Sarah, is the widow of Christian Weis, of Jefferson county; George resides in Clarion county; David occupies a portion of the old homestead; Margaret married Abraham Zufall, of Henderson township, Jefferson county; Mary is the wife of Frederick Kuntz, of Big Run, Penn.; Miss Harriet and Miss Hannah reside at the homestead; Andrew P. is a farmer in Henderson township; Harvey D. is the ninth in order of birth; John J. owns a part of the homestead, and Miss Clara E. makes her home with him.

Our subject was born June 7, 1858, was reared at the old farm, and remained there until the age of twenty-five, when he began farming on his own account. On April 13, 1885, he was married at Big Run to Miss Theresa McPherson, and since that time he has been engaged in agriculture upon a portion of the old homestead. His farm contains about sixty acres of fine land, and under his able management is one of the best estates of its size in the locality. He is a stanch Democrat, as were his father and grandfather before him, and he is prominent in local affairs. His marriage with Miss McPherson has been blessed by three children: Nellie Allanna, born September 29, 1887; Ruby Royal, March 29, 1890; and Albert LeRoy, October 14, 1895.

Mrs. Rhoads is a native of Jefferson county, born March 1, 1858, at Brown's Mills. Her father, Joseph McPherson, was a native of Centre county, a son of Col. Thomas McPherson, a man of wealth and prominence, and an officer in the Mexican war, whose parents had settled in Centre county at an early period. His wife, Mary Divin, was also a native of that county. Joseph McPherson was engaged for some time in the lumber business, but later became a hotel-keeper at Big Run, where he died April 7, 1874, aged sixty-six years. He was a well-known citizen, and a leading supporter of the Democratic party in that vicinity. In 1837 he was married in Red Bank township, Armstrong county, Penn., to Miss Eliza Richards, who survives him and now resides with our subject. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. She was born at Kittanning, Penn., October 8, 1818, a daughter of Robert R. and Elizabeth (McClelland) Richards, who reared a family of eight children—three sons and five daughters. Robert Richards was a gentleman of fine education, and, after spending a number of years teaching, engaged in surveying. He acquired much wealth, and was in Iowa with two of his sons prospecting for suitable investments in real estate when his death occurred. He was buried in Iowa, but his wife's remains are interred at Glade Run, Armstrong Co., Penn. To Joseph and Eliza McPherson eight children were born, as follows: Absalom B., deceased, who lost his left leg while in the Union army, was at one time sheriff of Jefferson county; Narcissa died in childhood; Robert, Mary E. and James are now deceased; William is a tanner at Big Run; Theresa is the wife of our subject; and Harry is engaged in the laundry business at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

DEXTER B. McCONNELL, a representative and enterprising young farmer of Washington township, has spent his entire life in Jefferson county, his birth occurring there in 1860. His parents were Joseph M. and Ellen (Smith) McConnell, both now deceased, the former dying March 3, 1885, and the latter in 1862. The father was a native of Centre county, Penn., whence when a lad he came to Jefferson county,

where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Our subject was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and since reaching man's estate has devoted his time and attention principally to farming, though for the past two years he has also followed lumbering to some extent. The neat and orderly appearance of his property manifests to the most casual observer the thrift and care of the proprietor, and shows conclusively that he understands his business thoroughly.

In 1888, Mr. McConnell was married to Miss Mattie J. McCullough, a daughter of Archibald McCullough. She died in June, 1890, leaving one son, A. Bernice. Mr. McConnell was again married, in March, 1895, his second union being with Mrs. Annie (Richards) Swisher. She is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and a most estimable lady. In his political views, our subject is a pronounced Democrat, and he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He occupies a high place in the estimation of the people of his community, and is justly entitled to the regard in which he is held, for his career has been that of an upright, honorable man.

SAMUEL K. LIVINGOOD, senior member of the firm of Livingood & Campbell, proprietors of the Punxsutawney Steam Laundry, was born in Berks county, Penn., in 1849, a son of George and Elizabeth (Kline) Livingood, also natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a miller by trade, and successfully followed that occupation until responding to the President's call for troops to put down the Rebellion, enlisting in the 151st P. V. I. At the battle of Gettysburg, during the first day of the fight, he was mortally wounded, and died two days later, bravely laying down his life on the altar of his country. The mother is still living, a highly respected lady of seventy-two years, enjoying fair health

Samuel K. Livingood was but a lad at the time of his father's death, and was compelled to start out in life for himself when quite young; therefore his school privileges were very limited. After working for two years as a farm laborer, he clerked in stores and the leading hotels in western Pennsylvania. He was also for five years a clerk in the coal trade. On May 30, 1892, he formed a co-partnership with Ira J. Campbell in the steam-laundry business at Punxsutawney, and their trade has steadily grown until to-day they are conducting one of the largest and best laundries in western Pennsylvania.

In 1893, Mr. Livingood was married to Miss Rebecca Schafer, daughter of Levi Schafer, of Myerstown, Penn., and their union has been blessed by the birth of one son—Frederick G. The parents were active and prominent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of Punxsutawney, in which Mr. Livingood is now serving as deacon and treasurer. Socially, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Knights of the Maccabees, and, politically, he has an abiding faith in the principles of the Republican party, which he always supports by his ballot. The place that Mr. Livingood now occupies in the business world proves that neither wealth nor social position, nor the assistance of influential friends at the outset of his career, are necessary to place him on the road to success. It also proves that ambition, perseverance, steadfast purpose and indefatigable industry, combined with sound business principles, will be rewarded; and that true success follows individual effort only.

ORION H. BROADHEAD. The subject of this sketch one of the prominent young farmers and business men of Winslow township, Jefferson county, is pre-eminently a self-made man. Thrown upon his own resources at the tender age of six years by the death of his father, and passing his boyhood among strangers, he early acquired the determination to secure independence. How well he has succeeded is attested by his habits of industry, his well-cultivated farm and dairy interest, and by the esteem in which he is held by all who know him. Among the habits which have marked his growth and development have been a cheerful readiness to perform whatever honest work presented itself, and a total abstention from intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Broadhead was born March 21, 1860, in Winslow township, within a half mile of Prospect Hill Dairy, his present home. He is the son of George and Hannah (Hall) Broadhead, and the grandson of James and Mary Broadhead. The latter couple emigrated from England to America and first settled at Philadelphia, Penn. In 1838 the family moved to Winslow township, Jefferson county, becoming among the earliest pioneers. The husband and father settled upon a farm and cleared, it but later returned to Philadelphia. The children of James and Mary Broadhead were as follows: Prudence, wife of G. S. Sprague, of Reynoldsville; Joseph, a retired farmer of New Jersey; George, the father of our subject; Paul, a farmer and carpenter of Jefferson county; Anna, widow of a Mr. Dorland, of

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Indianapolis, and William, who died young. Of these, George Broadhead was born November 30, 1833, in Philadelphia. When five years old he came to Winslow township with his parents, and with them returned to Philadelphia, where he learned the carpenter's trade. There, in June, 1855, he was married to Miss Hannah Hall, and three years later he returned with his family to the farm in Winslow township, which his father had cleared, and there he remained until his death, which occurred September 18, 1866. He is buried in Prospect cemetery, Jefferson county. In religious faith George Broadhead was a member of the M. E. Church, and in politics he is a Republican. His widow still survives. She was born in Philadelphia, October 17, 1834, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Wright) Hall, both natives of Philadelphia. Thomas Hall was a shoemaker by trade, and, in politics, a Whig. He and his wife were members of the M. E. Church. Their children were as follows: Jane, wife of George Bitting, of Philadelphia; Mary, who died young; Hannah, mother of our subject; James, a painter of Washington, D. C.; William, a painter of Alexandria, Va.; John (deceased); Harriet, wife of Michael Trucks, of Philadelphia; and Sadella, wife of Isaac Little, of Washington, D. C. The father of these is buried at Washington, D. C., and his wife at Philadelphia. The children of George and Hannah Broadhead are as follows: Alfred I., born in February, 1856, a painter of Alexandria, Va.; Thomas J., born February 20, 1858, a miner of Leechburg, Penn.; Orion H., subject of this sketch; Edgar F., born November 5, 1861, died September, 1891; Sallie M., wife of Matthew Shockey, a miner of Rathmel, Penn.; and Hannah J., born May 24, 1865, wife of Alexander Oliver, a miner of Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

Orion H. Broadhead was but six years old when his father died. He lived among various people until, at the age of thirteen years, he began to work at whatever employment he could find, in farming, lumbering, etc. In 1885, when twenty-five years of age, in partnership with his brother Edgar, he rented the farm upon which he now lives. Three years later the brothers purchased it, and after Edgar's death, in 1891, Orion H. became sole owner of the place. It was a dairy when they purchased the farm, and Mr. Broadhead has since conducted the dairy in connection with general farming. At present he owns seventeen cows, and has an excellent business.

On September 22, 1887, at Reynoldsville, he was married to Miss Anna M. Humphrey, who was born in Richardsville, Jefferson county, July 24, 1865, daughter of Richard and Jennie (Slack) Humphrey, natives of Jefferson and Huntington counties, respectively, and now residents of Industry, Beaver Co., Penn., where Mr. Humphrey is proprietor of a hotel and engages in farming. He is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. Their children are as follows: John, of Butler, Penn., superintendent of the Electric Light Co.; William (deceased); George, a hardware merchant of Derry, Penn.; Anna M., wife of our subject; Alice, wife of M. J. McCreight, a bank cashier; Evert, now living with our subject; and Guy (deceased). The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Anna M. Broadhead were William and Mary Ewing Humphrey, of Huntingdon county, Penn., and her paternal grandparents were John and Mary Nightwine Slack, of the same county. To Orion H. and Anna M. Broadhead have been born two children: E. Clair and Alice.

In politics our subject is a Republican. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., at Rathmel. Although in his boyhood days he had few educational advantages, he has been a bright student in the schools of experience and observation, and is considered by his fellow-citizens as one of the most progressive and intelligent men of the township. He is now serving his third term of three years each as school director, and by his thrift and clever business management, aided by sterling integrity, has won a place in the esteem of many social and business acquaintances, creditable alike to his years and his opportunities.

CASSIUS E. CUMMINGS, of Beaver township, Jefferson county, is a general farmer and worthy citizen on whom his fellow citizens, recognizing his capability and fidelity, have seen fit to bestow the office of justice of the peace, and in that capacity he is now capably serving.

Born October 9, 1860, in Limestone township, Clarion Co., Penn., Mr. Cummings is a son of George W. and Paulina (Mills) Cummings, the former born in eastern Pennsylvania, the latter in Jefferson county. The grandparents, John and Mary Cummings, were born in the eastern part of the State, and became pioneer settlers of Clarion county, locating there in the midst of the wilderness and bearing their part in its substantial development. The father of our subject was a farmer and lumberman who conducted his business interests with signal success, becoming the possessor of a handsome competence. Both he and his wife died on the old homestead in Clarion county, the former March 10, 1894, at the age of sixty-five, the latter November 29, 1888, at

the age of sixty-two. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Cummings was a Republican. They had five children: Mary M., wife of W. B. Cowan, an agriculturist and coal operator of Jefferson county; Arthur M. (deceased); Nannie J., wife of P. M. Yaney, assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Clarion; John D., who is living on the old homestead in Clarion county; and Cassius E.

On the farm where he was born Mr. Cummings (subject of this sketch) remained until twenty-four years of age. He then went to California and traveled extensively through the West, both for the purpose of benefiting his health and of finding a desirable location. After four years, however, he was recalled home by news of the serious illness of his mother, and after remaining on the old homestead the following winter he located on his present farm, which was given him by his father. It comprises 132 acres of very valuable land, being underlaid with a nine-foot vein of coal.

On September 7, 1889, in Brookville, Penn., Mr. Cummings was married to Miss Jennie E. Weir. In politics the husband is a Republican, and in the spring of 1895 was elected justice of the peace. He is extremely fair and impartial in his rulings, and therefore makes a very capable officer. He is a leading member of the Presbyterian Church of Summerville, and he is now serving as elder. Mrs. Cummings is a member of the M. E. Church of that place. Their many excellencies of character commend them to the confidence of all, their well-spent lives have gained them high regard, and their genial manner has won them a host of warm friends.

B F. SMEYERS is one of the most progressive and energetic agriculturists and lumbermen of Bell township, Jefferson county. His fine farm invariably attracts the eye of the passing traveler as being under the supervision of a thorough and skillful farmer, and a man of otherwise good business qualifications. Upon the place Mr. Smeyers was born in 1860, a son of J. B. and Margaret (Rhinehart) Smeyers. His paternal grandfather was one of the honored pioneers of the county, where his children grew up to be numbered among its best citizens.

J. B. Smeyers, the father, was born in 1828, in Cambria county, Penn., and when a young man, in 1849, came to Bell township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a tract of timber land one mile northwest of Bells Mills, which he cleared, rafting the lumber down the Mahoning to the Pittsburg markets. His first house and barn were built of round logs, but these were afterward replaced by more modern structures, and upon that place his wife died in 1873. There he continued to reside until 1880, then went to Union township, Clearfield county, where he followed lumbering for two years. Removing to DuBois, he engaged in contracting for John DuBois until 1885, when he returned to the old homestead in Bell township, Jefferson county, living with our subject until his death, in December, 1896. In his family were the following children: W. Scott is married; Adelaide died at the age of twenty-four years; Emma is married; B. F., of this sketch; C. May, John G. and Burtran D. are deceased; and R. W. is married.

In 1884 B. F. Smeyers, the subject of this sketch, purchased a partially improved farm in Bell township from Marion Dinsmore, and to its further development and cultivation devoted his energies. In June, 1886, he was married to Miss Laura M. Stigers, of Bell township, a daughter of Charles and Moranda Stigers, well-to-do people of that township. Mr. Smeyers brought his bride to the old homestead, where they have since continued to reside, and there their four children were born, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Sylvester H., February, 1887; Charles V., September, 1889; Melzeana I., May, 1894; and Ethel G., November 24, 1897. The father of these has added to his farm until he now has 114 acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and greatly improved, having erected a large two-story residence in 1891, supplied with all modern conveniences. He also owns 100 acres of land in Union township, Clearfield county. He uses the latest improved machinery, and is everywhere recognized as one of the most thrifty, industrious and enterprising farmers of Bell township, as well as one of its highly esteemed and honored citizens. Politically he is a stanch adherent of the principles of the Republican party, and religiously he and his wife are members of Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

C HARLES O. SPRAGUE. Any history of Jefferson county would be incomplete without mention of this gentleman, and the family of which he is a member, for since an early period in this century the farm which he now occupies in Winslow township has been the home of some representative of the name. His paternal grandparents, Samuel and Hannah (Farley) Sprague, located thereon in 1832, and made it their home

until their deaths. The maternal grandparents, James and Mary Broadhead, were natives of England, and became early settlers of Winslow township, where they remained during the rest of their lives. The parents of our subject were George G. and Prudence (Broadhead) Sprague.

Charles O. Sprague was born April 8, 1860, on the farm which is now his home, and continued there to reside until twenty-one years of age, when he began working in the lumber woods, where he was employed for nine months. At the age of twenty-three he began work in the coal mines, and was thus engaged for a year. In 1887, on his parents' removal to Reynoldsville, he took charge of the home farm, which he has since operated. The place is neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating therefor his careful supervision, and the well-tilled fields yield to him a good return for his labor.

Mr. Sprague was married on September 25, 1884, in Punxsutawney, to Miss Margaret M. Pierce, and their home is blessed by the presence of three children: George, born September 19, 1885; Norman, born December 29, 1887; and Ilda, born September 8, 1895. Mrs. Sprague was born November 3, 1866, in Indiana county, Penn., and is a daughter of Wilson and Margaret (Zeigler) Pierce. Her father was born in Indiana county, in October, 1813, and died in Virginia, in 1886. Her mother was born in Butlertown, Penn. By their marriage they became the parents of the following named: Margaret Z., wife of William Palmer, a plasterer of Punxsutawney; John S., a farmer and lumberman of Indiana county; Charlotte, wife of Hiram McCauley, a farmer and lumberman of Indiana county; Anna, wife of Isaac Bowser, an agriculturist of Jefferson county; William W., who follows agricultural pursuits in Indiana county; George, a miner of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Curtin (deceased), and Mrs. Sprague. The mother of this family was again married, becoming the wife of Jacob F. Shaffer, who was born in Germany, March 10, 1842, a son of George and Margaret (Snyder) Shaffer, natives of Germany, who, in 1854, located in Mercer county, Penn., but after two years removed to Trumbull county, Ohio, where the father followed mining for a short time. He then purchased a farm, making his home thereon until his death. Both he and his wife were members of the German Reformed Church. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Sprague were Joeb and Jane (Wilson) Pierce, natives of New Jersey, who died in Indiana county, Penn., where he followed farming and lumbering. The maternal grandparents were John and Rachel (Floyd) Zeigler. The former was born in Germany, and died in Butlertown, Penn. The latter was born in Centre county, Penn., and died in Kansas.

Charles O. Sprague is an interested member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Sykesville. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, but has never sought office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business efforts, in which he is meeting with good success. He is recognized as one of the leading farmers of Jefferson county.

B J. MOORHEAD, of Warsaw township, Jefferson county, is one of the public-spirited citizens to whose energy and foresight the locality is indebted for many improvements. While he, as a prosperous business man, has given close attention to his private affairs, he has never forgotten or ignored the bond of common interest which should unite the people of every community, and he has always been ready to promote progress in every line.

On the old homestead, where he still resides, Mr. Moorhead was born April 10, 1862, a son of Jackson and Evaline (Bartlett) Moorhead, who were natives of Maine, although married in Jefferson county. James Moorhead, the paternal grandfather, was of German descent, and on leaving Maine, first located in Indiana county, Penn., but later came to Jefferson county, purchasing the farm upon which our subject now resides. At that time it was still in its primitive condition, the country was sparsely settled, the only roads were Indian trails, and the nearest mill was in Indiana county. After building a cabin, James Moorhead began to clear and improve his place, and soon acre after acre was placed under the plow. There both he and his wife died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. They had children as follows: James, Rebecca, Mary, Sarah, Nancy, Robert, John, David, William and Jackson. Of these, Jackson Moorhead, the father of our subject, became one of the most energetic and successful business men of Warsaw township. On leaving the parental roof he extensively engaged in mercantile pursuits in Richardsville, where he conducted a store for a quarter of a century, hauling his goods from Mahoning and Ridgway in the early days. He also owned and operated a grist and saw mill, and was the principal stockholder in a woolen-mill, all at Richardsville, and was actively interested in lumbering and farming. He was prominently identified with the moral and physical development of the county, took a commendable interest in public affairs, and was a liberal contributor to the

Presbyterian Church, to which he and his wife belonged. In August, 1884, he passed away at Brookville, where she is still living at the age of sixty years. They had five children, namely: Pearl (deceased); Mrs. Laura Doutt; Mrs. Mary S. Hastings; B. J., of this sketch, and Robert W., a merchant of Richardsville.

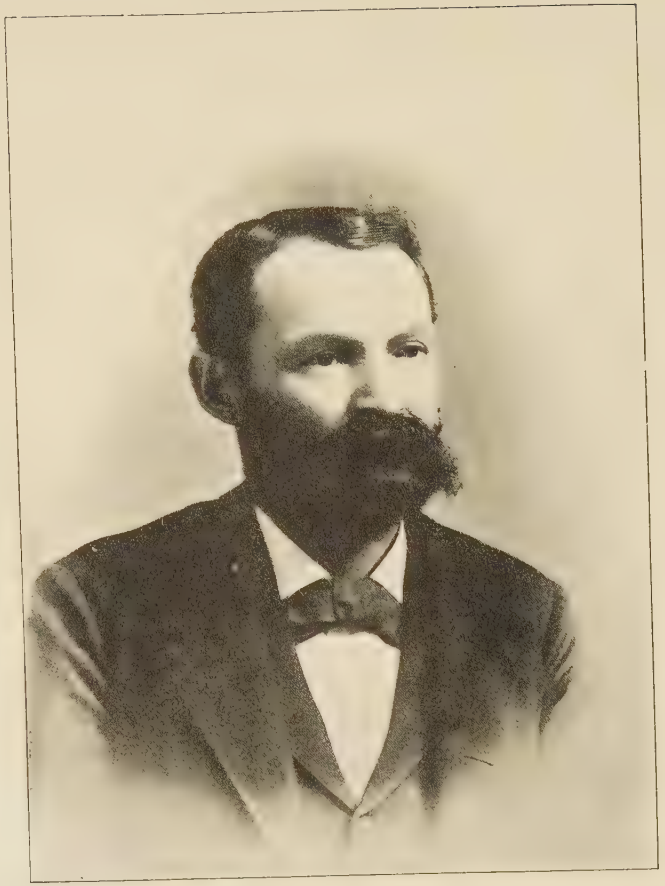
B. J. Moorhead acquired a good education in the common schools, and obtained an excellent business training under the able direction of his father, with whom he remained until the latter's removal to Brookville. Remaining at Richardsville, he continued in business for three years. On the death of his father he and his mother were appointed administrators of the estate, and in dividing the property he took the old homestead as a portion of his share, and also a large tract of timber land, where he has since engaged in lumbering, dealing mostly in square timber. He and his brother purchased a store in Richardsville, but the latter is now sole owner, having bought our subject's interest, while he gives his attention to farming and lumbering. He occupies the home farm, which comprises ninety-one acres of rich and productive land and is improved with excellent buildings, including a pleasant residence which he erected. His grandfather and father had also built good houses upon the place, but these he replaced by a more modern structure.

In 1885 Mr. Moorhead was married to Miss Laura, the accomplished daughter of John Snyder and his first wife, who were the parents of eight children: Reed R., James, Frank, Harvey, Quintis, Ida, Ella and Laura. Mr. Snyder was of German descent and a blacksmith by trade, which he followed in Richardsville for some time, but later purchased and improved a farm, where his death occurred in 1893. The mother passed away at the same place. Both were active members of the Baptist Church, in which he served as deacon, and to which Mrs. Moorhead also belongs. By her marriage she has become the mother of one child, Ethel, born in December, 1886. In his social relations Mr. Moorhead is identified with the Knights of the Maccabees, and in politics is a pronounced Republican.

ROBERT M. FUGATE. History leaves to future generations the record of events, but biography records the lives of those who brought about these events and formed the history of County, State and Nation. Biography has been called the home aspect of History, and its importance cannot be overestimated, for many valuable lessons are gained from those who have been worthy members of society.

Such a one is Mr. Fugate, one of the substantial citizens of Winslow township, who follows agricultural pursuits, carpentering and lumbering. At an early day in American development his paternal great-grandfather, John Fugate, a native of Holland, came to America and was one of the early settlers at Jamestown, Va. He served in the Revolutionary war, as did the grandfather, John W. Fugate, who was in Washington's army. He died at Port Matilda, Penn. Major John A. J. Fugate, father of our subject, was born in Centre county, Penn., and there married Elizabeth Bair, a native of the same county. For many years he conducted a hotel at Port Matilda, also followed the lumber business and built the plank road between Bellefonte and Tyrone, Penn. In the spring of 1882 he came to Reynoldsville, where he built a home and engaged in the lumber business. He afterward lived upon our subject's farm until 1892, but is now living retired in Du Bois. Prior to the war he went to Missouri, where he engaged in farming and cattle raising until 1861, when, being opposed to Southern principles, he returned by wagon to Port Matilda. There he enlisted for three months in Company H, 148th P. V. I., and later, in connection with General Beaver, organized a company and re-entered the service, in which he won the rank of major. His wife died November 28, 1890, at the age of fifty-nine years, and was buried in Reynoldsville. The children of this worthy couple were: Stephen, a practicing physician of Du Bois; George, who operates a mine store in Fayette county, Penn.; William, a telegraph operator and station agent in Wilmington county, Ill.; James, a real-estate dealer and proprietor of a millinery store in Garden City, Kans.; Robert M., our subject; Mary, wife of C. H. Notter, who operates a gristmill in Du Bois, Penn.; Anna, who died September 6, 1882, at the age of sixteen years and eight months; and John, of Reynoldsville.

Robert M. Fugate was born in Laclede county, Mo., June 4, 1856, but has spent almost his entire life in Pennsylvania. He resided with his parents until 1882, during which time he attended school and worked on his father's farm. On leaving home he embarked in the lumber business, which he followed until the fall of 1886, when he engaged in merchandising in Reynoldsville for a year. He then returned to the lumber business, and in addition operated a coal mine and stone quarry, and engaged in teaming until 1892. He purchased his present farm



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of eighty acres in 1885, and his father lived upon it until 1892, when our subject took possession, and has since successfully engaged in its cultivation. He is an expert mechanic, and though he served but one year's apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, is very efficient in that line. He carries on carpentering and lumbering, and his excellent workmanship, capable management and honorable dealing have brought to him a well-deserved success. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity of Reynoldsville. He gives his political support to the Republican party, and is well informed on the issues of the day, political and otherwise.

On the 3d of October, 1882, in Reynoldsville, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Fugate and Miss Mary A. Reynolds, an estimable lady, whose friends in the community are many. She has two children: William P., born July 8, 1883, and Elizabeth R., born January 21, 1886. She was born in Rathmel, Jefferson county, March 31, 1844, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Kyle) Reynolds, the former a native of Chester county, Penn., and the latter of County Derry, Ireland. Her paternal grandparents were Dr. Thomas and Ann Reynolds. The former was born in England, was a physician by profession, and died in New York. His wife died at Prospect, Jefferson Co., Penn. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Fugate were William and Agnes (Smith) Kyle, natives of Ireland. Coming to America, Mrs. Kyle located in Washington township, Jefferson county, where she lived with her children. Her husband was a harness maker, and died on the Emerald Isle.

William Reynolds was reared on a farm, and in early life engaged in teaching. His last days were spent in retirement on the present site of Rathmel, which is built on a part of the Reynolds homestead. For many years he served as justice of the peace, and was a very prominent and influential citizen, as well as successful business man. He died in 1854, at the age of fifty years, and his wife died December 4, 1870, at the age of fifty-six years. He was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends, and she in the Presbyterian Church. Their children were Thomas J., who was born November 12, 1842, and died in February, 1895; Mary A., now Mrs. Fugate; Samuel T., of Reynoldsville; Abram, who was born September 26, 1847, and died January 7, 1854; William K., who was born August 11, 1849, and died April 3, 1873; Margaret J. M., who was born June 30, 1851, and is the wife of Perry Thompson, a farmer and derrick builder of Jefferson county; and Matthew R., who was born July 13, 1853, and died January 11, 1896.

JOHN J. RHOADS. Among the earliest settlers of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, were John Rhoads, Sr., and his wife, Mary (Moyers), natives of Germany, and in the numerous descendants now living in that locality we find reflected the same sterling qualities of character which made those worthy pioneers prominent in their day. On coming to America they had made their home for a time in other portions of this State, spending some time in Lancaster county, and it was not until 1829 that the advantages of newly opened lands of Jefferson led them to locate permanently and clear a homestead. John Rhoads, Sr., was a weaver by trade, and his loom, still in the best of order, is among the treasured heirlooms in the home of his grandson, John J. Rhoads, one of the present owners of the homestead. The remains of John Rhoads, Sr., and his wife were interred in Rhoads cemetery, McCalmont township, the land having been dedicated to burial purposes by their son, John Rhoads, Jr. They had seven children, none of whom are now living: John, Jr., is mentioned more fully below; George died in Kansas; Samuel, in Clearfield county, Penn.; Abraham, in McCalmont township; Betsy was the wife of Daniel Graftus; Sallie married Isaac Packer; and Catherine married Abraham Rudolph.

John Rhoads, Jr., the father of the well-known gentleman whose name opens this sketch, was born January 31, 1815, in Union county, Penn., and after the removal of the family to Jefferson county remained there, engaging successfully in agriculture. His first purchase of land was made in 1836, when he took 120 acres "in the woods" and cleared it for a farm. This is still in the possession of his children. He acquired a large amount of real estate, and although he gave a farm to each of his children as they settled in life, he owned at his death 300 acres in Nebraska, and 205 acres in the homestead, which was divided between his sons, John J. and H. D. He was a man of prominence, a member of the Evangelical Church, and, like all the other members of his family, was a stanch Democrat in politics. On January 9, 1839, he married Miss Anna Bowers, who was born in Curwensville, Penn., May 2, 1819, the daughter of Philip and Catherine (Kipps) Bowers. She was the eldest of a family of nine children, the others being William, a farmer in Gaskill township, Jefferson county; Andrew, a retired farmer, living in Punxsutawney; John, deceased; Abraham, a farmer in Indiana county, Penn.; Isaac, who occupies the Bowers homestead in Gaskill township; Susan, wife of Joseph Kellar, of Du Bois, a retired farmer; Mary, Mrs. Isaac Wemer, deceased; and

Isaac, a farmer at Warner, Ill. To John and Anna (Bowers) Rhoads the following children were born: Sarah, the widow of Christian Weis, of Jefferson county; George, a farmer in Clarion county; David, a farmer upon a portion of the homestead; Margaret, wife of Abraham Zufall, a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county; Mary, wife of Frederick Kuntz, a harnessmaker at Big Run, Penn.; Harriet, who resides at the homestead; Hannah, deceased; Andrew P., a farmer in Henderson township; Harvey D., who owns a part of the homestead; John James, our subject; and Miss Clara E., who lives at the homestead. The father of this family died January 4, 1886, the mother on September 10, 1890, and both were laid to rest in Union Cemetery, Jefferson county.

John James Rhoads was born December 30, 1862, at the homestead, and has always made his home there, having become the owner of the portion which he now occupies by an agreement with the other heirs after the death of the parents. He has sixty-eight acres of excellent land, well stocked, and kept in a high state of cultivation by his industry and judicious management. Although his education was sacrificed to the requirements of farm work in his youth, his natural intelligence has enabled him to gain a goodly store of practical information. He is much respected among his associates, and is an active worker in the Lutheran Church. Politically he is a Democrat.

On March 8, 1888, he was married, in Clearfield county, to Miss Elizabeth Deahl, and three children, Orpha S., Cora E. and Laura Ellen, brighten their home. Mrs. Rhoads is a native of Clarion county, where her father, the late Jonas Deahl, was for some years a successful farmer. He died in January, 1894, aged sixty-seven, and was buried in Clearfield county. His wife, Christina Sherman, died in 1873, and her remains rest in Beech Woods cemetery, Jefferson county. They had six children, viz.: John, a farmer at Prairiesville, Penn.; Charles (deceased); Jane, wife of George W. Pifer, a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county; Catherine, who married John Cramer, of McCalmont township; Elizabeth (Mrs. Rhoads), and Miss Matilda.

PHILIP T. DICKEY, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Clover township, Jefferson county, has there spent his entire life, his birth occurring February 17, 1863, and he belongs to one of the old and prominent families of the county.

His paternal grandparents were Mathew and Elizabeth (Templeton) Dickey, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of Armstrong county, Penn., where their marriage was celebrated. In 1835 they came to Jefferson county, where Mr. Dickey purchased a tract of wild land, which he transformed into a good farm, making it his home until called to his final rest in September, 1881, when in his eighty-second year. Being a man of good education, he successfully engaged in teaching for many years, was also interested for a time in merchandising in Brookville, and after arriving in the United States (at Baltimore, Md.), spent a few years in steamboat building. He ever took a prominent and active part in public affairs, was recognized as a most useful member of society, and faithfully served his fellow citizens in the office of justice of the peace. He and his wife were earnest members of the United Presbyterian Church, and the parents of four children now living: James, Mary J., William and David B.

On the farm in Clover township, where he still lives, David B. Dickey, the father of our subject, was born and reared, and to its cultivation has devoted most of his time and attention since reaching manhood. Having secured an excellent education, he also taught school for a number of years, and for some time was a professor of music. On the President's first call for three-months' volunteers, he enlisted as drum major, and served until the expiration of his term, when he was honorably discharged and returned home. For a short time he was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Dawlingville, and to some extent has been interested in lumbering, but of late years has devoted his energies entirely to the operation of his fine farm. Like his illustrious father, he has become widely and favorably known throughout the county, and his well-spent life justly entitles him to the high regard in which he is held. He is now about fifty-eight years of age. Soon after his return from the war, David B. Dickey was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Kennedy, a daughter of William Kennedy, a native of Ireland, who when about eight years old came with his parents to America and grew to manhood upon a farm in Jefferson county, Penn. On starting out in life for himself he engaged in agricultural pursuits, later followed merchandising in Brookville for thirty years, and then returned to his farm, where he died in November, 1896, at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. He was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church, and a most exemplary citizen. His children were Jane, Priscilla, Margaret and Alexander.

To the parents of our subject were born

seven children, of whom he is the oldest. The others are: Mrs. Patience Fitzsimmons; Mrs. Tirzah Lucas; James, a resident of Punxsutawney; Sally, who is now a missionary in India; Kennedy, who is living in Oil City, Penn.; and Hillis, at home. The mother was called to her final rest in January, 1882, and the father later married Miss Mary, daughter of William Smith, a steamboat builder, now living in Marietta, Ohio. Five children bless this union: Gracie, Joseph; Walter, Edna, and Margaret, who died at the age of two years.

After attending the country schools for some time, Philip T. Dickey completed his literary training by a course in the Bellview Academy. He continued to remain with his father until his marriage, in 1890, when he located upon his present farm, which he had purchased three years previous. In connection with its cultivation, since 1892, he has sold farm machinery, in which he has met with excellent success. As an upright, reliable business man, he has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and as a citizen merits and receives the respect of the entire community. On April 23, 1890, he was married to Miss Edith Cowan, who was born in Jefferson county, in August, 1870, and they have a daughter, Margaret, born October 22, 1891. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Dickey is a stanch Republican, but has never aspired to office.

Mrs. Dickey is descended from honored Scotch ancestry, her parents, James and Margaret Cowan, both being natives of Scotland, where her grandparents spent their entire lives. Her maternal grandfather, Peter Boag, was a well-known professor of that country, while the paternal grandfather, James Cowan, was a mining boss and treasurer of the Miners Association for a great many years. Three sons of the latter, William, Hugh and James, came to America together, but after a few years Hugh returned to his native land. William is still a resident of Clarion county, Penn., and James, the father of Mrs. Dickey, died in 1879. Two daughters also crossed the Atlantic, Christina, deceased wife of Alexander Davie, also deceased; and Mary, widow of Robert Penman. She is a member of the Mormon Church, to which her husband and most of her children also belonged, but she is opposed to polygamy. The members of the Cowan family, both in Scotland and this country, have generally been connected with the Presbyterian Church.

In his native land James Cowan was married, and three of his children were born there. With his family he sailed for the United States in 1852, and on landing at New York went direct to Schuylkill county, Penn., where he spent five years. For a number of years he was then a farmer of Eldred township, Jefferson county, but spent his last years upon a farm in Union township, the same county. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the summer, while the winters were spent in coal mining. His widow still resides on the old homestead in Union township, and is the mother of twelve children: Nettie, now the wife of D. T. Leach; W. B., a prominent farmer; Peter B., who lives upon the home farm; Margaret, wife of H. D. Haugh; Agnes, wife of W. Glenn; James J., also at the old homestead; Alexander and John R. (twins); Mary, wife of G. Strong; Annie, wife of Isaiah Simpson; Edith, wife of our subject; and Elizabeth, who died in childhood. The parents both held membership in the Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH GRANT CATHERS, one of the industrious and thorough agriculturists of Winslow township, Jefferson county, owns and operates a fine farm of 153 acres, known as the John Cayton farm.

He was born near Prescottville, in the same township, October 2, 1863, a son of William T. and Mary (Doughit) Cathers, natives of Clarion and Jefferson counties, Penn., respectively. The mother died on the farm where our subject now resides, July 20, 1888, aged fifty-two years, but the father, whose birth occurred in October, 1823, is still living, now making his home in Rathmel. For many years he successfully engaged in farming and lumbering, but has now laid aside business cares, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. In their family were the following children: Nancy, who married Thomas Reynolds, but both are now deceased; Nathan and Elizabeth, who have also passed away; William A., who is living retired in Rathmel; Joseph G., of this sketch; Anna, wife of John Wylam, a miner, of Port Royal, Penn.; Edith, wife of George Hughes, a miner at Rathmel; Samuel (deceased); Maggie, a resident of Port Royal; and Gertrude, of Rathmel. In 1880 the entire family were stricken with typhoid fever, and Nancy, Elizabeth, Robert, Nathan and Samuel all died of that dread disease.

Our subject accompanied his parents on their removal to his present farm in 1880, and continued to reside with them until the spring of 1894, when his father removed to Rathmel, leaving the place to his sons, Joseph G. and William. The former purchased his brother's interest in

1892, and is now sole owner. By industry, perseverance and diligence, he has placed the land under a high state of cultivation, and made many excellent improvements. At Du Bois, Clearfield Co., Penn., October 16, 1890, he was married by Squire G. W. Woodring, to Miss Laura Waugaman, and they have become the parents of three children: Mary, who was born September 17, 1891, and died in infancy; Frank, born July 31, 1892; and Cora, born August 20, 1894.

Mrs. Cathers was born in Armstrong county, Penn., May 5, 1872, a daughter of Michael and Rebecca (Shaffer) Waugaman, also natives of that county, where the mother died February 25, 1892, aged forty-two years. She was a daughter of Charles and Mary (Schrecengost) Shaffer, who spent their entire lives in Armstrong county and there were buried. Mr. Waugaman, a mechanic, still residing in Armstrong county, was born September 4, 1843, and is a son of Andrew and Rebecca (Truby) Waugaman, who were also laid to rest in Armstrong county, where they had passed their entire lives. His grandparents, however, were natives of Westmoreland. The father of Mrs. Cathers was a Union soldier during the Rebellion, and was wounded in the struggle. He is a consistent member of the Reformed Church, and a Republican in politics. In his family were nine children—Andrew, who died at the age of four years; Martha, now the wife of Harry McGregor, a lumberman and farmer residing at Paradise, Jefferson county; Laura, wife of our subject; Frank E. and Wm. I., who are living with Mr. Cathers; Walter A., Diadorous and Mary, who are with their father; and Albert, deceased.

Politically, our subject affiliates with the Republican party, seeing in its principles the true administration of a free government, "of the people, by the people and for the people." He is one of the prominent and representative citizens of his community, and well deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

IRA J. CAMPBELL, who has for several years been prominently identified with the industrial interests of Jefferson county, is now the owner and proprietor of the Punxsutawney Steam Laundry, and is one of the leading business men of the city. He was born in 1860, in Indiana county, Penn., a son of Thadeus and Mary Jane (Hughes) Campbell, natives of Huntingdon and Jefferson counties, Penn., respectively. The father was born April 28, 1828, in Huntingdon county, and, in 1832, moved to Punxsutawney. He clerked in his father's store for about eighteen years, then he began to make his own way in the world, following the lumber business throughout most of his active life. He took quite a prominent part in political affairs, but was never an office seeker. His death occurred in 1891, and his wife passed away in March, 1892.

Ira J. Campbell obtained a good practical education in the public schools of Punxsutawney, and began life's struggles at the age of sixteen, first learning the painter's trade, which he followed for only a short time, however. He then turned his attention to the lumber and bark business, in which he engaged for about seven years, and in 1892, in partnership with S. K. Livingood, he established a steam laundry at Punxsutawney, which he has since successfully conducted. His plant is a good brick structure, equipped with the best and most modern machinery, and the work turned out is first-class in every particular.

In 1882, Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Mary A., daughter of Judge J. B. Wilson, of Punxsutawney, but in 1892 she was called to her final rest, leaving three children: Carrie, Mark and John W. Our subject was again married in 1895, his second union being with Miss Margaret Straitiff, of Coolspring, Jefferson county.

Mr. Campbell has gained recognition and prestige as one of the influential and representative business men of Punxsutawney, and, as a stalwart Republican, he is active in political affairs, and is now serving as president of the city council. He takes quite an active interest in civic societies, and is an honored member of the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Pythias and Knights of The Maccabees, of Punxsutawney.

CHARLES G. McLAIN, one of the leading and representative farmers of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, was born in Brookville, May 15, 1865, a son of Charles and Mary (Harris) McLain. The father was one of the faithful defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and was killed in battle one month and thirteen days before the birth of our subject, who, when four years of age, was taken to the home of his maternal grandfather, Thomas Harris, of Pine Creek township, Jefferson county. At the age of eight he entered the Dayton Soldiers' Orphan School, where he remained for six years, was then a student for two years in the Pennsylvania Military Academy in Chester, Penn., and for the following two years attended the Polytechnic College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

On leaving the school-room Mr. McLain followed civil and mining engineering until about

the time of his marriage, when failing health caused his retirement, and he has since resided upon his present fine farm of 160 acres in Ringgold township. The place is one of the best improved in the locality, and under his capable management yields a bountiful return for the care and labor bestowed upon it. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, while religiously he is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Brookville, and his wife belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney.

On May 4, 1893, at Punxsutawney, Penn., Mr. McLain was married to Miss Laura Zeitler, who was born in that city May 25, 1868. Her father, George W. Zeitler, was a native of Bavaria, Germany, and with his parents came to the United States at the age of ten years. After spending two years in Pittsburg, Penn., he came to Punxsutawney, where he met Miss Ellen R. Stillwagon, a native of Butler county, Penn. They were married in Punxsutawney, in 1858, at the home of Capt. John Hastings, and nine children blessed their union: Margaret E., now the wife of William J. Brown, deputy revenue collector at Punxsutawney; Thomas J., who is still with his mother; Charles R., a barber of Punxsutawney; James R. (deceased); George D., at home; Laura E., wife of our subject; Sallie M., wife of E. S. Swartz, a merchant tailor of Punxsutawney; and Harry T. and Bertha E., at home.

Mr. Zeitler was born February 22, 1836, and from the age of sixteen years successfully engaged in merchandising in Punxsutawney, becoming widely and favorably known throughout Jefferson county. He died in that city October 1, 1888, and was laid to rest in the German Reformed cemetery. He was an earnest member of the German Reformed Church, and was a pronounced Democrat in politics. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Zeitler has capably managed the store with the assistance of her children, and her straightforward, womanly course has gained for her the love and respect of the entire community. She was born in Centre county, Penn., in 1837, and is a daughter of John and Eliza (Kelly) Stillwagon.

JAMES H. ELDER. In Oliver township, Jefferson county, is located the old Elder homestead, where occurred the birth of our subject, January 22, 1865, and where he is now living, his attention being given to agricultural pursuits. He is a representative of one of Pennsylvania's oldest families. His paternal grandfather was Abraham Elder, a well-known farmer of Centre county. He had three children: David A., of Fremont, Nebraska; Mary A., widow of John A. Stewart, of Union Star, Md.; and Joseph M., the father of our subject.

Joseph M. Elder was born in Centre county, January 11, 1833, and was three times married. He first wedded Mary S. Payne, who was born July 26, 1836, and died March 11, 1858, her remains being interred in Olive cemetery. Their only child died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Elder chose Miss Sarah E. Payne, a sister of his first wife, the wedding being celebrated in Venango county, Penn. She was born October 14, 1828, and was a daughter of William G. and Harriet (Reynolds) Payne, of Centre county, Penn., who came to Jefferson county at an early day, and located on the farm which is now the home of our subject. There they passed the residue of their lives, and they were buried in Olive cemetery of Jefferson county. The father was a distiller. He was born March 28, 1793, and died January 22, 1860. His wife, whose birth occurred October 10, 1795, was called to her final rest May 7, 1869. Their children were as follows: Josiah A., James, George, David F., Sarah E., John R., William S., Mary S., and Margaret H., wife of W. H. Haden, all now deceased with the exception of the last named. Mrs. Sarah E. Elder died in 1874, at the age of forty-six years, and was buried in Olive cemetery. Her children are: Harry R., who was born March 28, 1862, and died in infancy, and James H., of this review.

For his third wife Joseph M. Elder chose Mrs. Sarah A. Gorley, widow of Marcus Gorley, and to this union was born one child, April 7, 1877, David S., who is of rather a roving disposition, being now located with Clark, Kizer & Kipp, leading lumbermen of Jefferson county. The mother of these was born in Centre county, March 25, 1835, a daughter of James and Margaret (Bowes) Kinzel, natives of Germany and Ireland respectively. Her parents came to America early in life, and were married in Centre county. Her father followed farming as a life work, and died in 1874, at the age of seventy-two years. Margaret Kinzel, his wife, died in 1846, at the age of forty, and both were buried at Whitesville, Penn. Their children were: Thomas and Betsy, both deceased; Elijah, a contractor and builder of Kane, Penn.; Mary, who became the wife of David Haney, and died in the West; Margery, widow of Joseph P. North, of Panic, Jefferson county; Sarah A., who became the wife of Mr. Elder; Levi, a farmer of Kansas; and G. W., a real-estate broker of Punxsutawney.

Joseph M. Elder followed tanning and farming throughout the greater part of his life, and was an industrious, energetic man. Shortly before his death he became a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Olive. He also held membership in the Masonic Lodge, was connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and was also a member of Elder Grange, which was organized at his home and named in his honor; he was also a member of I. O. O. F., of Punxsutawney, Penn. He held several local offices, discharging his duties with marked fidelity. His business interests were conducted along the most honorable lines of trade, and his methods were above question. He operated a tannery on a farm from 1864 until 1890, and at the same time carried on a chopping mill and harness shop. For some time he was a member of the firm of McClelland, Elder & Co., in the manipulation of these enterprises, but in 1873 he purchased his partner's interests. He was a man of strong intellectual endowments, well versed on literary subjects and an extensive reader. A prominent and valued citizen of the community, his death, which occurred October 31, 1896, was deeply lamented by many friends.

On the old family homestead James H. Elder, of this review, remained until 1889, when he went to Pittsburg, Penn., and pursued a course in Duff's Mercantile College at that place. After his graduation he returned home, and three months later began working in the woods at lumbering. In the spring of 1890 he removed to Du Bois, where he was employed in a tannery for eighteen months, and then located in Young township, Jefferson county, at the home of his father-in-law, owing to his wife's ill health. He remained there about two years, working as a carpenter and millwright in the employ of Clark, Kipp & Co., lumbermen. He was thus engaged until July, 1896, when he returned home on account of his father's severe illness. After his father's death he continued to operate the home farm, and has since purchased the interest of the other heirs in the place.

On October 20, 1887, our subject was married to Miss Minta M. Sadler, who was born January 13, 1868, a daughter of Thomas M. and Mary J. Sadler, of Jefferson county. She died March 10, 1892, and was buried in Olive cemetery. Her children were: Mary E., born November 4, 1888; Florence L., born August 6, 1890; and Minta M., born February 1, 1892. Mr. Elder was again married, October 31, 1894, this time to Miss Nora A. Means, who was born in Whitesville, Jefferson county, February 23, 1871, and is a daughter of William and Rebecca (Sprankle) Means, also natives of Whitesville. Her mother died there June 25, 1878, at the age of thirty-seven years, and was buried in the Whitesville cemetery. Her father, who was born in 1837, is now engaged in farming at Fordham. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a Republican. His children are Nora A., wife of our subject; Zulu E., wife of Frank Roach, mine foreman in Cartwright, Penn., and Retta E., at home. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Means married Genevra C. Sprankle, and they have two children: Gertrude and Zay, both at home. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Elder were James and Eliza Means. Her maternal grandfather, Jacob Sprankle, was a native of Germany, and became one of the early settlers of Jefferson county.

Mr. Elder, of this sketch, is a member of the Masonic fraternity in Punxsutawney, of the Junior Mechanics, of McCalmont Council No. 377, Panic, Penn., and of the Granger Lodge of Patrons of Husbandry in Oliveburg. His political support is given the Republican party. He is considered one of the most progressive and thrifty farmers of Jefferson county, his place being neat and well improved. In addition to his own farm of eighty-seven acres, he operates a rented farm of ninety-seven acres. He is a well informed man on general topics and on the best literature, and his character, worth and leadership in business circles make him one of the most prominent citizens of Jefferson county.

WILLIAM DOAK. Among those of foreign birth now residents of this country, it is astonishing to witness the progress they have made along various lines of business, the readiness with which they adapt themselves to the different methods and customs of America, recognizing the advantages offered and utilizing the opportunities which the New World affords. From Ireland Mr. Doak came to this country, and he is to-day one of the leading and well-to-do farmers of Porter township, Jefferson county.

David and Mary Doak, his parents, of Tyrone, Ireland, never left their native land, and there our subject was reared and educated. For five years he served in the English army, took part in the war with Russia, and participated in the siege of Sebastopol. When a young man, in 1862, he immigrated to America, and the same year enlisted in the 77th Regiment, serving under Capt. Shaw, Col. Rose and Gen. Thomas, in the Army of the Cumberland. His first engagement was in Tennessee, and he later participated in all the

battles in which his regiment was engaged. While on a gunboat on the Mississippi river, he was seriously wounded by a shot from a guerrilla, but remained in the service until the war was over, faithfully aiding his adopted country in her efforts to preserve the Union. At the close of the war, on again taking up civil pursuits, Mr. Doak worked in an oil refinery in Pittsburg, where he made his home until 1871, when he came to his present farm of 160 acres in Porter township, Jefferson county, which he had purchased in 1868. He has cleared the wild land and converted it into one of the most highly cultivated farms of the township, has built a substantial two-story residence and good barn, and made many other valuable improvements.

In 1866 our subject was married to Miss Rachel Craig, who was born and reared in Pittsburg, where they continued to make their home until coming to their present farm in 1871. Two sons blessed their union: (1) David, born in Pittsburg, was reared on the home farm, and was educated in the common schools of the locality. He wedded Miss Mary Adams, daughter of Thomas and Jane Adams, well-to-do people of Porter township. They reside on the homestead with his parents, and have four children—Sadie, Margaret, Lizzie and William. (2) Robert, the younger son, died in 1895, at the age of twenty-seven years. He was a very bright young man, and was liked by all who knew him. Our subject and his wife are faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and give a hearty support to all objects calculated to benefit the community or to advance the general welfare. In his political affiliations, Mr. Doak is a Republican. He has proved a valued and useful citizen to his adopted country, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

CHARLES E. RADAKER. Among the young men of Jefferson county who have selected agriculture as their vocation in life, and judging from their present indications are bound to succeed in their chosen calling, is the subject of this biographical notice, who is a resident of Winslow township, he and his brother, Thomas J., owning the home farm, which was willed them by their father. He also owns and operates a portable sawmill, purchased from Lowe and Stikler, and is meeting with a well-deserved success in that business.

Charles E. Radaker was born May 23, 1869, in Brady township, Clearfield Co., Penn., and his parents, William M. and Rosalie J. (Smiley) Radaker, were also natives of that county, where the father was for many years extensively interested in the lumber business as a member of the firm of Radaker Brothers & Schwem, of Stanley. He also engaged in agricultural pursuits, and on February 2, 1882, removed to the present farm of our subject, where he died December 24, 1893, at the age of forty-eight years, six months and twelve days, his remains being interred in the cemetery of Luthersburg, Penn. He was one of the most substantial and prominent citizens of the community, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His widow, who was born November 12, 1845, is now residing in New Salem, Clearfield county. Their children were: Ida J., now the wife of Harry Kaufman, a miner, of Sykesville, Penn.; Charles E., of this review; Thomas J., a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Blanche, who is now residing in Westmoreland county, Penn.; Lewis, a lumberman, of Winslow township; and Minnie, Della L., Harry P. and William L., who are with their mother.

Charles and Bell (Phillips) Radaker, the paternal grandparents, were natives of Germany. The former, who was an agriculturist, died in Clearfield county, Penn., at the age of eighty-seven years, and was buried at Luthersburg. The maternal grandparents, Col. Robert Smiley and wife, who was a Mason, spent their last days at New Salem, Penn., and were laid to rest at Luthersburg, Pennsylvania.

During his boyhood and youth Charles E. Radaker attended school during the winter months, and assisted his father in the labors of the fields during the summer season until seventeen years of age, when he began teaming, working at that occupation in the fall and in a sawmill during the summer. In the spring of 1891 he went to Penfield, Penn., where for six weeks he had charge of the grocery and restaurant of his cousin, J. C. Harmond, while that gentleman was teaching. Young Radaker then attended school at Mahaffey, Penn., for eleven weeks and on his return home worked in the woods until the fall of 1893, when he went to Indiana county, Penn., where he was similarly employed from the following January until March. During that summer he operated the home farm, and in the winter engaged in teaming. In the spring of 1895 he purchased a hotel in Punxsutawney, which he conducted for nine months, and then sold out and returned to the old homestead, where he has since resided, giving his time and attention to farming and milling with most satisfactory results. On November 5, 1897, the home farm was sold to James Radaker, a brother of William M. Radaker, for $4,600.

On May 22, 1896, our subject was married to Miss Mary Blair, who was born in Arnot, Tioga Co., Penn., September 4, 1875, a daughter of James and Rachel (St. Clair) Blair, natives of Scotland, who came to America in 1874 and located in Tioga county. The paternal grandparents, James and Mary (Crawford) Blair, and the maternal grandparents, James and Mary (Patterson) St. Clair, also came from their native Scott land to this country, but subsequently returned. The father of Mrs. Radaker, who is a miner by occupation, now resides in Anita, Jefferson county, where the mother died January 16, 1897, at the age of forty-five years, one month and four days, and was buried at Anita. In their family were eleven children: Mary, wife of our subject; James and John, who are now with their father; Louisa (deceased); and Gilbert, Matson, George, William, Jesse, Walter and Blanche, all are with their father. To Charles E. Radaker and wife has been born a son, James William, April 12, 1897.

Our subject is strong in his faith in the principles of the Democratic party, and never falters in his allegiance to that organization. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at New Salem. Although young in years he is one of the representative men of the township, and occupies a high place in the estimation of his fellow citizens. His genial manners and sturdy integrity have won him a host of friends, and he is highly regarded by all with whom he comes in contact.

FRANCIS DELARM. The student of biography finds a subject of interest to him in the life of one who starts out on a business career with no advantageous surroundings, but by consecutive endeavor, honorable purpose and well-directed effort works his way steadily upward until he reaches the plains of prosperity. Such is the history of Mr. Delarm, one of the representative and highly respected citizens of Winslow township, Jefferson county, where he is now living retired.

He was born in Franklin county, N. Y., October 5, 1819, a son of Francis and Rosanna Delarm, natives of France. The father, who was a laborer by occupation, came to the New World with his parents, and died in Franklin county, N. Y., in 1827, at the age of forty-five years. He was twice married, having by his first wife one daughter—Mary, who married, and died in old age. For his second wife he chose the mother of our subject, and to this union the following children were born: Julia, now the widow of William McKiney, of Franklin county, Penn.; Francis, of this sketch; John, of Franklin county, N. Y.; Rosina (deceased), and Joseph, who died in 1892. Both parents held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and were people of the highest respectability. The mother departed this life in 1887 at the age of eighty-three years.

After the death of his father, Francis Delarm was bound out to Tilton Reynolds, with whom he came to Jefferson county in 1832, and remained until he had attained his majority. His educational advantages were limited to nine months' attendance at the public schools, but his training at farm work was not so meager, and he early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At the age of twenty-one he purchased his present farm of 107 acres, for which he paid $3 per acre. In order to pay for the same, however, he went to Greene county, N. Y., where for two years he worked round the house for a wealthy New York man. Returning to his land, then a dense forest of pine, hemlock and various other timber, he at once began to prepare it for cultivation and improvement, and he has made it one of the most desirable places in Winslow township. Underlying the land is a rich coal vein from six to eight feet in thickness, which he recently sold for $15,000. Upon his place he has two horses which he has raised, one of which is now twenty-six years old and the other twenty-nine, and he is also using a wagon made for him by Tomie Dolan in 1850.

On April 26, 1843, at the home of the bride, in Winslow township, Mr. Delarm was married to Miss Clarissa Smith, who was born in New York State July 6, 1824, a daughter of Valentine and Rebecca (Sprague) Smith, natives of Vermont. In 1833 her parents emigrated to Jefferson county, Penn., and the father died at Rathmel in 1861, at the age of sixty-six, but the mother's death occurred at the home of our subject in 1886, when in her eighty-fifth year. They had five children: Clarissa, wife of our subject; John, a resident of Allegheny county, Penn.; Julia, who married Thomas Reynolds, but both are now deceased; Valentine, who removed to Ohio, where his death occurred; and Emaline is the wife of Orlando Gray, of California. John Sprague, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Delarm, was also a native of the Green Mountain State, and in 1838 came to Jefferson county, where he spent his remaining days.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Delarm are as follows: (1) John died in infancy. (2) Mathew J. Myers, a farmer of Clearfield county, Penn., married Mary McGiffen, who died January 11, 1894. Three children graced this union—

Maggie C., Minnie M. and Francis A. The father of these married again, this time on June 15, 1896, to Jenie Gay. (3) Henry Adnoriam (deceased) was an agriculturist of Winslow township; he married Sadie Sharpe, and they had seven children—Artemus, Evaline, Edwin, Harvey, John, Elizabeth and Maryland. (4) Levi (deceased). (5) Emeline R. is the wife of Henry Weaver, of Du Bois, Penn., by whom she has three children—Cora C., Alonzo D. and Percy. (6) Sallie, who was the widow of Levi Ressinger, of DuBois, and had two children—Rosa and Carrie—was married August, 1896, to Silas Parker. (7) Rev. Alonzo is now living in Norristown, Penn. (8) One died in infancy not named. (9) Anna is the wife of Jacob Keel, a farmer of Clearfield county, and has four children—Ethel, Elcie, Millie and Glennie.

Politically, Mr. Delarm is identified with the Republican party, and religiously both he and his wife are active and prominent members of the Baptist Church, in which he served as treasurer for many years. He is a genial, courteous gentleman, and has many stanch and admiring friends among all classes of men. As an energetic and honorable agriculturist he stands high in the estimation of the entire community, and his wife also enjoys the high regard of all who know her. Our subject has had the misfortune of losing his left leg, which is off below the knee.

GORDON. No name is better known in Jefferson county, and few in Pennsylvania, than this one, which is honored by the career of an unfriended boy, who by sheer force of intellect and perseverance won his way from comparative obscurity to the highest judicial seat within the gift of a great Commonwealth. Judge Isaac Grantham Gordon has made a deep impression upon the judicial history of Pennsylvania, and his son, Cadmus Z. Gordon, yet young in years, has devoted himself to the same learned profession.

The family of whom we write are of Scotch-Irish extraction. Zaccheus Gordon, the father of Judge Gordon, is the first member of the family of whom we have authentic history. He was a native of Northumberland county, Penn., and by trade was a coppersmith. He married Miss Harriet Lewis, and passed his later years in Jefferson county.

Isaac Grantham Gordon, son of Zaccheus, was born in Lewisburg, Union county, December 22, 1819. When a boy he learned the trade of molder, with the expectation of becoming an iron founder. An accident completely turned the current of his life, for one of his feet was seriously injured by molten iron, and in consequence the young man relinquished his trade. He possessed, in his nature, that thirst for knowledge which recognizes no obstacles, and applied himself diligently to his books. His common-school education was supplemented with a term at Lewisburg Academy, and by his indomitable application he acquired a liberal classic and scientific education. Choosing law as his profession, he in 1849 entered the office of James M. Linn, at Lewisburg, and in April, 1843, was admitted to practice in the courts of Union county. Three months later he opened his first office in Curwensville, Clearfield county, soon afterward associating in practice with George R. Barrett, at that place. In 1846 he removed to Brookville, Jefferson county, where he formed a partnership with Elijah Heath, which was continued until Judge Heath's removal to Pittsburg, in 1850. In 1860 and 1861 Mr. Gordon represented in the State Legislature the district composed of Jefferson, Clearfield, Elk and McKean counties, and during the latter year he served as chairman of the general judiciary committee. In 1866 he was appointed, by Governor Hartranft, presiding judge of the new judicial district, formed from the counties of Mercer and Venango, and taken from the Eighteenth District, to serve until an election should occur. In 1873 he was elected to the Supreme Bench of the State, and in 1887 became chief justice of Pennsylvania. He died at Brookville, September 4, 1893.

Chief Justice Gordon was married, in 1847, to Miss Mary C. Jenks, who was born in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, daughter of Dr. John W. Jenks, and a sister of Judge Jenks (of Brookville) and also of ex-Solicitor-General George A. Jenks. To Judge and Mrs. Gordon were born the following children, now living: Helen, wife of William Foster, of Lewisburg, Penn.; Harriet, wife of Rev. William S. Fulton, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lexington, Ky.; Anna M., wife of Rev. John M. Richmond, a Presbyterian minister of Princeton, Ky.; and Cadmus Z.

CADMUS Z. GORDON was born in Brookville, January 8, 1856. He received his elementary education in the public schools at Brookville, later attending an academy in Corsica, Jefferson county, then entering Yale College, he graduated from the scientific course in 1878. Deciding to adopt law for his life work, Mr. Gordon began "Blackstone" in the office of Jenks & Clark, and completed his studies with the firm of Gordon & Corbett. In September, 1880, he was admitted to the Bar, at once entered actively upon

the duties of his profession, and has since been continuously in practice. Recently he formed a partnership with Harry R. Wilson, in an office in Clarion. In politics Mr. Gordon is an earnest Republican, and is strongly identified with the organization of the party in Jefferson county.

In 1887 Cadmus Z. Gordon was united in marriage with Miss Kate D. Acheson, daughter of Judge Marcus W. Acheson, of the United States Circuit Court, with jurisdiction in the Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey Circuit. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have three children: Marcus Acheson, Mary Jenks and Robert Bruce.

SAMUEL T. REYNOLDS, a prominent citizen of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, has spent his entire life in that county, and is a worthy representative of one of its pioneer families. The difference between the past and the present can scarcely be realized, even by those who were active participants in the development of the county. The present generation can have no conception of what was required by the early settlers in transforming the wilderness into the well-settled and highly-cultivated country which we to-day find. In bringing about these marvelous changes our subject has borne no unimportant part. Mr. Reynolds was born in Winslow township, Jefferson county, January 15, 1846, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Kyle) Reynolds, the former a native of Chester county, Penn., the latter of County Derry, Ireland. In the county of his birth, the father began his education, and later pursued his studies in Philadelphia. By an uncle he was sent to Paris, France, to receive instruction as to how to replace isinglass, and on his return from that country located in Franklin county, N. Y., where he engaged in teaching school for a time. On leaving there he came to Jefferson county, Penn., where he spent the remainder of his life. He became one of the leading and influential men of the county, where he also taught school, engaged in surveying, and served as justice of the peace. He was a large land owner and real-estate dealer, having at the time of his death 1,600 acres of valuable land. On the 2nd of June, 1854, he was called to his final rest, and his death was widely and deeply mourned, for he was one of the prominent men of the community, and had many warm friends. His faithful wife died on November 4, 1869.

The educational privileges of our subject were such as the district schools of the county afforded, and upon the home farm he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, remaining under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-three, and assisting in the arduous task of clearing and developing the farm. Although he has traveled quite extensively over the United States, he has always resided in the vicinity of Reynoldsville, with whose interests he has been actively connected. He is the owner of one of the finest business blocks in the place, and was for some time engaged in the hardware trade. On October 30, 1897, Mr. Reynolds opened a store in Reynoldsville containing a full assortment of dry goods and notions. He is also engaged in the real-estate business.

In September, 1873, Mr. Reynolds was married to Miss Rachel J. Dougherty, of Clarion county, and they have four children, namely: Vincent Gerald, Harry Frederick, Olive Vida and Craig Adam. Mrs. Reynolds, who is a most estimable lady, holds membership in the Presbyterian Church; socially, our subject belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Their culture, intelligence and geniality make them valued members of society, and have secured for them many warm friends.

MICHAEL G. MURPHY, the leading carriage manufacturer of Brookville, Jefferson county, is one of those genial and able men who command the esteem and respect of all classes of people. His success in business has been won by his own efforts, and the story of his life will afford encouragement to all who are forced to contend with adverse circumstances. His family is of Irish origin, and his father, the late Patrick Murphy, a native of Cork, came to America as a young man. He was engaged mainly at working in stone. His death occurred in Wisconsin, but his wife, Mary Frazier, who was born probably in Nova Scotia, died at Fayetteville, N. J., when our subject was very young.

Mr. Murphy, our subject, was born at Fayetteville, December 25, 1838. The pathway to knowledge was beset with difficulties for him, the short terms of district schools of that day being his only opportunity for learning. At eighteen he began to serve an apprenticeship in the wagon and carriage building business at Girard, Penn., and after completing his term he worked as a journeyman at Ashtabula and Conneaut, Ohio, and Conneautville, Penn. When the call to take arms in defense of the Union was sounded Mr. Murphy enlisted in the Second Ohio Independent Artillery, and served three years. He took part in many important engagements including the battles at Port Gibson, and Champion Hill, and at Vicksburg he received

a gun-shot wound in his right hand. Securing an honorable discharge, he returned to Pennsylvania and resumed his trade at Conneautville, remaining three years. He then spent three years at Meadville, Penn., as a journeyman, and in 1870 he went to Brookville, where after two years of work for others he established a business of his own and became a fixture in the town. Judicious plans energetically carried out have met their due reward, and he enjoys a large and profitable custom.

In 1878 Mr. Murphy was united in marriage with Miss Anna Young, of Brookville, a native of Indiana county, Penn., and their pleasant home is brightened by six daughters: Mary Nellie, Anna B., Harriet Ellen, Magdalene, Bernice and Marguerite. The family are all devout adherents of the Roman Catholic Church. In his political views Mr. Murphy is an unwavering supporter of the Democratic party. He has not, however, aspired to office at any time, his business requiring his undivided attention. Socially, he is a member of G. A. R. Post No. 242, of Brookville, and of the Union Veteran Legion, Camp No. 46.

JOSEPH B. JONES, a leading and influential citizen of Corsica, is one of the successful business men of Jefferson county, one who has made his own way in the world unaided by capital or friends. Greater fortunes have been accumulated, but few lives furnish so striking an example of the wise application of sound principles and safe conservatism as does his. The story of his success is short and simple, containing no exciting chapters, but in it lies one of the most valuable secrets of the prosperity which it records, and his business and private life are fraught with interest and incentive, no matter how lacking in dramatic action—the record of a noble life, consistent with itself and its possibilities in every particular.

Mr. Jones was born in Clarion county, Penn., in 1831, and is a son of Isaac and Jane (Wilson) Jones, also natives of the Keystone State. By trade the father was a blacksmith, but the principal part of his life was spent in farming. His death occurred February 25, 1892, and his wife was called to her final rest on the 14th of September, same year. Our subject was afforded the advantages of only a common-school education during his youth, and upon the home farm he remained until he had attained the age of twenty years. He then started out in life for himself as a lumberman, merchant and drover in Greenville, Clarion county, but in 1872 removed to Corsica, and has since been prominently identified with the business and commercial interests of Jefferson county. In 1873, he suffered the loss of his store and its contents, as well as his dwelling, which were all destroyed by fire, but with his characteristic energy he at once set about to retrieve his losses. A man of good executive ability and sound judgment, he has been able to guide and control different lines of trade, being at the present time interested in the grist and saw mill business, lumbering, farming and general merchandise, and is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings.

Mr. Jones was married, in 1860, to Miss Emily F. Patton, of Clarion county, by whom he has six children, as follows: Lizzie P., wife of William B. Reed; Carrie J.; Harry F.; Madge A.; Kate R. V.; and Frank B. The parents are active and prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Jones is serving as elder. In his political affiliations, he is a Democrat, and while not an aspirant for official honors, he has capably filled a number of public positions. The family is one of prominence, standing high in social circles, where true worth and intelligence are received as passports into good society.

EDWIN DELIVAN SEELEY, a prominent and highly-respected citizen of Reynoldsville, has for many years been connected with the history of Jefferson county, and few, if any, have done more for its upbuilding. He has been a champion of every movement designed to promote the general welfare, a supporter of every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social, industrial, educational and moral interests.

Mr. Seeley was born June 25, 1833, on the Indian Reservation in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and is a son of William and Polly (Eastman) Seeley, the former a native of Batavia, Genesee Co., N. Y., and the latter of Chautauqua county, same State. The father, who was a farmer and lumberman by occupation, died in the latter part of the year 1876, and the mother was called to her final rest in 1878.

During his boyhood Edwin D. Seeley attended the public schools of Warren county, Penn., where his parents had removed when he was but five years of age, and there he was reared upon a farm. At fourteen he began work in the lumber woods, and two years later took a raft of logs to Cincinnati, being at that time able to perform a man's work and command a man's wages. He successfully engaged in the lumber business until

reaching the age of forty years. He was fifteen when he first came to Jefferson county, but three years later he returned to Warren county, where he remained until he had attained the age of twenty-seven years. Since that time, however, he has made his home in Reynoldsville, where for a number of years he engaged in the grocery business and also in the hardware trade, but is now practically living a retired life on his farm.

In 1861 Mr. Seeley was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Reynolds, a daughter of Tilton Reynolds, of Jefferson county. Nine children blessed their union, four of whom are now living, namely: Helen M., Ella E., Todd L. and Arthur. The wife and mother departed this life in 1882. Mr. Seeley was again married, this time in September, 1890, to Mrs. Clara (Reynolds) Scott, a cousin of his first wife. They are now living in a pleasant home in the outskirts of Reynoldsville, where they are spending the twilight of their lives in peace and retirement, surrounded by many loving kindred and friends, who delight to do them honor. In his political views Mr. Seeley is a stanch Republican, and has unbounded faith in sound money and protection. He has never aspired to official distinction, preferring to give his time and attention to his individual affairs.

E. T. WILLIAMS, M. D., one of the prominent members of the medical fraternity of Jefferson county, who is now successfully engaged in general practice at Brockwayville, was born on April 15, 1851, in Clarion county, Penn., a son of Amos and Ruth (Lowrey) Williams, who were of Welsh descent, and were honored pioneers of Clarion county.

There the father improved a farm in the midst of the forest, and became one of the influential and prominent citizens, always taking a leading and active part in public affairs. The town of Williamsburg was named in his honor. He served as the first county treasurer, and helped to organize the first Baptist Church in the county, in which he was a deacon for many years. His death occurred on the old homestead in 1853; his widow passed away in 1876. Her father, Walter Lowrey, was a prominent farmer, living on the Allegheny river, near Snodgrass. His children were: John, Robert, James, Sarah, Eliza and Ruth. Our subject was the youngest in a family of five children, the others being Amos, who died in 1861; Elizabeth, wife of J. Moore; Walter, a practicing physician of Ridgway; and Albert, a farmer of Jefferson county. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Williams married John McCormick, by whom she has one daughter: Ellen L., now the wife of Frank Case, a carpenter of the State of Washington.

The common schools afforded our subject his early educational privileges, and for a time during his younger years he successfully engaged in teaching. At the age of twenty-one he commenced reading medicine with his brother, Dr. W. L. Williams, and subsequently attended lectures in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, for one year, and for the same length of time engaged in practice with his brother at Johnstown, Ohio; but at the end of that time he returned to Pennsylvania, opening an office in Clarion county in 1876. Two years later he went to Centreville, Elk Co., Penn., where the following decade was passed, and then, in connection with his practice, he engaged in the drug business at Caledonia Mines, in the same county. When the mines ceased operations the following year, he came to Brockwayville, where he has successfully engaged in practice since June, 1889, his skill and ability gaining for him a liberal patronage throughout the surrounding country, as well as in the village. Being a close student of his profession, he has kept well abreast with the leading discoveries and improvements made in the practice both of medicine and surgery, and in 1883 he pursued a course of lectures in the medical department of the University of the State of Vermont, from which he graduated in 1883. Formerly he held membership in the Elk County Medical Society. In his political views he is a Republican; socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; in religious belief both he and his wife are Baptists.

Dr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Clara Case, who was born near Reedsburg, Clarion county, July 26, 1849, a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Mateer) Case, early settlers of that county, where the father followed the occupation of farming. Entering the Union service during the Civil war, he was captured by the Rebels, and died in Andersonville prison in 1864. He and his wife, who passed away in 1876, were consistent members of the Baptist Church. In their family were four children: Mrs. Cornelia Arthurs; Clara, wife of our subject; Frank, a carpenter by occupation; and James, an agriculturist of Elk county. The Doctor and his wife have four children: Amos, Clark, Edward and Ruby, all at home.

TIMOTHY CALDWELL, one of the leading and representative agriculturists of Eldred township, Jefferson county, was born October

26, 1826, in County Tyrone, Ireland, where he received a fair common-school education. His parents, Cunningham and Lydia (Porter) Caldwell, were farming people in Ireland, where they spent their entire lives, and both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1848 Timothy Caldwell and his brother James emigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia after a voyage of two months, and James, after a few months spent in that city, located in Pittsburg, where he successfully engaged in the retail dry-goods business until his death in 1890. In the old country he also engaged in merchandising. He never married. Our subject also remained in Philadelphia for about two months and then went to Pittsburg, where he was employed in a rolling-mill for a short time; but in December, 1848, he took up his residence in Eldred township, Jefferson county, where he has since made his home. He was first employed by others in the woods, and later engaged quite extensively in lumbering on his own account for many years. After his marriage in 1853 he located near Clarington, and in the following year purchased his present farm, to which he removed in 1859. The place was then only slightly improved, but he has replaced the little log cabin with a commodious and substantial residence, and has also erected a large barn and good outbuildings. About 150 of the 200 acres have been cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation, and while engaged in the arduous task of clearing and developing the land Mr. Caldwell still continued to follow lumbering, in which he met with excellent success. His place is not only good farming land, but is also underlaid with a rich coal deposit.

In 1853 Mr. Caldwell married Miss Jane Steel, who belongs to an honored pioneer family of Jefferson county, and is a daughter of William Steel, a native of Centre county, Penn., and a Methodist in religious belief. Eleven children were born to this union: Ann E., deceased wife of J. H. Moore; Fillmore; James H. (deceased); David, a Presbyterian minister of Penfield, Penn.; Edward; and six who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office.

ADELBERT H. BABCOCK, D. D. S., a prominent dentist of Brookville, Jefferson county, stands very high in his profession, for his ability, professional knowledge and skill are widely recognized. He is numbered among the native sons of Michigan, his birth having occurred in Bay City in 1873. His parents, Charles and Martha (Hawthorne) Babcock, are natives of New York and Indiana, respectively, and are still honored residents of Bay City. When a young man the father migrated to Michigan, and throughout life has followed the occupation of a marine engineer.

Dr. Babcock received his literary training in the public schools of Bay City, and at the age of seventeen began the study of dentistry. Subsequently he entered the University of Michigan, where he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1894, and at once began the practice of his chosen profession in West Bay City, Mich., but later went to Chicago, Ill., where he worked in an advertising dental office for a time. He next removed to Pittsburg, Penn., where he remained until December, 1894, at which time he became a resident of Brookville, and until May, 1895, was in the employ of Dr. Bishop. He then established his present office, and has received flattering encouragement up to the present time, being now at the head of a good practice. He has had excellent opportunities for learning his profession, and has attained his present honorable position by his own unaided exertions. He is talented and skillful to a marked degree, and undoubtedly an honorable career lies before him in his chosen calling.

In politics, Dr. Babcock is an ardent Republican; socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., the Foresters, the Elks, and of a college fraternity.

M. C. MEEKER, a member of the well-known milling firm of Meeker Bros., at Brookville, Jefferson county, is among the youngest of the enterprising business men of that town, having been born in 1872. His parents, Martin and Florence (Corning) Meeker, were both natives of New York State, and in 1865 settled in Minnesota. Both are still living. The father, whose life has been devoted strictly to business interests, is now a commercial traveler, but for about twelve years after going to Minnesota he was engaged in the banking business. He and his estimable wife reared a family of four children, our subject being their eldest son. Another son, G. N. Meeker, is a partner in the mill at Brookville.

M. C. Meeker was reared in his native State of Minnesota, receiving a high-school education. On completing his studies he became a commercial traveler, and spent five years in that line of work

—an excellent preparation for a business career. In July, 1895, he went to Brookville and became connected with the Litch Flour and Feed Mill, which he has ever since conducted with great success. In 1895 he was united in matrimony with Miss May Shaw, daughter of William Shaw, a leading resident of Albia, Iowa. One daughter, Lelia, has blessed this union. Mrs. Meeker is a member of the Christian Church, and is deeply interested in its various lines of effort.

Our subject belongs to the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. In his political views he is a Republican, but so far he has not taken an active share in the work of his party, preferring to devote his time to his business interests.

THOMAS RADAKER is one of the most energetic and enterprising agriculturists of Winslow township, Jefferson county, where he owns and operates a good farm left him by his parents. He was born in Stanley, Clearfield Co., Penn., December 14, 1872, a son of William M. and Rosalia J. (Smiley) Radaker, and continued with his parents until the age of twenty-two when his mother removed to Salem, Clearfield county. He and his brother, Charles E., still reside on the home farm, though in separate houses, and have now divided the property, our subject having taken the tract across the road from his present residence, and where he intends to build in the near future. His school privileges were somewhat limited, but his training at farm work was by no means meagre, and he has become one of the most skillful and thorough agriculturists of the community. Politically, his sympathies are with the Democratic party, but he takes no active part in public affairs.

On May 5, 1893, Mr. Radaker was married to Miss Hattie Dilley, and two children have been born to them: Florence and Maud. Mrs. Radaker was born in Brady township, Clearfield county, July 1, 1876, and is one of the five children of John and Clara (Goodlander) Dilley, the others being Jennie, the eldest, who resides with her grandmother in Clearfield county; and Wear, Earl and Arthur, who are with their parents. Mr. Dilley, a laborer, by occupation, was born in Butler county, Penn., January 17, 1845, a son of Henry and Margaret (Breen) Dilley, natives of Northumberland county, Penn. The father died at Salem, Penn., May 8, 18—, aged seventy-eight years, and was buried in the Luthersburg cemetery; the mother is still living in Salem. The paternal grandparents, George and Margaret Dilley, were natives of Venango county, Penn. Mrs. Dilley, the mother of Mrs. Radaker, was born in Clearfield county, January 4, 1852, and is a daughter of George and Elizabeth Goodlander, of Northumberland county, who were both of Irish origin.

DANIEL O. NORTH, the efficient bookkeeper of the Mahoning Supply Company, at Eleanor, Jefferson county, is a member of one of the best known families, the numerous representatives being all well-to-do, progressive citizens. John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, the grandparents of our subject, came from Ireland in 1810, and spent some years in Philadelphia, but removed to Indiana county in 1818 to settle upon a farm. They had seven children: Deborah (Mrs. Joseph Pogue), Margaret (Mrs. John H. Henderson), Joseph, Elizabeth (Mrs. James Means), Daniel, Thomas P. and William P., the last two being the only survivors.

The late Daniel North, the father of our subject, ably sustained the family reputation for generosity and public spirit, his name being associated with the building of every church in the vicinity of his home in McCalmont township, Jefferson county. He was a leading member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, holding office for many years as trustee and elder. He was born July 11, 1827, in Indiana county, and October 5, 1847, was married in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, to Miss Catherine Bell, a native of that township, born November 7, 1828. Their wedded life continued near half a century, being broken July 22, 1891, by the death of Mr. North. His widow still resides at the beautiful homestead, which his loving care has assured to her for a lifetime; and, although she is now nearing seventy years of age, she takes an active interest as of old in all that concerns the welfare of the community. The Bell family may claim pioneer honors, Mrs. North's great-grandfather, Robert Bell, having come from Ireland at a very early date to settle in Indiana county, Penn. Her grandparents, John and Elizabeth Bell, settled in Perry township, Jefferson county, and her parents, James W. and Hannah (Gordon) Bell, resided in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, during the greater portion of their lives. Her maternal grandparents, Alexander and Catherine (Pounds) Gordon, natives of Ireland, made their home near Smicksburg, Indiana county, in early days.

To Daniel and Catherine North the following named children were born: James B., of McCalmont township; Mary E. (Mrs. W. C. Smith), of Punxsutawney; John S., of McCal-

mont township; Anna R., who died in her fifth year; Emma H. (Mrs. W. R. Johnson), of Armstrong county; William H., who died at the age of four years; Martha J. (Mrs. A. J. McCreight), of Punxsutawney; Joanna R., wife of Dr. James B. Neale, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; J. Curtin, who resides with his mother at the homestead; Margaret L. (Mrs. John B. Nichols), of Eleanor, Penn.; Minnie C. (Mrs. W. S. Calderwood), of Kane, Penn.; and Daniel O., of Eleanor.

The subject of this sketch was born March 8, 1872, at the old homestead in McCalmont township, and remained at home, working on the farm and attending school, until he attained the mature age of fifteen years, when he started out in the world to see what "Dame Fortune" had in store for him. He spent one year as a clerk in the First National Bank at Du Bois, and then, finding further study desirable, he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to take a course in the Eastman Business College, where, after twenty-two weeks, he was graduated from the bookkeeping department. A short visit at home followed, and he then entered the Mahoning Bank, at Punxsutawney, as assistant cashier. A year later he became cashier, and held the position until the bank suspended, and since April 10, 1893, he has filled his present responsible post. Mr. North is not especially active in political affairs, but, like all his family, he is a steadfast adherent of the Republican party. In local movements of a non-political nature his influence is always to be counted on the side of progress.

On December 24, 1891, Mr. North was married, at Salamanca, N. Y., to Miss Avanella A. Fulton, and two sons, Daniel C. and Don F., brighten their home. Mrs. North was born September 1, 1871, at Reedsburg, Clarion county, where her father, the late George W. Fulton, was a prominent citizen. He was a native of Clarion county, and of Irish descent, his father having come from Ireland when a child. In early years Mrs. North's father operated an iron furnace, but at the time of his death he was conducting a farm and gristmill, and was also a successful merchant and lumber dealer, his estate, which included a large amount of land, being very valuable. He was an active politician, and was regarded as a leading Democrat of his locality. He died February 12, 1886, aged sixty-one years, and was buried in the cemetery at Reedsburg. His widow, who was Sabina (Hindman), resides in Reedsburg. Of their four children, the eldest, Bertha, married David Long, a bookkeeper at Emlenton, Penn.; Avanella A. is the wife of our subject; Mabel and George are at home. Mrs. Fulton was born January 23, 1845, in Clarion county, the daughter of Alexander Hindman, who came from Scotland when a boy. He married Hannah Frankton, and made his home at Reedsburg, where the remains of both now rest in the family burial plot. The town of Reedsburg was named after Hugh Reed, Mrs. Fulton's great-grandfather, who settled there when the locality was a wilderness, and when his first wife died he made a coffin for her by hollowing out an oak log.

PHILIP S. HAUCK, proprietor of the leading meat market at Big Run, Jefferson county, is an enterprising young man who well deserves the success which he has attained. He is a native of Jefferson county, having been born at the old homestead in Bell township, in 1865. His parents, Andrew and Sarah (Gruber) Hauck, were both born in Centre county, but their respective families moved to Jefferson county some years later. They grew to adult age there, and after their marriage they settled upon a farm in Bell township. The mother passed to her eternal rest in 1892, followed six months afterward by the father.

Philip S. Hauck received his early education in the common schools, and until the age of sixteen he remained at the home place. While still a mere boy, he began life's struggle for himself, and through persevering industry succeeded in a gratifying degree. In 1894 he engaged in the hardware business in Big Run, but two years later he disposed of that in order to open his present meat market, which is one of the best establishments of the kind in the vicinity. In 1894 he was united in marriage with Miss Ida Priester, daughter of Ludwig Priester, a native of Germany, now a well-known resident of Jefferson county. Mrs. Hauck is a member of the Reformed Church, and is interested in philanthropic work.

Politically, Mr. Hauck is a steadfast supporter of Democratic principles, but his influence is exerted in a quiet way, his business demanding his attention to the exclusion of any work in public lines.

LAFAYETTE C. BOYD, a well-known and popular traveling salesman residing in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, is a representative of one of the most honored and distinguished families of this section of the State.

Mr. Boyd was born in Wild Cat, Clarion county, October 7, 1863, a son of Samuel M.

and Mary J. (Thompson) Boyd. The father first saw the light October 10, 1821, in Centre county, and was the only child born to Rev. William and Margaret (McWilliams) Boyd, also natives of Centre county, where the former died in 1822, at the early age of thirty-three years. In connection with his pastoral work as a Presbyterian minister, he also had charge of the Pennsylvania Furnace, and was buried near that place. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Boyd married James Patton, by whom she had six children: Henry, a farmer of Missouri; Robert, deceased; Mary, widow of David Rimer, formerly of Toby township, Clarion county; Margaret, widow of John Thompson, of Rimersburg; Jane, a resident of Curllsville, Penn.; and Nannie, who first married William Johnson, and after his death wedded Jackson Fullmer, of Rimersburg.

The maternal grandparents of our subject were William and Margaret (Morehead) Thompson, of Indiana, who came to Clarion county, at an early day, and located upon a farm in Toby township when it still formed a part of Armstrong county. The grandfather died upon that place, but the grandmother passed away while on a visit to Indiana. Their children were Alexander, John, James, Robert and Parks, all deceased; Nancy, deceased wife of John Potter, a farmer of Clarion county; Mary J., mother of our subject; and Lucinda, wife of Adam King, a farmer of Dakota.

In 1824, Samuel M. Boyd, our subject's father, was brought by his parents to Clarion county, locating near Rimersburg, where he grew to manhood. Throughout the greater part of his active business life he engaged in bookkeeping. In 1865 he removed to Oil City, Penn., where he served as justice of the peace, but after a residence there of two years he returned to the old home farm in Toby township, Clarion county, where he continued to live throughout the remainder of his life. He was an ardent Republican in politics, and a Presbyterian in religious belief. In early manhood he married Miss Mary J. Thompson, who was born in Clarion county, July 20, 1822, and they became the parents of the following children: Minnie E., born March 2, 1845, married J. H. Flickenger, and after his death wedded John Reinard, a real-estate dealer, of Braddock, Penn. William H. is engaged in farming on the old homestead in Toby township. Mary I., born April 1, 1850, is the widow of Dr. John Criswell, and a resident of New Bethlehem, Penn. Parks W., born September 30, 1852, is a traveling salesman residing in Dubois, Penn. John A. C., born March 3, 1854, was a merchant of Uniontown, Penn., where he died July 16, 1890, and his remains were buried at that place. James L., born November 3, 1855, died September 5, 1881, in Rimersburg. Maggie B., born February 26, 1858, is the wife of Harry McMurray, a miller of New Castle, Penn. Lou K., born February 5, 1860, is the wife of Samuel Stewart, who is engaged in the real-estate business with Mr. Reinard, in Braddock. Lafayette C., born October 7, 1863, completes the family. The father departed this life June 21, 1868, the mother on January 17, 1893, and both were laid to rest in the cemetery of Rimersburg. They were earnest Christian people, whose benevolence was unostentatious and genuine. Their memory will be a sacred inheritance to their children, and will be cherished by a multitude of friends. Their influence was great and always for good, and their circle of friends was only limited by their circle of acquaintances. The Boyd family is one of social prominence, and its members also occupy honored positions in business circles.

OREN D. BUTTERFIELD. For a half century the family to which this well-known citizen belongs has been identified with Jefferson county, and its various members have won for the name an enviable distinction by their intelligence and worth. This high reputation is in no way diminished at the present time, and our subject, who is counted among the leading agriculturists of Barnett township, displays in a marked degree the admirable characteristics which the name suggests.

In the house which he still occupies Mr. Butterfield was born in December, 1862, a son of Oren and Elizabeth (Spencer) Butterfield, both natives of New York State, the former born in Jefferson county, and the latter in Allegany county, where they were married. The maternal grandfather, Daniel Spencer, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, spent his entire life in New York State. Albert Adams, a half-brother of our subject's father, was closely related to John Q. Adams, the President.

In 1847 Oren Butterfield, Sr., first came to Jefferson county, Penn., but soon afterward returned to his native State, and did not locate permanently here until the following year, when he purchased 150 acres of land, to which he added from time to time until he had 600 acres of valuable land. In addition to the improvement and cultivation of his farm he engaged in lumbering, and in 1854 replaced his first frame house with a large brick residence, in which for a number of years he conducted a hotel. It was known far and near as "Butterfield's Tavern,"

and became a favorite resort with the people of the locality, being used for dances, parties, etc. Mr. Butterfield also engaged in merchandising for many years, and became an extensive dealer and raiser of stock, making a specialty of oxen. An influential and prominent citizen of his community, he was a leader in the local Democracy, and took an active part in public affairs. At one time he was a candidate for associate judge on the Independent ticket, but was defeated, although he received a large vote. He was twice married, his first union being with Nancy J. Reed, who died in Jefferson county, Penn., and to them were born five children: Mrs. Louisa Daniels; Mrs. Ann Rust; Mrs. Malinda Agnew; Charles, a farmer of Clarion county, Penn.; and Albert, deceased. Our subject is the youngest of the three children born of the second marriage, the others being Mrs. Jane Braden and Mrs. Mary Wallace. The mother, who is still living in Marionville, Penn., has (at this writing) reached the age of fifty-seven years; she is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. The father departed this life August 2, 1893, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years.

Mr. Butterfield, of this review, early became familiar with farming and lumbering, and his primary education was acquired in the country schools, which was supplemented with a course in the Belleville Academy and in a select school at Corsica. Being thus well fitted for the practical duties of life, he at an early age assumed the management of the home farm, which was deeded him by his father during his lifetime. In 1887 he married Miss Mary E. Kuhns, a daughter of Christian Kuhns, a highly respected and successful farmer, and who was of German descent. His children were: John, an agriculturist of Barnett township, Jefferson county; Jacob; Joseph; George, a merchant; Albert, deceased; Eli, who lives on the old homestead; Mary E., wife of our subject; Mrs. Mattie Campbell; and Miss Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield have two children: Hale, born August 3, 1889, and Freda I., born January 6, 1897.

Reared in the Democratic faith, Mr. Butterfield has always adhered to its principles, and is a recognized leader in local political affairs. As chairman of the township committee and delegate to various conventions, he has done much to insure the success of his party, and to some extent has engaged in public speaking in its interests. At one time he was elected justice of the peace and refused to qualify, but was subsequently re-elected and acceptably served for five years, during which time he tried 266 cases, only one of which was appealed to a higher court. Having read law, he was well qualified to discharge the duties of that office, but he has never engaged in practice. A man of genial temperament, sound judgment and well-proved integrity, he has gained a host of warm friends and acquaintances, and the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact either in public or private life.

GEORGE D. BUFFINGTON, of Brookville, Jefferson county, is a well-known citizen, whose ability and tact make the "American House" of that place one of the most popular hotels in the county. He is one of the youngest business men in the community, having been born in 1861. His parents, Isaac and Sarah (Herring) Buffington, were natives of Dauphin county, Penn., whence, in their youth, they both went to Armstrong county, Penn., where they were married and spent some years of wedded life. Isaac Buffington has always been a quiet, industrious citizen, attending strictly to his own affairs. In his earlier years he followed the carpenter's trade, but lately he has been engaged in farming and huckstering in Jefferson county, where he has made his home some years.

The subject of this sketch was born in Armstrong county, and received his education in the district schools of Porter township, Jefferson county. At the age of fifteen he began his business career as a bell-boy in the "American House" at Brookville, and so successful was he in filling that place that he was promoted to the position of clerk. At twenty-one he became connected with a hotel at East Brady, Penn., but owing to a fire he did not long remain there, and in August, 1882, he engaged in the hotel business at Muncy, Penn. Later he removed to Huntingdon, same State, and was in business there, but in the fall of 1884 he returned to Brookville and entered the employ of Albert Bauer, of the "Longview Hotel." In October, 1889, he formed a partnership with the late A. D. Long, and took charge of the "American House," and in April, 1894, they purchased the property. After Mr. Long's death, which took place in October, 1894, his widow maintained the partnership until May 20, 1897, when L. A. Brady, of Brookville, purchased her interest. The firm is now known as Buffington & Brady. Any business would be likely to thrive under Mr. Buffington's enterprising management, and the "American House" has a promising future.

Mr. Buffington was married, in 1880, to Miss Louisa O. Jackson, daughter of S. S. Jackson, a prominent resident of Brookville. This union was blessed with the following children: A. Wade,

Ralph Roy, Ruby and Louisa. Although a stanch Republican in his political views, Mr. Buffington has never aimed at official place or power. Socially, he is affiliated with the F. & A. M., in which he is a Knight Templar, and with the K. of P.

SAMUEL B. ARTHURS, the popular proprietor of the "Central Hotel" at Brookville, Penn., was born in that city, November 20, 1865, and is a son of Richard and Sarah J. (Williams) Arthurs. The father's birth occurred in 1811, and in 1830, at the age of nineteen years, he attended the first sale of lots in Brookville. Here he located and began work in the cabinet shop of a Mr. McDonald, but in a short time he purchased tools and opened a shop of his own across the street in "Snyder's Row," Samuel Craig occupying the north room with a chair factory, and Mr. Arthurs the south with his cabinet and carpenter's shop. In 1834 he sold out to James Craig, a brother of Samuel, and began the study of law with Cephas Dunham.

During his boyhood and youth Richard Arthurs was afforded very limited educational privileges, having never studied grammar more than three months, but by perseverance and energy he became well informed, and for many years was one of the leading attorneys practicing at the Bar of Jefferson county. On commencing life in Brookville he had no means, but was always willing to work at anything by which he could earn an honest dollar, and during the two years he made from $1 to $1.25 per day, paying out of the same twenty-five cents per day for board, he managed to save $600, with which he began the study of law. It had always been his desire to enter the legal profession, and in its practice was eminently successful. He was also an able financier, possessing at the time of his death a handsome fortune. His estimable wife, the mother of our subject, passed away November 20, 1895.

The educational advantages of Samuel B. Arthurs were such as the common schools of Brookville afforded, which he attended until about nineteen years of age. He began his business career as a farmer, devoting his time and attention to agricultural pursuits for five years, and then embarked in hotel keeping, which he has since carried on with most satisfactory results. The "Central House" is one of the leading hotels of Brookville, and Mr. Arthurs has proved a genial, gentlemanly and popular host. Everything is done for the comfort and convenience of the guests, and no one leaves the hostelry dissatisfied. He is also extensively interested in fast horses, is a competent judge of those noble animals, and has owned some of the finest ever brought to Jefferson county.

ASA S. PHILIPPI, a gifted and talented artist now located at Sykesville, Jefferson county, makes a specialty of crayon, pastel and water-color pictures, and is now doing an extensive business, having three agents upon the road. He received only two lessons in the art, but is naturally gifted, which is evinced by his fine productions.

Mr. Philippi was born in Winslow township, Jefferson county, March 5, 1860, a son of Solomon and Margaret (Smith) Philippi. The birth of the father occurred in Fayette county, Penn., June 12, 1831, but when only five years of age he was brought to Jefferson county by his parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Dumbald) Philippi, natives of Somerset and Fayette counties, Penn., respectively. They located on a farm in Winslow township, where they died, and their remains were interred in Paradise cemetery, Jefferson county. The great-grandfather of our subject, John Philippi, was a native of France, and was one of six brothers who came to America at an early day, locating in Pennsylvania.

In McCalmont township, Jefferson county, June 12, 1850, Solomon Philippi married Margaret Smith, who was born in Indiana county, Penn., February 14, 1831, a daughter of John S. P. and Susannah (Sprangle) Smith, the former a native of Westmoreland county, and the latter of Huntingdon county, Penn. Her maternal grandfather was Frederick Sprangle, of Huntingdon county. Mr. and Mrs. Philippi became the parents of the following children: Minerva, now the wife of Noah Strouse, a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Florenna, wife of J. B. Sykes, the founder of Sykesville, where he now resides; Alma, wife of William Fulton, a blacksmith of Allegheny, Penn.; Aiah, who married A. W. Scott, a lumberman, of Sykesville, and died in May, 1896; Asa S., of this review; John W., agent for an implement company, and a resident of Bradford, Penn.; Millen F., who died at the age of thirty-one; Henry C., who died at the age of twelve; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; and Edward, who died aged three years. For a number of years the father engaged in farming in Winslow township, remaining there until 1882, when he removed to Reynoldsville, but after a year passed at that place he came to Sykesville, where he has since engaged in light trucking, etc. He is held in the highest respect by all who know him, has served as supervisor of his township,

and with his wife is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

Asa S. Philippi remained with his parents until he had attained his majority, aiding in the work of the farm, and attending the schools of the neighborhood. He then spent two years on a farm in Sacramento county, Cal., and after his return home operated the old Philippi farm for one year. Subsequently he engaged in contracting with J. B. Sykes, cutting logs for six years, and for the following two years was engaged in helping to sink the Big Soldier coal shaft in Winslow township, Jefferson county, where he later ran an engine for three years, but since that time he has successfully engaged in his present business.

On May 12, 1883, in Reynoldsville, Penn., Mr. Philippi was married to Miss Mary E. Sprague, who was born in Winslow township, in 1862, a daughter of G. G. Sprague, of Reynoldsville. Six children graced their union: Prudence, Louis F., Orrel and John R., all at home; Fulton, deceased; and one whose name is not given. Mr. and Mrs. Philippi are both earnest members of the Baptist Church, while, socially, he is connected with the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 185, of Sykesville; and politically he is identified with the Democracy. He is one of the prominent and representative citizens of the community, holding a high place in both business and social circles.

JOSEPH L. NORTH, a well-known and popular merchant of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, is a man of broad capabilities who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and is entitled to distinction as one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Jefferson county, where his entire life has been passed. His parents, Joseph P. and Margery (Kintzell) North, were both natives of Schuylkill county, Penn., whence when quite young they came with their respective parents to Jefferson county. The father, who was a quiet unassuming citizen, was prominently identified with the agricultural and lumber interests of the county, and although he cared little for official honors he served his fellow citizens in the capacity of justice of the peace, and also as school director for more than a quarter of a century. He departed this life February 14, 1891; his widow is still (at this writing) living in the enjoyment of good health.

Joseph Lincoln North was born in Jefferson county, in 1861, and obtained his early education in the common schools. In 1884 he entered the Duff Business College, at Pittsburg, where he completed the prescribed course. Until twenty-five years of age he remained upon the home farm, assisting in the labors of the fields, but at that time embarked in school teaching, which profession he successfully followed for four winters. Coming to Punxsutawney in 1885, he secured a position as cashier for the mercantile firm of North, Miller & Co., with whom he remained four years, and then established his present business, dealing in carpets, wall-paper, etc. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man, and has succeeded in building up a large and profitable trade.

In 1889, Mr. North was united in marriage with Miss Della Truitt, a daughter of J. A. Truitt, of Armstrong county, and they have two children: Edna and Marie. Mrs. North, a most estimable lady, is a faithful member of the Baptist Church. Although he takes no active part in political affairs, our subject always casts his ballot with the Republican party, and supports all measures calculated to benefit the community. Fraternally, he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks.

CHARLES STEWART, a member of the firm of Stewart & Co., dealers in general merchandise in Ringgold, Jefferson county, was born there December 31, 1859. From Ireland the ancestors of the family came to America. His grandfather, Robert Stewart, was born in Ireland, and on crossing the Atlantic took up his residence in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he followed farming for many years. He had a family of eight children.

Of this number, Samuel Stewart was born June 23, 1823, in Northumberland county. There he grew to manhood, and August 10, 1854, he was married by Rev. M. H. Shannon to Elizabeth Martz, who was born in the same county, February 16, 1836. Her parents were John and Polly (Weary) Martz, of Northumberland county, who in an early day removed to Jefferson county, and located in Ringgold township when Peter Kaylor and his family were the only residents of the township. During his early life Samuel Stewart was employed as a clerk in the store of Moshannon Brothers at Ringgold, but afterward devoted his attention to lumbering. He was drowned while rafting near Broken Rock, at the mouth of Red Bank creek, in Armstrong county, Penn., April 1, 1869, and was buried in Red Bank cemetery. His wife died November 11, 1874, and was buried in the cemetery at

Ringgold. They were both active workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children were Martha Jane, born April 1, 1855, died May 27, 1863; William Wise, born March 29, 1856, is a carpenter of Ringgold, Penn.; John, born December 23, 1857, is a tanner of Ringgold; Charles; Abraham Lincoln, born October 21, 1866, is living in Ringgold; Robert, born August 16, 1868, is a farmer of Emerickville, Penn.; Samuel, born August 31, 1869, is living in Ringgold.

Charles Stewart was born and reared at Ringgold, and remained with his parents throughout their lives. At the age of fifteen he began working for L. P. Harris, in a mercantile store at Ringgold, where he remained for two years. He afterward worked some six months at the collier's trade, receiving fifty cents a week and his board. He then went to Falls City, Neb., where he followed farming for a year and eight months, and then returned to Jefferson county, where he was employed in the lumber woods for eighteen months. Returning to Ringgold, he began clerking for his father-in-law in 1885, and after three months became a partner in the business. He is a wide-awake, enterprising business man, and has a store well stocked with all the goods demanded by the general public. His methods of dealing are honorable and reliable, and he has secured a liberal and well-deserved patronage.

Mr. Stewart was married November 5, 1885, in Worthville, to Miss Sadie E. Wonderling, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Hummell, a minister of the Evangelical Church. Her father, Reuben Wonderling, who is a general farmer and carpenter of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, was born in Northampton county, Penn., June 15, 1830, a son of Frederick and Sabina (Billman) Wonderling, of Switzerland. In December, 1852, on the farm where he now lives, he was married to Catherine Freece, who was born in Berwick, Penn., May 19, 1832, a daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Huntzinger) Freece, who removed from Clarion county to Jefferson county, Penn. Reuben Wonderling worked on his father's farm until nineteen years of age, and then was employed as a farm hand for seven months by Daniel Yaney, of Clarion county. He afterward served a four-years' apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, receiving $6 per month for his services, and then began carpentering on his own account, a pursuit he followed some twenty years. In the fall of 1854 he located in Perry township, Jefferson county, and lived with his brother-in-law until 1855, when he built a home in Porter township, there living until 1877, since which time he has resided upon his present farm. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious belief he is a Methodist. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wonderling are: Charlotte, wife of Joel Shick, a farmer of Michigan; Rebecca, wife of Samuel Oberlin, a carpenter of Ringgold; and Elizabeth, wife of Charles Stewart. [See sketch of W. F. Geist, elsewhere in this volume.]

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart has been blessed with five children, four of whom are living: Orand W., Nita, Laura and Hazel C.; Florence died in February, 1897. The family is one of prominence in the community, and their circle of friends is extensive. Mr. Stewart is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Worthville. He is an active worker in the interests of the Republican party, and for three years served as alderman. His many excellencies of character and his reliability in business have won for him the confidence and respect of all.

AARON HOPKINS. The Hopkins homestead in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, is one of the best in that section, and also one of the oldest. Its present occupant and owner, the subject of this sketch, is a worthy representative of the family, being a progressive and successful manager in agricultural work, and taking an influential part in local affairs.

At an early day the paternal ancestors of Mr. Hopkins located in Centre county, Penn., and his grandfather, Robert Hopkins, was born there, but in later years settled in Indiana county. Thomas Hopkins, our subject's father, was born in the latter locality, and as a young man went to Perry township, Jefferson county, where he met and married Miss Mary Mauk, a native of the township, and daughter of Jacob and Susannah (Walter) Mauk, prominent pioneers. Shortly after his marriage, Thomas Hopkins returned to Indiana county with his bride, and rented a home for a brief period. The new lands in Jefferson county offered good returns for enterprising young men, and he decided to locate in McCalmont township, at the present homestead. Everything was in its primitive condition, and on arriving at the prospective home, he and his wife made a shelter for themselves by driving some poles into the ground and placing rough beams and boards across them. Two weeks later they moved into a small log cabin which had been hastily erected, and there they resided until 1834 when a better house was built on the site of the present residence. Mr. Hopkins, who was a carpenter by trade, became interested in lumbering, and in time became wealthy, ranking among the most influential members of the community.

He was not identified with any Church, although he inclined to the faith of the United Brethren; but his wife was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church. He died October 9, 1882, aged seventy-six, and his wife in January, 1890, at the age of sixty-four, their remains being interred in the cemetery of the Presbyterian Church, near their home. Their children were John, a carpenter at Punxsutawney; Susannah, wife of Benjamin McCann, a farmer in Knox township, Jefferson county; Miss Jane, a resident of Punxsutawney; Robert, who was killed while operating a sawmill in Knox township, an explosion cutting his head in two, and otherwise mangling him; Jacob, a merchant at Knoxdale, Penn.; James, a farmer in Knox township; Mary, wife of John Hutchison, an organ and piano dealer in New Bethlehem, Penn.; Eliza, a milliner at Philipsburg, Penn.; Anna, wife of Beverly Morrison, a decorator in Punxsutawney; Aaron, our subject; Eva, who died at an early age, and Maggie, wife of George Johns, a railroad man residing in Punxsutawney.

Mr. Hopkins, our subject, was born at the homestead August 5, 1858, and remained there during the greater part of the time until he reached the age of twenty-eight, assisting his father on the farm in summer and in the sawmill in winter. Two years were, however, spent in lumbering and two years upon a farm. On January 14, 1885, he was married to Miss Maggie E. Anderson, and for a time they lived in a rented house in Knox township, where Mr. Hopkins spent the winter in logging. They then removed to a farm in Oliver township, Jefferson county, which was purchased at a sheriff's sale for $2,050, the place containing eighty-nine acres; but two years later Mr. Hopkins sold it for $3,950, then returned to his native township and followed logging for a year and a half. Through an arrangement with the other heirs he became the owner of the homestead about this time, and he has since resided there, devoting his attention to general farming. The estate comprises 166 acres of land, of unsurpassed quality, and Mr. Hopkins keeps it in a high state of cultivation. As a good citizen he is always ready to encourage progress by his influence and active aid. In political faith he is a Republican, and since 1894 he has held the office of township auditor. Socially he belongs to the Order of Junior Mechanics at Punxsutawney.

His marriage to Miss Anderson took place at Knoxdale, Penn., the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Noden. They had five children: the first two (twins) died in infancy; Mary M., born November 7, 1889; Ira I., who died at the age of three years, four months and fifteen days; and Lou L., born August 8, 1895. Mrs. Hopkins was born October 7, 1863, in Clarion county, Penn., where her paternal grandparents, Abraham and Mary (Watson) Anderson, were early settlers. The latter died there, but the former spent his last days in Knox township, Jefferson county. James I. Anderson, the father of Mrs. Hopkins, was born October 14, 1834, and is now a successful farmer in Knox township, where he is known as a stanch Democrat and an active member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Martha Davis, was born in Jefferson county April 14, 1844, the daughter of John and Mary (Davison) Davis. Her father met his death by drowning, having accidentally fallen from a raft. Mrs. Hopkins is one of eleven children: Mary is the wife of Norman Harding, a farmer of near Brockwayville, Penn.; Maggie E. is the second in order of birth; Lot S. is a laborer in McCalmont township; Norman is a laborer at Camp Run, Jefferson county; John died at an early age; Nannie is deceased; Lou E. is the wife of Ralph McCracken, a merchant at Knoxdale; and Ada, James, Anna and Grover C., who are at home.

J H. ELKIN, a well-known merchant of Porter, Jefferson county, and postmaster at that thriving village, has the reputation of a strictly first-class business man, reliable and energetic. Through his entire business career he has been looked upon as a model of integrity and honor, never making an engagement that he has not fulfilled, and standing to-day an example of what determination and force, combined with the highest degree of business integrity, can accomplish for a man of natural ability and strength of character. He is respected in the community at large, and honored by his business associates.

Francis Elkin, father of our subject, was born in 1830, in County Tyrone, Ireland, whence when a young man he came to America, first locating in Pittsburg, Penn., where for a number of years he served as manager for the Gregg & Lindsey Iron Works. In that city he was married, in 1854, to Miss Elizabeth Pratt, also a native of Ireland. Later they removed to West Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Penn., where Mr. Elkin purchased a farm near Smicksburg, and there made his home until 1868, when he moved to the village, where in partnership with a Mr. Good he engaged in general merchandising until 1873. On selling his interest to his partner, he went to Wellsville, Ohio, where he established the first tin manufactory in the United States; but at the end of two years returned to

Smicksburg, where he again engaged in the mercantile trade until his death in 1882. He was one of the most prominent business men of the place, prompt, reliable and energetic, and had the esteem and confidence of the entire community. His widow still makes her home in Smicksburg.

In the family were six children, as follows: (1) Elizabeth C., born on the farm in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, was educated in the common schools, and married William Elkin, of Pittsburg. They now reside in Jeannette, Penn., and have a family of six children—William F. (who is at present attending the normal school in Indiana county); Litty; Myrtle; Charles; Olive and Hazel. (2) J. H., of this review, is the next in the order of birth. (3) John P., born in 1859, began his education in the common schools, later graduated at the Indiana State Normal, and also graduated at the Ann Arbor (Mich.) Law School. He became a leading attorney of Indiana county, Penn., where he was elected to the State Legislature in 1885, and two years later was re-elected. He then engaged in private practice until 1894, when he was appointed deputy attorney-general under Gov. Daniel Hastings, of Pennsylvania, which distinguished position he is still filling, making his home in Harrisburg. He was also appointed State chairman of Pennsylvania to succeed M. S. Quay, and in 1897 was elected to that position, which he is holding at the present time. He married Miss Adda Prothrow, of Indiana county, and with their two children—Laura and Helen—they reside in Indiana, Penn. (4) Cordelia C., born in 1864, married Jacob Meister, of Buffalo, N. Y., where they resided until his death. She is now the wife of D. W. McHenry, who is engaged in the drug business for Dr. Cochran at Big Run, Jefferson Co., Penn. (5) William F., born in Smicksburg, in 1871, obtained his primary education in the common schools, subsequently attended the Edinburg Normal for a time, and afterward graduated at the State Normal of Indiana. As a law student he then entered the office of his brother, J. P. Elkin, and has since been admitted to the Bar of Indiana county, Penn. He now has charge of his brother's practice in the city of Indiana, and is recognized as one of the most promising young lawyers of the place. (6) Margaret, born in Smicksburg, and educated in the public schools of Indiana county, is now the wife of Robert McKibben, who is engaged in the iron business in Pittsburg, Penn. They have two children.

On the home farm in Indiana county, J. H. Elkin, of this sketch, was born in 1857, and in the public schools pursued his studies until fifteen years of age, when he entered his father's store, there acquiring an excellent knowledge of business methods. He remained with his father until 1879, when he came to Porter township, Jefferson county, and embarked in business on his own account. In 1881 he purchased property in the village of Porter, where he erected his present store building, and also a fine two-story residence and good barn. As a merchant he has been very successful, and is now the owner of four valuable farms in Porter township, besides his residence and store in the village. In December, 1881, he married Miss M. Ella Oberlin, of Rochester Mills, Indiana county, a daughter of W. P. and Annie M. Oberlin, and three children blessed their union: Oberta F., who died of diphtheria, at the age of nine years; Linus J., born in December, 1884; and Curtis E., born in June, 1887.

Politically Mr. Elkin is an ardent Republican, and in 1895 he represented Jefferson county in the State convention. He has held the office of school director six years, is overseer of the poor at the present time, and in 1880 was first appointed postmaster, under President Hayes, filling the office at that time for six years. During President Harrison's administration he was again appointed, and filled the position for five years, and is the present incumbent, being re-appointed under President McKinley. His duties are always promptly and faithfully discharged, thus winning the commendation of all concerned. In religious belief he and his wife are Presbyterians. Self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy, honesty—these are the traits of character that insure the highest emoluments and greatest success. To these may be attributed the success that has crowned the efforts of Mr. Elkin.

WILLIAM F. MATSON, M. D. In comparison of the relative value to mankind of the various professions and pursuits, it is widely recognized that none is so important as the medical profession. From the cradle to the grave, human destiny is largely in the hands of the physician. An able representative of this calling is Dr. Matson, one of the most prominent practitioners of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county.

The Doctor is a native of Jefferson county, born September 19, 1855, in the vicinity of Brookville, a son of James Clarke and Harriet (Potter) Matson. He began his literary education in the district schools near his boyhood home, and subsequently pursued his studies in Brookville. In 1868, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Tennessee, where they

made their home until 1872, when they returned to Brookville. The Doctor then accepted a clerkship in his brother's grocery store, and also established a photograph gallery in Brookville, having learned something of that art in Tennessee.

In 1873, under his brother, Dr. C. M. Matson, our subject began the study of medicine, and in February, 1877, graduated from the Cleveland (Ohio) Medical College. On the 1st of the following April, he entered into partnership with his brother, and together they successfully engaged in practice in Brookville until 1886, when the connection was discontinued, and Dr. W. F. Matson was alone in practice in that city until 1891. In that year he came to Punxsutawney and established a drug store in connection with Joseph L. Shields, which they conducted for five years, when the Doctor withdrew and has since given his exclusive attention to the practice of his profession. In 1889 he was appointed a member of the pension examining board, which position he faithfully and creditably filled for four years.

Dr. Matson was married August 18, 1886, to Miss Floranna, daughter of Dr. Joseph Shields, of Punxsutawney, and they now have two children: Ethel and Joseph Wilmont. Mrs. Matson, a cultured and refined lady, is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and with her husband holds an enviable position in the social circles of the community. Politically, he is an ardent Republican, and in the ranks of his professional brethren he stands deservedly high.

DAVID J. PIPER, a substantial citizen of Big Run, Jefferson county, well known in business circles as a dealer in hardware and agricultural implements, was born in that county in 1856, and has always made his home there. His father, William E. Piper, now a prominent farmer and lumberman of that locality, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., whence, when about twelve years old, he went to Jefferson county, and by a life in which a quiet pursuit of duty has been a leading characteristic has won the respect of all who know him. His estimable wife, Lydia (Schutterle), who passed from earth in 1889, was a native of Centre county.

The ordinary advantages of a country school enabled Mr. Piper, our subject, to gain the elements of a practical education, and the training in farm work, which he received at home, prepared him to follow that honored calling in manhood. It was not until 1891 that he decided to choose another occupation, and then, removing to Big Run, he spent one year in the restaurant business before engaging in his present enterprise. His store is an attractive one, his stock of hardware and implements large and well selected, and he enjoys an extensive and profitable trade.

Mr. Piper was married in October, 1882, to Miss Emma C. Priester, daughter of Ludwig and Elizabeth (Hope) Priester, now well-known residents of Jefferson county. The father was a native of Germany, but the mother was born in Indiana county, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Piper have no children of their own, but an adopted daughter, Turila Luella, shares their home. They are Methodists in faith, and Mr. Piper is a trustee of the Church. Thoroughly public-spirited and sympathetic with all progressive movements, they rank among the leaders of their community. In his political views Mr. Piper is a Democrat, and while he has never felt tempted to turn from his business in order to seek official honors, he has been chosen to various positions, now holding a borough office.

WILLIAM H. LUCAS, who for eighteen years was engaged in general merchandising in Corsica, Jefferson county, is one of the most popular and progressive citizens of his section, and is now serving as county treasurer of Jefferson county.

Mr. Lucas was born February 18, 1855, in Clover township, Jefferson Co., Penn., a son of Isaac Lucas, a native of Clarion county, Penn., whence when quite young he came to Jefferson county, where he spent the remainder of his life in lumbering and in agricultural pursuits. He was a valued and highly respected citizen of the community where he so long made his home. His death occurred in 1895; his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Simpson, is still living.

During his boyhood and youth our subject attended the public schools of Jefferson county, and completed his literary training in an academy in Corsica. He continued to assist his father in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm until twenty-two years of age, when he began learning dentistry, spending about three years in the study of that profession. One day, while working a vulcanizer, an explosion occurred which so injured his right arm that it had to be amputated. Thus handicapped, he was obliged to give up dentistry, and at the age of twenty-five took up the study of telegraphy. He had charge of the office established at Corsica, until the winter of 1895, but in 1878 he had also

opened a store at that place, where for eighteen years he successfully engaged in general merchandising. He has the reputation of being a strictly first-class business man, reliable and energetic, and as he also carried a well-selected stock of goods, he received a liberal share of the public patronage.

In 1881 Mr. Lucas was married to Miss Minnie B. Cale, a daughter of Samuel Cale, of Corsica, and they have become the parents of five children, namely: Erla B., Alma, Fern, Mabel and Maud. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas both hold membership in the Presbyterian Church; socially, he belongs to the United Order American Mechanics. He is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Republican party in his community, is a warm advocate of its principles, and does all in his power to promote its interests. He has served on several of its important committees, and in 1896 was its candidate for county treasurer. On the 3d of November of that year, he was declared elected by a plurality of 2,159, and is now acceptably filling that responsible position. He is a man of sterling integrity and honesty of purpose, and despises all unworthy or questionable methods to secure success in any undertaking or for any purpose, or to promote his own advancement in any direction, whether political or otherwise.

GEORGE L. REED, one of the most enterprising business men, is the manager and part-owner of the Mahon Roller, Flour and Feed Mill at Brookville, Jefferson county. He comes of Virginia stock, his father, John H. Reed, having left his birthplace in the Shenandoah Valley, at the age of twenty-one, to settle in Clearfield borough. He had previously learned the details of the miller's trade, was engaged in it for many years in Clearfield, and now follows it at his present home in Westmoreland county, Penn. His estimable wife, Margaret (Potter), who is also living, was a native of Juniata county, Pennsylvania.

G. L. Reed was born in June, 1855, in Clearfield county, and obtained his elementary education in the country schools, sometimes traveling a distance of three miles to reach the school house. Afterward he attended the Brookville schools for three years. He was reared to the milling business, having assisted his father until the age of twenty-one, and with slight exceptions has been engaged in that line of work ever since. For eight years he followed the trade in New Hampshire. In 1888 he purchased an interest in the mill at Brookville, and since 1892 he has had charge of it, and has demonstrated his ability and energy by its successful management.

In May, 1887, Mr. Reed was united in matrimony with Miss Anna S. Ellenberger, of Belknap, Armstrong Co., Penn., a daughter of Charles Ellenberger, a well-known resident of that locality. They have had two children: Marlin G. and Hulda E. Mr. Reed and his wife are among the active members of the M. E. Church, in which he holds the office of steward. He takes much interest in the questions of the day, and politically is a Republican, but his close attention to business has prevented him from accepting any official honors.

RALPH W. WELLS, a well-known agriculturist of Warsaw township, Jefferson county, is a man whose successful struggle against adverse circumstances shows what can be accomplished by industry and economy if guided by sound judgment, as he started out in life for himself with no capital or influential friends to aid him. He was born in Warsaw township, November 20, 1853, and was educated in its common schools.

George and Elizabeth (Preston) Wells, parents of our subject, both natives of New York, were married in Jefferson county, Penn., where they had located at an early day, and became the parents of three children: Dean, now a farmer of Pine Creek, Penn.; Mary E., who died in childhood; and Ralph W. The father, who was a lumberman by occupation, died in 1856, and the mother later became the wife of Silas Miller, who also engaged in lumbering, and was the owner of a farm, upon which his family still reside. There were three children born of this union: Maggie, Nancy and Edward. Mrs. Miller, who was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, departed this life in 1882. William Preston, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in New York State, and at an early day became a resident of Jefferson county, Penn., where for some time he followed teaming, farming and lumbering, but later in life conducted a hotel at Richardsville, where his death occurred in 1864. His wife survived him for some time, and died in the faith of the Baptist Church, of which she was a faithful member. In his political affiliations he was a Republican. Seven daughters constituted his family, namely: Elizabeth, the mother of our subject; Mrs. Mary Bartlett; Mrs. Nancy Kendall; Mrs. Josephine Lithgow; Mrs. Julia Evans; Mrs. Almira Rider; and Mrs. Ruby Wait.

Until attaining his majority Ralph W. Wells

remained upon his stepfather's farm, where he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits. On leaving home he was first employed in the woods, and has since followed lumbering in connection with farming, meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. In 1891 he purchased his present farm which is well-improved and under a high state of cultivation, yielding to the owner bountiful harvests in return for the labor expended upon it. He then married Miss Jennie McKillips, who was reared in Jefferson county, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Penn) McKillips. Her grandparents, Matthew and Martha (Richards) McKillips, farming people, were natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively, James McKillips, also a farmer by occupation, and a lumberman, was of Scotch descent; he died in 1880, but his wife is still living. She holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Jennie, wife of our subject; Mrs. Olive McFadden; Mrs. Candis Miller and John. Mr. and Mrs. Wells have an interesting daughter, Erma, born in 1892.

Since casting his first Presidential vote, Mr. Wells has been an ardent Republican, and has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of township auditor and tax collector, being constantly re-elected to the latter position since 1890. He is one of the popular and influential citizens of his community, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is held.

GEORGE A. MORRISON, Esq., who is now serving his sixteenth consecutive year as a justice of the peace in and for McCalmont township, Jefferson county, is a follower of the most ancient of callings, that of agriculture, and has also been prominent in educational work in his locality for many years. As a man and a citizen, he commands the entire confidence of the people, and his popularity has been shown in many ways.

Mr. Morrison is of pioneer stock, his grandparents, Robert and Sarah (Galbraith) Morrison, natives of Ireland, having been among the first settlers of Rose township, Jefferson county. His grandfather was killed in 1837 while helping to build a log church, and his remains were interred in a graveyard at Stanton. The late Robert C. Morrison, our subject's father, was born in Armstrong county, Penn., in 1821, and going to Jefferson county as a child, remained there until 1872, being for many years engaged in farming and lumbering. His health failed in his later years, and he removed to Limestone township, Clarion county, and then to the vicinity of Strattonville, in the same county. He died December 5, 1895, at the age of seventy-four years and eight months, his burial taking place in Rehoboth graveyard in Clarion county. He was twice married. His first wife, Rebecca Evans, died in 1845, leaving one son, Robert C., who died at the early age of twenty-one. His second wife, Esther Hill, who survives him, was born in Armstrong county, March 13, 1821, a daughter of George and Nancy (McMurray) Hill, who came from Ireland at an early date and located in Armstrong county, where both died, their remains now resting in the cemetery at Freeport. Mrs. Esther Morrison resides near Strattonville with her daughter, Mrs. McMahan. Of her ten children, the eldest, Rebecca J., who was born September 27, 1848, in Jefferson county, married George Brown, a farmer of McCalmont township; George A., our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on; William J. is a merchant at Oliveburg; Thomas is deceased; James B. is a carpenter and farmer in Limestone township, Clarion county; Harvey resides on the homestead in Clarion county; Homer (twin of Harvey) died in infancy; Josiah is a physician in Ohio; Alice married Charles McMahan, a farmer in Clarion county; and Daniel W. is principal of the schools at Glen Hazel, Elk Co., Pennsylvania.

Squire Morrison was born October 14, 1850, at Stanton, Jefferson county, and remained at home until the age of nineteen, attending school and assisting in the work of the farm. He had by this time prepared himself for teaching, and three seasons were thus spent, his first school being at Sugar Hill. He then attended the fall session of the Edinboro Normal School, but before resuming his school work he spent two years in mercantile business at Petrolia, Penn. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in teaching, with the exception of one year (1883) he spent in teaming. On October 16, of that year, he took possession of his present farm near Cortez. Wherever he has resided he has been an active worker in local affairs and in the Republican party, and his neighbors have not been slow in taking advantage of his ability and public spirit. For thirteen years he was auditor of McCalmont township, and with the exception of two spring elections he has served fourteen years on the election board either as judge or clerk. In February, 1882, he was elected justice of the peace, and has since held it by successive re-elections. He is also prominent in religious work as a member of the U. B. Church.

On April 6, 1876, Squire Morrison was married at Punxsutawney, by Rev. M. Miller, a Methodist Episcopal clergyman, to Miss Anna M. Brown, and six children blessed their union:

Homer (who died April 9, 1890); Belle, Estella, Ralph and Norman (twins), Davis W. and Mintie. Mrs. Morrison, who was born August 10, 1858, in Oliver township, Jefferson county, Penn., is a granddaughter of Thomas J. and Catherine (Hartles) Brown, early settlers in McCalmont township, her grandfather being a well-known lumberman and farmer. Her father, Job H. Brown, was born in Punxsutawney, and after many years of labor as a successful farmer, is living in retirement at Marchand, Penn. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Bell, is a native of Battle Hollow, Jefferson county, and a daughter of James W. and Hannah (Jordan) Bell, highly respected pioneers of that locality. Her great-grandfather, Robert Bell, came from Ireland at a very early period and located "on the frontier," in what is now Rayne township, Jefferson county, and her grandparents, John and Elizabeth Bell, natives of Ireland, resided during their later years upon a farm in Perry township, same county. On the maternal side, Mrs. Brown is a granddaughter of Alexander and Catherine (Pound) Gordon, of Ireland, who were pioneer settlers near Smicksburg, Penn. Job H. Brown is a steadfast Republican in politics, and for many years he and his wife have been consistent members of the M. E. Church. Mrs. Morrison was the eldest of a family of three children, the others — Norman and Nora — being twins; the former is now a farmer near Marchand, and the latter is the wife of Charles Brown (no kinship), an agent for implements, and residing at Marchand.

JAMES B. NORTH. Among the wide-awake and enterprising business men of Eleanor, Jefferson county, this gentleman has, during his brief residence, gained a prominent place. He was not previously unknown in the locality, however, as he is a member of a well-known family, and had been for some years a successful agriculturist of McCalmont township. His farm, which contains 180 acres of fine farm land, was purchased from John Smith for $45 per acre, and is noted as the first homestead to be cleared and settled upon in the southern part of Jefferson county.

Mr. North was born August 11, 1849, the son of Daniel and Catherine (Bell) North, and was reared at the family homestead in McCalmont township. At the age of twenty-two he took charge of his father's farm; but after some years he became interested in buying and selling cattle, and from 1885 to 1890 his time was mainly devoted to that business and to lumbering. In 1890 he left the farm to the care of an employee and moved to Eleanor to clear a tract of 1,100 acres of timber for Edward Syphert and P. A. Hamilton. He has continued to reside there, and at present is engaged in teaming for the Eleanor Coal Company, keeping four teams employed, and he also does an extensive business in contracting and lumbering. He has the genial manner that would help any man to success in life, and is prominent socially as a member of the I. O. O. F., the Junior Order of Mechanics, and the Masonic fraternity. He also belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with which his family has long been identified. In political faith he is a Republican, and he has served seven years as school director and two years as supervisor. He owns a house and lot at Eleanor, and his home is a pleasant one, his philosophy including a generous appreciation of the good that life may bring.

On January 26, 1871, Mr. North was married, at Dayton, Penn., to Miss Tillie Smith, a native of Armstrong county, born May 1, 1849. Of their children, the first, Mary, born March 20, 1872, died April 11, 1873; Daniel W., born February 10, 1874, is now engaged in teaching; William E., born April 13, 1878; Bessie L., December 13, 1880; James M., May 6, 1883; Emma K., June 22, 1886; Ann B., April 5, 1891, and Harry R., September 2, 1896, are all at home. Mrs. North is descended from some of the pioneer settlers of Armstrong county. Her paternal grandfather, William Smith, was a wealthy Irishman, and on going to Armstrong county, conveyed a large amount of gold in a wheelbarrow. Her father, the late James Smith, was a prosperous farmer, and an active Republican, holding various township offices. In religious work he was also prominent as a member of the U. P. Church, in which he was an elder for many years, and at times served in other positions. He died March 6, 1896, aged seventy-six years; his wife, Margaret (Henderson), passed away in September, same year, their remains being interred at Elderton. Mrs. North's maternal grandfather, Benjamin Henderson, came from Ireland, locating in Armstrong county at an early day, and he and his wife Susan, a native of Pennsylvania, spent their last years near Elderton. James and Margaret Smith reared a large family of children: The eldest, Martha, married A. B. Remaley, a farmer in Burrell township, Armstrong county, who has also been engaged in teaching for thirty-five years; Benjamin met a soldier's death during the Civil war; William was also in the Union service, and died shortly after his return .(his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth North, now resides at

Punxsutawney); Elizabeth married Henry Fraley, a farmer of near Elderton; Tillie S. (Mrs. North), is the fifth in the order of birth; Mary is the wife of Alexander Fistcus, a farmer in Indiana county; Nan married Parks Schrecengost, a wheelwright at Elderton; Wilson married Miss Mary Gibson, and resides on the Smith homestead in Armstrong county.

As has been said, Mr. North belongs to a prominent family. His paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, came from Ireland in 1810, and after spending a few years in Philadelphia, moved to Indiana county, to engage in farming. Their son Daniel, our subject's father, was born July 11, 1827, in Indiana county, and on October 5, 1847, was married to Miss Catherine Bell, a native of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, born November 7, 1828. She was a daughter of James W. and Hannah (Gordon) Bell, prominent among the early residents of that township; a granddaughter of John and Elizabeth Bell, of Perry township, Jefferson county; and a great-granddaughter of that noted pioneer, Robert Bell, an Irishman, who settled in Indiana county at a very early period. On the maternal side her grandparents were Alexander and Catherine (Pounds) Gordon, natives of Ireland, and among the first settlers in the vicinity of Smicksburg, Indiana county.

Daniel North made his home in McCalmont township, engaging in farming and acquiring a large amount of real estate. Generosity was a leading characteristic of the family, and he proved to be amply endowed with this admirable trait, his donations to various worthy movements being notably frequent. To the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, he was especially liberal, but he also gave freely to other Churches in the neighborhood. He departed this life July 22, 1891, deeply lamented by all classes in the community. His estimable wife, who survives him, was given the homestead for her lifetime, and still resides there with her son, J. Curtin North. Our subject is the eldest in a family of twelve children; Mary E. is the wife of W. C. Smith, of Punxsutawney; John S. resides in McCalmont township; Anna R. died when less than five years old; Emma H. married W. R. Johnson, of Armstrong county; William H. died at the age of four years; Martha J. married A. J. McCreight, of Punxsutawney; Joanna R. is the wife of Dr. James B. Neale, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; J. Curtin operates the home farm; Margaret L. married John B. Nichols, of Eleanor; Minnie C. is the wife of W. S. Colderman, of Kane, Penn.; and Daniel O. resides at Eleanor.

RICHARD ARTHURS is the genial owner of the "Commercial Hotel," at Brookville, Penn., a most popular hostelry. A biographical record of Jefferson county would be incomplete without the mention of the Arthurs family, which for almost a century has been identified with its history.

John Arthurs, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Jacks Creek, Mifflin Co., Penn., March 1, 1783, and in 1795 came to Jefferson county, where he helped to erect its first mill. In 1806 he returned to the county, but soon afterward went to what is now Armstrong county, and in the same year married Joanna Roll, who was born in Penn's Valley, Centre Co., Penn., June 15, 1786. He then purchased the Ferguson farm near Clarion, this State, where he continued to live until about 1812, when he removed to Port Barnet and engaged in lumbering. In 1813 he went to Tidioute, Warren Co., Penn., and in the winter of 1814 was pressed into the United States service and sent to Lake Erie; but in the spring of 1815 the treaty of Ghent was concluded, and he was allowed to return home, the war being ended.

Richard Arthurs, the father of our subject, was born in 1811, and in 1830 attended the sale of the first lots sold in Brookville, where he located two years later. After working for a short time in the cabinet shop of a Mr. McDonald, he purchased the tools and other accessories and removed to "Snyder's row," where he established a cabinet and carpenter shop in the south room, while Samuel Craig occupied the north room with his chair factory. In 1834 he sold out to the latter's brother, James Craig, and commenced the study of law with Cephas Dunham. Although he had received but a limited education in his youth, he became a very successful lawyer, one of the best in Jefferson county. When receiving only the meager wages of from $1 to $1.25, and paying out twenty-five cents per day for board, he managed to save $600 in two years, and thus was able to pursue his law studies; he was also very successful in business affairs, and succeeded in accumulating considerable property in later years, owning many of the best business houses in Brookville. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah J. Williams, died November 20, 1895.

The birth of our subject occurred in 1850, and in the academy of Brookville he acquired a good education in his youth. He followed various employments during the early years of his life, working in the lumber woods, at the age of twenty-one going to the oil fields of Pennsylvania, where he remained some four years. Re-

turning to Brookville, he here engaged in mercantile pursuits for two years, and then embarked in the hotel business, which he has since successfully carried on. In 1875 he was united in marriage with Miss Alice J. Carroll, a daughter of John E. Carroll, a worthy citizen of Brookville, and to them has been born a daughter, Anna. Mr. Arthurs is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, and also to the Mystic Shrine, while politically he is an ardent Republican, but cares nothing for public office. He is a straightforward, progressive business man, and an influential and valued citizen of the community where almost his entire life has been passed.

JOHN R. VANLEER, a representative and prominent business man of Brookville, was born in Jefferson county, in 1849, and is a son of William and Esther (Heims) Vanleer. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and about 1830 took up his residence in Jefferson county, with whose farming and lumbering interests he was prominently identified during the remainder of his life. His death occurred August 26, 1896, and his wife was called to her final rest in 1879. They were highly respected by all who knew them, and had many friends throughout the county.

Our subject was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his period, attending the district schools and assisting in the labors of the farm. At the age of twenty he left the parental roof, and learned the carpenter's trade, which occupation he followed from 1869 until 1876. In the Centennial year he became interested in a planing-mill and the manufacture of lumber, and two years later admitted his brother, W. N. Vanleer, to a partnership in the business, which has since been conducted under the firm style of Vanleer Brothers. Theirs is one of the most important industries of the kind in Jefferson county, all kinds of building material being manufactured, and employment given to some ten workmen all the year round. The brothers are progressive, energetic business men of known reliability, and the place which they occupy in business circles is in the front rank.

In 1868 John R. Vanleer was married to Miss Frances Heims, of Jefferson county, and to them have been born four children: Vertie, wife of H. W. Heasley; Lottie B., at home; Bertha A., wife of David Brown; and Orlando R. The parents hold membership in the Lutheran Church. In his political views Mr. Vanleer is a stalwart Republican, and is a strong advocate of sound money and protection. Social, educational and moral interests have been promoted by him, and anything tending to uplift and benefit humanity secures his hearty co-operation. At this writing he is the popular president of the city council of Brookville, and discharges his duties with a promptness and fidelity that have won for him the commendation of all. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is past grand; of the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor; and of the Ancient Order of Artisans, in which he is past supreme master. He is one of the most honored business men of Brookville, and is unquestionably one of the strongest and most influential citizens whose lives have become an essential part of the history of Jefferson county.

CAMDON MITCHELL, of Reynoldsville, a prominent member of the Jefferson County Bar, is also one of the ablest financiers, and in addition to his lucrative professional work is connected with some of the most important enterprises of his locality, notably the First National Bank of Reynoldsville, of which he is president.

Mr. Mitchell was born, in 1849, at Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, where his father, Thomas L. Mitchell, a native of Indiana county, Penn., had settled in early manhood, engaging first in the tailoring business, and later in lumbering, which he continued until his death in 1870. He was a man of unassuming manners, and his time being given mainly to his own affairs he took but little part in public movements, although fully in sympathy with progress. He married a most estimable lady, Miss Ann C. Johnson, a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., who died some years before his own demise.

The foundation of our subject's education was laid in the public schools of his native place, and he subsequently took an academic course at Clarion, Penn. His legal studies were begun in the fall of 1868 in the office of Messrs. Jenks & Winslow, of Punxsutawney, and he was admitted to the Bar in the February term, 1872. He at once opened an office at Reynoldsville, and has since practiced continually and successfully, being now recognized as one of the leading attorneys of the locality. He not only does a large business in his own county, but his practice extends into adjoining counties.

His sound judgment makes him a valued assistant in corporate enterprises, and on the organization of the First National Bank at Rey-

noldsville in 1893, he was made its president, and still discharges the duties of that responsible position. He is also an officer in the Reynoldsville Water Company, and in many ways he has shown that he is fully alive to the needs of his town. His work in the cause of education should be specially noted, as owing to the pressure of other interests he has uniformly avoided public office except as called upon to serve on the board of school directors, where his vote and influence have always been given on the side of progress. Politically he has always been a Republican, and he is a stanch friend of sound money and protection.

Mr. Mitchell was married in 1868 to Miss Cora O. Wallace, of Clarion county, and nine living children brighten their home—Thomas L., James E., Lucille, Bruce, Ann, Joseph Blucher, Fred, Wallace and Alice—six others being deceased. Mrs. Mitchell is a member of the Baptist Church, and is prominent in its varied lines of work.

JOSEPH PEACE, a leading agriculturist and lumberman of Henderson township, Jefferson county, is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, having entered the army as a youth of seventeen. Although he is most unassuming in manner and disposition, never seeking official place or public recognition, he enjoys to an unusual degree the esteem and confidence of the people among whom his life has been spent.

His family have been identified with Pennsylvania for several generations, and Solomon Peace, his father, was born in Dauphin county in 1819. On attaining manhood's estate, Solomon Peace decided to seek his fortune in a less thickly settled community, and in 1842 he removed to the vicinity of Punxsutawney. There he met Miss Mary Dunmire, whom he married in the following year, and after residing some time near Punxsutawney he moved to Clearfield county, locating on what is known as the Robert Lawshie farm in Bell township. Four years later he removed to McGee's Mills, and there spent three years, afterward residing for short periods on the Buena Vista farm on the river road, and on the Curt Mitchell farm in Burnside township. In 1859 he purchased a tract of land on the line between Clearfield and Jefferson counties, known as the Lewis May tract, where he cleared a farm and built a residence. His remaining years were passed at this homestead, his death occurring in 1886; his estimable wife survived him until 1897. Of their ten children: (1) Elizabeth, who was born near Punxsutawney, died in infancy. (2) John, born near Punxsutawney, died in Clearfield county at the age of twenty-two. (3) Solomon, who was born, in 1843, at the same place, now resides upon a farm adjoining the homestead. He married Miss Lucinda Sheesley, of Jefferson county, and has a large family of children. (4) Catherine, born in 1845, at Punxsutawney, married G. W. Bouse, of Armstrong county, Penn., and they now reside in Bell township, Clearfield county, on a farm adjoining the homestead; they have several children. (5) Joseph, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (6) Daniel, born in 1849, in Jefferson county, resides upon a farm between Troutville and Big Run. He grew to manhood in Clearfield county, and was married there to Miss Sabella Rupert, by whom he has had eight children. (7) Henry, who was born in Clearfield county in 1851, resides in Bell township, same county. He married Miss Elizabeth Sheesley, of Clearfield county, who died in 1890, and he afterward wedded Miss Annie Rishel, of Jefferson county. By his first marriage he had five children, and by his second he has one child. (8) Thomas, born in 1853 on the Lawshie farm, married Miss Elizabeth Pierce, of Indiana county, Penn., and they now reside in Eleanor, Jefferson county; they have a large family. (9) Mary E., born at McGee's Mills, married Andrew Pierce, of Indiana county, and they now reside upon a farm in Glen Campbell, Cambria Co., Penn.; they have several children. (10) Margaret, born in Clearfield county, married Jacob Pierce, of Indiana county, and they now reside at the homestead; they have six children.

Our subject was born in July, 1847, near Punxsutawney, and his experiences in youth were not greatly different from those of other country lads, until he reached the age of seventeen. He then enlisted, at McGee's Mills, in Company K, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. Adair, and after being sworn into service at Ridgway, Penn., the new recruits were sent to Carlisle Barracks, and from there went to the seat of war, traveling by rail to Baltimore and by boat to City Point, Va. They joined their regiment at the winter quarters at Hatcher's Run, and three days later they were ordered to march to Petersburg, where they had an engagement with the enemy. They followed Lee and his army to Sailor's Creek, where they had another battle, and from that time until they surrendered, on April 9, 1865, they continued in active service. The regiment remained in camp at Appomattox for ten days, and then marching to Washington they took part in the Grand Review. On receiving a final discharge at Pittsburg, Mr. Peace returned to Clearfield county

and engaged in lumbering, which he has ever since followed. In 1868 he married Miss Jennie Shields, of Indiana county, and settled upon a tract of land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he engaged in farming in connection with his lumber business. In 1890 he sold that place, and removed to his present home near Troutville.

While Mr. Peace has never sought public honors, he is keenly interested in the questions of the time, and is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party. He and his wife are both prominent members of the M. E. Church at Troutville. Of their seven children, all but one are living: (1) A. T., born in 1869, not married, is employed in a tannery at Big Run. (2) R. H., born in 1871, resides near Big Run; he married Miss Sarah Yohe, of Jefferson county, and has one son—Cloyd D. (3) Margery S. died at the age of seven years. (4) Jennetta, born in 1875, married Daniel Barclay, of Rathmel, Jefferson county; they have no children. (5) W. E., born in 1881, (6) Harry B., born in 1883, and (7) Nora E., born in 1885, are all at home.

SAMUEL STEFFY JORDAN. The Jordan homestead, in Oliver township, Jefferson county, is one of the old estates of that locality, where the family has been held in high esteem from pioneer times.

Robert Jordan, his great-grandfather, came from Ireland at an early day, and located in Indiana county, where he made his home on a farm on the ridge between Smicksburg and Perrysville. He was a teamster in the American army during the Revolutionary war. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years, and reared a large family of children; by his first wife, Hannah (Hill), there were five children: Alexander, Samuel, Joseph, James, and Margaret (who married Isaac Matson). His second wife, Catherine (Pounds), bore him seven children: Robert, Hannah (Mrs. James W. Bell), Nancy (Mrs. Enoch Crissman), Mary (Mrs. George Mogle), Mattie (Mrs. John McHenry), John (who married Martha Sharrard), Margaret (Mrs. Griffin Rowland), and William (who married Eliza Riddle). William Jordan and his wife are residents of Frostburg, Jefferson county, but all the others mentioned above are now deceased.

Samuel Jordan, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Indiana county, in 1792, and at an early age he came to Oliver township, Jefferson county. He was married in Indiana county to Miss Lida Cochran, a native of Mifflin county, Penn., who died in 1864, aged sixty-four years. Her parents, Isaac and Sarah Cochran, removed from their first home in Juniata county at an early day, and after making their home for a few years in Indiana county, located permanently in Jefferson county, where they were prominent among the pioneers. In 1815 Samuel Jordan and his wife left Indiana county, and made their home in Jefferson county upon a tract of land which they supposed was open to settlement; but finding afterward that it had been taken up, they moved to Oliver (then Perry) township, where they purchased 160 acres of land at $1.25 per acre. In early life they had been united with the Presbyterian Church, but after his wife's death, Samuel Jordan identified himself with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Their remains were interred in Olive cemetery, near the home where they spent so many years of their useful and honored lives. They had the following children: Isaac C.; Hannah H., now the widow of John McBrier, of Rose township, Jefferson county; Robert, a farmer in Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Fetterhoff, and is now deceased; Sarah, who married (first) James Cary (now deceased), and (second) John McPherson, of Clearfield; John, who married Nancy Bell, and resides at Perry, Jefferson county; Joseph, a resident of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Law (now deceased); William A., a farmer in Oliver township, who married Mary J. Reed; James B., who married Anna M. Smith, and resides in Punxsutawney. He is a veteran of the Civil war, and a leading politician of this section, having served six years as county commissioner, and three as county auditor.

The late Isaac C. Jordan, our subject's father, was born July 14, 1816, in Indiana county, but his life was mainly spent in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he owned a large farm. Beginning life in very poor circumstances, he made his own way successfully, and acquired a handsome competence. He was a well-known lumberman, and had several sawmills there and in neighboring townships. His death occurred in McCalmont township, November 12, 1884, after a brief but severe illness while he was visiting one of his sawmills in which his sons, Charles B. and Albert, were his partners. His remains were taken home for burial, and was interred in Olive cemetery. He was a man of prominence, and for many years was a ruling elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Oliveburg; he also held numerous township offices, and was an influential worker in the Republican party. At one time he was the Republican nominee from the county for the Legislature, but there was a Democrat land-

slide that year, and although he ran ahead of his ticket he was defeated. On October 30, 1839, in Jefferson county, he was married by Rev. Charles R. Barkley, a minister of the C. P. Church, to Miss Leanna Steffy, a native of Rockingham county, Va., born November 21, 1818, and they had ten children: Miss Mary E. resides at the homestead with her mother; Samuel S. is a resident of Oliver township; Charles B. is a farmer and lumberman residing in Oliver township, Jefferson county; Lida A. died at the age of four years; Winfield S. lived but one year and ten months; Albert is our subject; Minerva J. is the wife of William Morrison, a merchant, lumberman, and farmer at Oliveburg; Leah married Frederick Parr, a farmer in Oliver township; Lena J. is the wife of J. W. Martin, an attorney at Punxsutawney; and J. Simon, a farmer in Oliver township, married Miss Maggie Anthony. All of the surviving children reside near the old home, their parents having encouraged them to do so.

The Steffy family is of German origin, but has long been identified with the State of Virginia. Philip Steffy, our subject's great-grandfather, was a farmer and shoemaker in that State, and his son, Samuel Steffy, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared there. Samuel Steffy married Mary Bowers, daughter of John Bowers, a farmer, and his wife, who were natives respectively, of Germany and Virginia. In 1820 Mr. Steffy removed to Jefferson county, and located upon a farm in Bell township. He was engaged in lumbering as well as in agriculture, and piloted the first raft sent from the upper end of Mahoning creek. He was a Democrat in politics, and a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His death occurred in 1878, when he was aged eighty-four years, and his first wife, our subject's grandmother, died in 1823, aged thirty, the remains of both being interred in Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Jefferson county. By his first marriage he had four children: Elziabeth, widow of John Corey, of Punxsutawney; Leanna, our subject's mother; John, who died in Kansas; and Simon, who entered the Union army during the Civil war, and died in Libby prison. By a second marriage with Ann Cook, of Shippenburg, Penn., there were four children: Mary, widow of William Yost, of Millville, Penn.; William, a resident of Punxsutawney; Maria, wife of A. Miller, a farmer in Virginia; and Joseph, deceased.

Samuel S. Jordan, whose name opens this review, was born May 24, 1846, near Oliveburg, Jefferson county, and was reared at the old homestead, acquiring at an early age a practical knowledge of farming and lumbering. When very young he engaged in the latter business, and has ever since been more or less extensively interested in the same. On August 24, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, 206th P. V. I. under Capt. William Neale, and remained in the service until July, 1865, when he returned home. In February, 1866, he was married by Rev. D. Cooper, to Miss Mary J. Pantall, and in the following year located at the Pantall homestead in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he spent one year. Since that time he has resided at his present farm, a fine estate on which is a handsome and well-furnished residence. The family is prominent in social life, and attend the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Jordan is a trustee. He is also a member of Post No. 237, G. A. R., of Punxsutawney. Politically, he is a Republican, and his sound judgment and high character have made him a leader in local affairs. For three years he has held the office of supervisor of his township.

His wife died February 18, 1891, at the age of forty-seven, and her remains were buried in Olive cemetery. She was a member of a well-known family of this section, and a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Reece) Pantall, natives of England. Her father came to America in 1825, and after a short residence at Philipsburg, Centre county, located in Punxsutawney, where he spent five years in the milling business. His last years were passed upon a farm in the same locality. He died in 1882 at the age of eighty-four. His wife, a woman of most estimable character, died in April, 1867. Eight children were born to the marriage of our subject, all of whom are living: Clarence C. married (first) Miss Sadie Miller (deceased), and (second) Miss May Vorner, of Young township, Jefferson county; Ella is the wife of Lott North, a farmer of McCalmont township, Jefferson county; Villa Viola, who is extremely popular in the best social circles, resides at home; Thomas T., Ora, Lillie, Paul and Walter are all at home. On December 7, 1892, the father of these was again married, this time at Clayville, Penn., by Rev. J. C. McDonald, a Methodist minister, to Miss Eva C. Wilson, by whom he had one daughter, Ruth W. Mrs. Jordan possesses unusual mental gifts, and is a graduate of Carrier's Seminary, in Clarion county, this State, and of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. For eleven years previous to her marriage she was a successful teacher. Her family is an excellent one, including many who have been engaged in intellectual pursuits. Samuel Wilson, her great-grandfather, was a resident of New York throughout his life, with the

exception of a few years spent in Vermont. Jonathan Wilson, her grandfather, a native of Vermont, attended college with the intention of preparing for the ministry, but failing health prevented him from carrying out this desire. He accordingly sought the wholesome and invigorating surroundings of a farmer's life. For twenty seasons he taught school, winning a high reputation in his locality as an educator. He died at Northampton, Ohio. His wife in her maidenhood was Clara Searle. Their children were: Philander, a farmer, now deceased; Joel W. (deceased), in his day a prominent lawyer of Tiffin, Ohio; Sullivan S., a retired farmer, now living at Grand Rapids, Mich.; Rosanna, who married Thompson Clark, both now deceased; Cyril, Mrs. Jordan's father; and George M. (deceased), a veteran of the Civil war, who after practicing law for a few years became an Episcopal clergyman.

Rev. Cyril Wilson was a native of Shalersville, Ohio, born December 29, 1826, and after graduating from the Western Reserve Seminary, at Farmington, Ohio, took a four-years' course of study preparatory to becoming a minister in the Presbyterian Church, with which he united when nineteen years old. After his marriage he entered the ministry of the M. E. Church, and his talents and character, combined with untiring zeal, gave him a high standing. He died May 19, 1881, at New Bethlehem, Penn., where he was serving at the time as pastor of the M. E. Church. On October 18, 1848, he was married at Chardon, Ohio, to Miss Mary M. Waldo, who survives him and lives at Clayville, Penn. She was born at Bennington, N. Y., December 5, 1826, a daughter of Alvin Waldo, and granddaughter of Ezra and Prudence (Emerson) Waldo, of Connecticut. Her ancestors in this line were agriculturists mainly, and her father settled upon a farm, where he died. He was a Republican in politics, and he and his wife, Nancy E. (Butler), were devout members of the M. E. Church. The Butler family was also of Connecticut stock, and Mrs. Waldo's parents, Josiah and Hannah (Hall) Waldo, resided in that State throughout their lives, the father following the butcher's trade. To Alvin and Nancy E. (Butler) Waldo seven children were born, of whom Mary M. (Mrs. Jordan's mother) was the eldest; Luther H. is a retired farmer; Permella married Jacob Hart, and both are now deceased; William B. is a farmer in Iowa; Jane E. is the wife of E. E. Cook; Elizabeth is the wife of Stephen Frent, and Richard A. is a farmer.

Mrs. Jordan is one of a family of four children: Mary, who graduated from several seminaries, and taught school for some time, is now the wife of M. P. Smathers, a farmer of Ringgold township, Jefferson county; Ella M. married Rev. Gilbert D. Walker, a Methodist minister now stationed at North Washington, Penn.; Eva C. is the wife of our subject, and her twin sister, Miss Clara C., resides with her mother at Clayville.

SOLOMON ANDERSON, a substantial and reliable business man of Brookville, Jefferson county, the senior member of the well-known firm of Anderson & Leech, owners of a planing-mill, is a native of Sweden, born in 1849, and is a son of Anderspierson and Stena (Johnson) Anderson, who are still residing in that country. There he attended school until fourteen years of age, when he accepted a clerkship in a mercantile store, where he was employed for seven years, during which time he conceived the idea of coming to America to seek his fortune, believing that he would have better chances of success.

On July 5, 1870, Mr. Anderson landed at Wilcox, Penn., where he remained until the following November, when he located at Brookville and accepted work on the railroad as a common laborer. As he could not speak the English language he labored under many disadvantages; but by determined effort he soon mastered the tongue. To some extent he also followed blacksmithing, and though he had never had any training in this trade he commanded good wages, and his work gave the utmost satisfaction. In 1873 he obtained a position with Hall & McCain in a planing-mill, and was thus employed for more than eleven years, when in July, 1884, in partnership with W. A. Leech, he purchased the business, and to-day they conduct one of the leading industries of Brookville. Mr. Anderson is a thrifty, enterprising citizen, who began life in the New World empty-handed, in fact borrowed the money with which to pay his passage; but by strict economy and industry he has forged his way to the front, so that at the present time he is one of the solid business men of Jefferson county. When here but two years he sent back money enough to purchase a home in Sweden for his aged parents. He has visited them once, and is contemplating another trip to his native land in the near future.

In October, 1878, Mr. Anderson married Miss Rebecca J. Plyer, a daughter of Charles Plyer, of Jefferson county, and they now have one son, Charles Andrew. At the age of fourteen our subject associated himself with the Lutheran

Church, and for more than fifteen years he has been a leading member of that denomination in Brookville, to which congregation his wife also belongs. They are earnest, consistent Christians, and receive the respect and esteem of all who know them. Socially, Mr. Anderson holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his political support is ever given the Republican party, but he never aspires to official honors.

JAMES MALONE, one of the substantial citizens of Henderson township, Jefferson county, is the owner of a fine farm near the town of Eleanor. Especial interest attaches to the history of this gentleman, as he was one of the many ardent and patriotic youths who risked their lives in the defense of the Union during the Civil war, his service beginning when he was but seventeen years old.

Mr. Malone's grandparents on the paternal side were early settlers at Wellsville, Ohio, and his father, David Malone, was born and reared in that locality, but on arriving at manhood's estate moved to Armstrong county, Penn., where he met and married Miss Peggy J. Jack. There he remained for three or four years, following the cooper's trade, but afterward returned to Ohio, where his wife died in 1851; his own death occurred two years later at Wheeling, W. Va. Five children were thus left orphans, namely: (1) Mary E., born in Armstrong county, Penn., was married in Ohio to John Griffith, now a resident of Salineville, Ohio, and a conductor on a railroad; they have had a large family of children. (2) Rodney, also a native of Armstrong county, was taken to Ohio in childhood, whence after his mother's death he returned to his native county, and was reared by an uncle, Samuel Bruner. He married Miss Maggie Bonny, of Armstrong county, and moved to Illinois, where he followed farming for ten years. Later he came back to Pennsylvania, and spent three years in Armstrong county, in mercantile business, during a part of the time serving as a justice of the peace, but at present he is a merchant in Missouri; he has no children. (3) Ellis was born in Armstrong county, and at the time of his mother's death was taken by his uncle, Thomas Jack, of that county, and grew to manhood there. He married Miss Amelia Grape, of Clearfield county, and after a few years of residence in Jefferson county moved to Whiting, Kans., where he follows the carpenter's trade; they have five children. (4) Byron, born in Wellsville, Ohio, was reared in Ohio by his uncle, James Jack, and still resides in that State. He married, and has several children. (5) James, our subject, completes the family.

Mr. Malone, whose name opens this sketch, was born, in 1845, in Armstrong county, but his early boyhood was spent in Ohio. After the death of his mother, his uncle, Samuel Southworth, of Armstrong county, took him into his home, giving him the usual common-school advantages until he reached the age of twelve years, when the lad began to earn his own livelihood by driving or towing barges loaded with coal oil, from the oil fields to Pittsburg, which occupation he continued until he was seventeen years old. In February, 1864, he enlisted at Kittanning, Penn., in Company L, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, a veteran regiment attached to the 19th Army Corps under Gen. Sheridan, with Gen. Custer as brigade commander. Mr. Malone joined his regiment at Parkersburg, Va., and saw his first fighting in the Lynchburg raid, the Rebels driving his regiment down the valley to Charleston, Va., where two weeks were spent in camp. The next experience was the march from Charleston to Gettysburg, in pursuit of Lee's army, which they overtook at Harper's Ferry, and after continuous skirmishing from that point to Stanton, the regiment struck camp and lay there a few days. Later they had the honor of guarding 1,100 prisoners to Harper's Ferry. Their next engagement was the battle of Winchester in 1864, where 190,000 men were engaged, with heavy loss on both sides. At this place Mr. Malone was taken sick, and until September, 1864, he remained in hospital at Martinsburg. He then rejoined his regiment at Winchester, and spent several months in camp. In May, 1865, they marched to Washington to take part in the Grand Review, and from there were sent to Fairfax Court House, where Mr. Malone was appointed dispatch carrier for Alexandria. In June, 1865, the regiment was ordered to Kansas to suppress an Indian outbreak, and taking train to Cincinnati was transferred to Louisville, where they took boats for Leavenworth, Kansas. There they went into camp, and remained until September, Mr. Malone acting as forage master during the latter part of the time. On September 15, they were released from the United States service, and returning to Pittsburg were honorably discharged from the State service, at Braddock's Field. Mr. Malone returned at once to Armstrong county, but in 1866 he located in Jefferson county, where he followed lumbering until 1884. He then spent five years in mining at Walston. In 1890 he purchased his present farm from Frederick

Buchite, and has since devoted his attention mainly to agriculture.

In May, 1871, Mr. Malone married Miss Sarah Rutter, daughter of Joseph and Annie Rutter, of Jefferson county. Her father was a soldier in the Union army, and met his death at the battle of Fair Oaks, his wife surviving him with five children, as follows: Harriet, now Mrs. Joseph Spencer, of Jefferson county; Joseph and Harvey, who are not married; Anna B., wife of James Coxon, of Jefferson county, and Sarah, now Mrs. Malone. For some time after his marriage Mr. Malone resided at Sykesville, and from 1884 to 1890 his home was at Walston. He and his wife have nine children: Harold E., born in August, 1873, died in 1887, at the age of fourteen; the others, who are all at home, are as follows—Elizabeth, born in January, 1875; Jonas A., October, 1877; Mary Viola, July, 1881; John Hansin, October 11, 1884; Catherine R., November, 1886; Joseph, April, 1889; Alvanita M., May, 1891, and Lydia E., August, 1895.

Politically, Mr. Malone has always been identified with the Republican party, though he has not been especially active in local affairs. He is a Protestant in religion, but while he sympathizes in all worthy movements, he has never been connected with any Church.

W A. McCONNELL, one of the most thorough and energetic farmers of Washington township, Jefferson county, was born December 5, 1846, on the old homestead where he still lives, and belongs to one of the honored and highly-respected pioneer families of the county.

William McConnell, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and on coming to the United States first located in Centre county, Penn., where for some time he was employed in the Curtin Iron Works. There he was married, and there reared his family of ten children: James; Alexander; Joseph; George; William; David B.; Mrs. Mary A. McClellan; Mrs. Peggy McIntosh; Mrs. Frances Morrison; and Mrs. Nancy J. Cooper. Late in life, the father of these children came to Jefferson county, where he developed a farm and spent his remaining days. In religious belief he and his wife were Presbyterians.

In Centre county, James McConnell, the father of our subject, was born December 10, 1805, and there grew to manhood, remaining with his parents until 1826, when he became one of the early settlers of Washington township, Jefferson county. In the midst of the almost unbroken forest, at what was known as Beech Woods, he developed a farm of one hundred acres, making it one of the most highly cultivated places of the community. As a general farmer he was quite successful, also gave considerable attention to stock raising, and being a shoemaker by trade also did considerable work along that line in his neighborhood. His customers would bring their leather, and while he was making their shoes they would take his place at clearing or any other work at which he might be engaged, this being the only compensation he would accept for his services. In connection with shoemaking, he repaired harness, etc. Although a stanch Democrat, and took an active interest in political affairs, he never aspired to office, and only accepted a few minor positions, such as school director. He was an earnest, consistent Christian, and helped to organize the first Baptist Church in his section of the country, in which society he always served as deacon, and of which his wife was also a member.

Soon after coming to Jefferson county, James McConnell married Miss Jane Mitchell, a native of Clarion county, Penn., where was celebrated the marriage of her parents, John and—(Williams) Mitchell, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Scotland, both identified with the Baptist Church. They were the parents of four children: Jane, Peggy, Rhoda and Ross. To Mr. and Mrs. McConnell were born eight children: Frances, now the wife of J. Shoemaker; S. Miles, a junk and oil operator of Coraopolis, Penn.; Eliza, wife of James Rogers; W. A., of this sketch; Margaret A., deceased; Mrs. Mary J. Satterly; John R., of Dakota; and Emma, wife of J. Lucas. The father was called to his final rest April 4, 1862, and the mother in May, 1870.

Mr. McConnell, of this review, has never left the old homestead, which after the death of his parents he purchased of the other heirs, and he now has one hundred acres of the 125 under a high state of cultivation and improved with a commodious two-story frame residence and substantial barns and outbuildings. Besides general farming he has been interested in stock dealing, marketing some in the East, and for two years engaged in butchering. In 1875 he married Miss Kate McConnell (of no kinship), the only child of Thomas McConnell, and was born in 1855, in Indiana county, where her parents both died, and where she was reared by an uncle. She has become the mother of seven children: Margaret L. (now the wife of William Buzzard); and Cydna J., Walter P.; Florence M., Robert S., Cora and Miles G., all at home.

Mr. McConnell is one of the most popular and influential citizens of Washington township; on the Democratic ticket he was first elected tax collector and constable in 1883, and three years later was re-elected. On the expiration of his term he retired from public life, but was subsequently appointed by the judge to fill a vacancy as tax collector, and after serving two years was again elected to that position for three years. He is still filling the office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. For a number of years he has been manager for the Washington Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and is a prominent member of the local lodges of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Knights of the Maccabees.

NATHAN A. McLAUGHLIN. Among the progressive, energetic and successful agriculturists of Clover township, Jefferson county, who thoroughly understand the vocation which they follow, and are consequently enabled to carry on their calling with profit to themselves, is the subject of this sketch. He is the owner of the old homestead, where he was born December 8, 1854, and in the public schools of the neighborhood he received his education.

Joseph McLaughlin, grandfather of our subject, a native of Ireland, became an early settler of Westmoreland county, Penn., and about 1834 brought his family to Jefferson county, which was then but sparsely settled and much of the land still in its primitive condition. In his old log house, just across the line in Limestone township, Clarion county, both he and his wife died. They were active and prominent members of the Baptist Church, and the parents of ten children, namely: Mrs. Sally Davis; John, the father of our subject; George, a Union soldier, who served in the 105th P. V. I., and participated in many hard-fought battles, dying in a hospital at Philadelphia; Mrs. Lair Miller; Jacob, deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Walters; Henry, who died on the old homestead; James, a resident of Kingsville, Clarion county; Abram, who served through the war as a member of the 105th P. V. I., and died from effects of wounds received at the battle of Fair Oaks, and Mary, who died unmarried.

John McLaughlin was born in Westmoreland county, but was reared in Jefferson county, where he married a native of the county, Miss Harriet Carrier, who belongs to one of the most prominent and highly respected families of this section. Her father, Nathan Carrier, came from Connecticut at an early day, and was one of the first settlers of Summerville. He was extensively interested in lumbering in Jefferson county, where he was numbered among the leading representative business men for many years. He died at the age of seventy-three; his wife passed away in 1884. Their children were Darius and Hiram, who are still living; Harriet, the mother of our subject; Mrs. Lucinda Hurd; Mrs. Esther Weldon; Isaac, who was a Union soldier, and is now deceased; Mrs. Mary Karner; Mrs. Emaline Guthrie, and Mrs. Agnes Davis. The parents and children all held membership in the Methodist Church. After his marriage John McLaughlin purchased a tract of land in Clover township, to which he added from time to time, and there made his home until called from this life, in September, 1894, at the age of seventy-three years. To some extent he engaged in lumbering, but made farming his principal occupation, was a hard-working man, honest and upright in all his dealings, and commanded the respect and confidence of the entire community. Like his wife, he was a member of the Methodist Church. In their family were eight children: Mrs. Lucinda J. Guthrie; Mrs. Mary M. Mooney; Nathan A., of this sketch; Isaac B., a resident of Summerville; Albert, Eliza and Ida, who all died in childhood, and Mrs. Harriet Pyler.

Nathan A. McLaughlin never left the old homestead, which he purchased of his father, for whom he cared after the death of his mother. The place, which is conveniently situated two miles north of Summerville, is one of the most desirable farms of Clover township, and is improved with excellent buildings which were erected by the father. Now 125 of the 200 acres have been placed under cultivation, and yield to the owner bountiful harvests in return for the care and labor expended upon them. In connection with general farming he has followed lumbering throughout his business career.

In 1875 Mr. McLaughlin married Miss Lucy Carrier, a lady of culture and intelligence, and a daughter of Darius and Rebecca (Hetrick) Carrier, the former an early settler and prominent citizen of Jefferson county. By trade he was a millwright, and for many years extensively engaged in lumbering and merchandising, and also conducted both a grist and saw mill. He was the father of nineteen children, ten by the first marriage—Nathan, John, Edward, Lavina, Elizabeth, Stewart, Cash, Martha, Mary and Lucinda—and nine by the second—Milla; Lucy, wife of our subject; Euphrastus; Winfield S.; Emma, wife of C. E. Carrier, and four deceased. Nine children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin: Euphrastus, John F., Thomas D., Everett, Grover, Atley, all at home; Rebecca,

who died at the age of three months; Robert, born in 1895; and James Lowell. The mother is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and a most estimable lady. In his social affiliations Mr. McLaughlin is a member of the I. O. O. F.; politically he is identified with the Republican party.

JOHN C. NEEL, to whose enterprise and progressiveness the commercial activity of Perry township is largely attributable, and who by his well-managed business interests has accumulated a handsome competence, was born on the old family homestead in Jefferson county, in March, 1845, his parents being James and Catherine (Hadden) Neel.

The father was born in Indiana county, in 1813, and the grandfather was one of the first settlers of Jefferson county—in fact, was the first white man to establish a home in this district, which was still the haunt of Indians. James Neel purchased 111 acres of timber land on the south bank of Mahoning creek in Perry township, and, in connection with his brother, Winfield, purchased a large amount of land in the neighborhood, which he extensively used in lumber interests, floating his products down the Mahoning and Allegheny rivers to the Pittsburg markets. He also engaged in merchandising and farming, and dealt considerably in real estate. The partnership between him and his brother continued until the latter was killed while rafting on the Allegheny in 1863. James Neel then retired from merchandising, but continued farming and lumbering until his death. His widow, who shared with him all the hardships and trials of early life, is still living at the age of eighty-four.

This worthy couple had a family of children, of whom we have mention of the following: (1) William, born on the old homestead near Perryville, married Annie Mitchell, of Perry township, who died in 1895; he is still living in Indiana and has a family of children. (2) Archibald married Miss Ellen Watkins, of Indiana county, who died some years ago, leaving a family. (3) Scott is now engaged in farming in Perry township. (4) Hugh married Miss Emma Sprankle, and they now reside on his farm in Perry township, four miles west of Perrysville. (5) Caroline is the wife of Senator James G. Mitchell, of Perrysville, who is now representing his district in the upper house of the State legislature; they have one daughter, Mrs. Benjamin McCartey, of Perrysville. (6) R. W. P. married Emma Brewer, of Perry township, and they now reside at Horatio, where he is engaged as weighmaster for the Berwin-White Coal Company. He owns a farm in Porter township, Jefferson county. (7) D. Barclay was drowned in Mahoning creek in 1865, at the age of six years.

On the home farm John C. Neel, our subject, was reared to manhood, and in the common schools he acquired a good practical education. After the commencement of the Civil war, he enlisted in Company B, 206th P. V. I., under his brother, Capt. William Neel, and Col. Brady, of Indiana county. He was sworn into the service at Pittsburg, and by way of Baltimore went to City Point, in front of Petersburg, where he did duty for some time. With his command he then crossed the James river, and was engaged in front of Richmond in the winter of 1864. After Lee's surrender he returned to that place, where he did provost duty until June, when he was discharged and returned to Pittsburg, where he was paid off. He reached home on July 4, 1865, and soon afterward entered into partnership with his father in the purchase of timber land. They together followed lumbering until the father's death in 1883, when Mr. Neel formed a partnership with Senator Mitchell, as a member of the firm of Neel & Mitchell, general merchants at Perrysville. They have an extensive store, and from the public receive a very liberal patronage as a result of their honorable dealing and earnest desire to please their patrons. Mr. Neel is also engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning a large farm adjoining the village, whereon he has a fine residence and one of the most commodious barns in the county, being 80 x 50 feet in size, and supplied with all modern improvements.

About the year 1886 Mr. Neel was married to Mrs. Harriet Smith (*née* Jenart), a native of Armstrong county, Penn. She presides with charming hospitality over their pleasant home, and both Mr. and Mrs. Neel occupy an enviable position in social circles. He is a stalwart Republican in politics, and a wide-awake, progressive citizen, one who lends his active support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. His business methods are above question, and commend him to the confidence and goodwill of all. His interests have been prosecuted with energy, and thus in the legitimate channels of trade he has secured a handsome return for his well-directed efforts.

ADAM YOHE, a military veteran, residing in Henderson township, Jefferson county, is one of the prominent lumbermen of his locality, having been engaged in the business for about thirty-five years. He is familiar with all branches

of the work, but for some time has made a specialty of handling square timber, on the Allegheny and its tributaries, sometimes on his own account and sometimes on contract for others, his operations at present being carried on for John McClure. He is also a successful agriculturist, and his farm near Big Run is kept in a good state of cultivation.

Mr. Yohe's ancestors settled in Northumberland county, Penn., many years ago, and his father, Samuel Yohe, who was born there, came to Jefferson county in early manhood, and was married there to Miss Katherine Yohe. When a young man, married, he bought a farm in Winslow township, Jefferson county, but in 1854 he sold it and engaged in lumbering for a number of years, buying and selling square timber extensively. During the war he bought real estate in Big Run, where he resided until his death, in 1889. His estimable wife died in September, 1896. They had eight children, our subject being the eldest. (2) Rebecca, born in Winslow township, married William Klouser, of Big Run, and died there in 1886, leaving three children—Carrie, Ellie and Gertrude, all of whom reside in Big Run. (3) Mary, also born at the old home in Winslow township, married Ezra Earhart, of Clearfield county, who died some years ago; she survives him with three children—Samuel, Ollie and Enos. (4) Harriet, born in Big Run, married Alexander McClure, formerly of Allegheny county, and later a lumberman and agriculturist at Big Run. He died in 1896; she survives him with two sons—(a) Andy, who married a Miss McQuoin, of Big Run, and is now engaged in mercantile business in that city; and (b) Joseph, now attending school in Clarion county. (5) William, who was born at Big Run, owns and operates a farm in Indiana county, Penn. He married Susan Bouser, of Jefferson county, and has had eight children. (6) James, who was also born at Big Run, now resides upon a farm in Henderson township, adjoining that of our subject. He married Miss Josephine Craft, of Jefferson county, and has a family of children. (7) Sallie, born at Big Run, married John Anderson, of that town, and has a large family. (8) Emma, also born at Big Run, married Richard Jones, of Clearfield, who was killed some years ago in an accident on the railroad at Johnsonburg; his wife survived him with two children—Mamie and Charles—and is now the wife of a Mr. Shaddock, a railroad man. They reside on the father's old homestead in Big Run, and they have one child.

Adam Yohe, our subject, was born in 1845, near Lumber City, Clearfield county, but his youth was spent mainly in Jefferson county, he receiving a very limited education. At eighteen years of age, in 1863, he enlisted in a Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry regiment, was mustered into service at Pittsburg, and sent to West Virginia to guard railroad and supply trains. Later, they were sent to the vicinity of Harper's Ferry, where they remained until discharged in February, 1864. On coming home, he engaged in the lumber business, rafting timber down Stump creek and Mahoney river, through the Allegheny to Pittsburg. In 1872 he moved to McKeesport, where he spent eighteen months in sawmill work, and then returning to Big Run, remained there one year, when he purchased the homestead which he still occupies. It was formerly owned by Alexander McClure, and contains seventy-five acres of land lying between Stump creek and East branch. It was in almost its primitive condition when he bought it, but is now a fine farm.

In 1865 Mr. Yohe married Miss Christina Heckman, of Schuylkill county, Penn. In 1872 he was again wedded, this time to Miss Maggie Jewel, of Armstrong county, Penn. He has had a large family of children: (1) William Richard, born in Big Run, married Miss Mary Smouse, of Bell township, Jefferson county, and now resides in that township; they have no family. (2) Samuel A., born in Allegheny county, now resides in Gaskill township, Jefferson county; he married Miss Daisy Buterbaugh, of Jefferson county, and has one child—Ralph. (3) James, born at the present homestead, now assists his father in its management. (4) Sarah, born at the present homestead, married Russ Pease, a farmer of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and has one son—Cloie. (5) Dell, (6) Ammie E., (7) Burton, (8) Nettie, and (9) Laura, all at home. (10) Harry died at the age of twelve years. (11) Lula Maude died at the age of seven, and (12) Earl and (13) Pearl (twins), the second of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Yohe takes much interest in local affairs, and he and his entire family affiliate with the Republican party. His father, who was an Old-line Whig, was one of the first supporters of the Anti-slavery movement in his locality. Mr. Yohe and his wife are leading members of the Christian Church at Big Run, to which two of his daughters also belong, and their sympathies are given to every progressive movement.

ALBERT BAUR, a well-known and highly-respected citizen of Brookville, Jefferson county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war,

was born in Reading, Penn., April 24, 1845, a son of Joseph and Barbara (Kretz) Baur. To the same family belonged Ferdinand Christian Baur, the distinguished leader of the Modern Tubingen School of Theology, who was a son of a Wurtemburg pastor, and gave his entire life to theological pursuits. The father of our subject was born in Baden, Germany, whence, when a boy, he came to the United States, locating in Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the jewelry business, including watch making. He later went to New York City, and there his death occurred in 1891. His wife, who was born on the Rhine, in the Fatherland, died in 1856.

Mr. Baur, the subject proper of this review, pursued his studies in the schools of New York City, graduating from the high school of that place at the early age of eleven years. He then worked at various trades, including those of jeweler, watchmaker, hatter, and book-binder, but before arriving at the age of sixteen he laid aside personal interests to go forth in defense of his country. He enlisted in Company I, Hawkin's New York Zouaves; but after serving five months his father took him home, as he was under age. Three days later, however, he ran away and joined Company B, 53d N. Y. V. I., but later was transferred to the 102d Light Infantry, in which he served as senior orderly sergeant for two and one-half years. During the engagement at Kenesaw Mountain, Ga., he received four gunshot wounds, which necessitated the amputation of his left leg close to the hip, and November 29, 1864, he was discharged and returned to New York City. While lying in the hospital at Chattanooga, gangrene and erysipelas set in, and the surgeons refused to do anything for him, saying he could not possibly live; but after passing through much suffering he recovered, and to-day is a strong and hearty man. After his discharge he was told to go to the mountains; so leaving New York City with no particular point in view, he landed in Brookville, Penn., and during his sojourn here of three months he rapidly improved; but on returning to New York again he became worse, and four months later we again find him in Brookville.

For fifteen years Mr. Baur then made that city his home, during which time he had charge of the telegraph office, and was also engaged in the hotel business, conducting the "Moorhead House," the "Franklin House" and the "American House." He also resumed the study of music, of which he has ever been a devoted lover, being one of the first to compose music for the banjo, and to-day he is well-known throughout the United States and Europe as a popular writer of banjo music. His published arrangements and compositions number over two thousand. In 1894 he organized the Brookville Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club, one of the best organizations of the kind in this section of the State, and every member thereof is a soloist upon his own particular instrument. In 1880 Mr. Baur removed to Flushing, L. I., where he engaged in the real-estate business, and for many years visited New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other Eastern cities, preparing various entertainments and teaching and writing music. In 1884 he sold out at Flushing and went to Pittsburg, Penn., but a year later again took up his residence in Brookville, where until 1888 he conducted the "Longview Hotel" (now the "Pennsylvania Memorial Home"), and for the following two years was engaged in the grocery business. He was then elected justice of the peace, and is now acceptably filling his second term in that office.

On October 16, 1878, Mr. Baur was united in marriage with Susan M. Kretz, a daughter of Charles N. Kretz, a prominent hotel man of Brookville. She was called to her final rest August 7, 1891, leaving one son, Albert, who is with his father. Mr. Baur takes considerable interest in civic societies, holding membership in the Union Veteran Legion; the Grand Army of the Republic; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Encampment; the Ancient Order of Artisans, and also the Supreme Assembly of that order. He is a Democrat in politics, and although the borough is strongly Republican he has been twice elected to the office of justice of the peace by a handsome majority, which fact plainly indicate his popularity and the high regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

J A. MILLER, M. D., who devotes his time and energies to the practice of medicine at Hamilton, Jefferson county, and has won distinctive preferment as a successful physician, was born in August, 1844, on the old Miller homestead. His father, Samuel G. Miller, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., and after his marriage to Mary Keener, removed to Indiana county, where he carried on agricultural pursuits. He was a self-educated man, and thoroughly informed on all business matters. Purchasing a farm near Lewisville, he made it his home until his death, in June, 1880. His wife passed away March 3, 1869.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller had a family of seven sons and four daughters: (1) Mary A., born in Indiana county, became the wife of

James G. Shields, and died in April, 1894, leaving a family. (2) Samuel G., educated in the Cleveland Medical College, has for forty years been a practicing physician, and is now located in Bolivar, Penn. He married Miss Hazlet, who died some years ago, and afterward wedded a Miss Snyder, of Westmoreland county. (3) John K. is married and lives in Blairsville, Penn., where he is engaged in the grocery business. (4) Margaret is the widow of R. N. McCombs, who was captain of Company G, 206th P. V. I. He participated in all the battles of his regiment, and died a few years since, leaving a widow and children, who reside in Lewisville. (5) T. S. enlisted in 1863, in Company G, 67th P. V. I., and is now serving as justice of the peace in Lewisville. (6) Sarah J. is the wife of John M. Marshall, of Blairsville, who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. (7) Elizabeth C. resides with her brother, M. G. Miller, in Blairsville. (8) Dr. M. W., who was graduated in the Medical College of Ohio, and is now practicing medicine in Ligonier, Penn., married Ella Giesly, of Westmoreland county, and has two daughters, Maud and Helen. (9) R. N. married Nancy Dickson, of Indiana county, by whom he has three sons, and is now an auctioneer in the town of Indiana. (10) Milton G., who is engaged in the drug business in Blairsville, and is the owner of extensive real-estate interests there, married Ella George, of Westmoreland county, and has two children. (11) J. A., our subject, completes the family.

Dr. Miller, whose name begins this review, was reared under the parental roof, and acquired his education in the schools of Lewisville and Jacksonville, Penn. On September 21, 1862, he enlisted in the 23rd P. V. I., and was sworn into service at Harrisburg. He was stationed at Chambersburg, and, after thirty days, was discharged and returned home. On July 1, 1863, he re-enlisted, this time in Company F, 57th P. V. I., and went from Pittsburg to Wheeling to check the progress of Morgan's raid. After the campaign they returned to Pittsburg, and Mr. Miller was discharged in August, 1863. In August, 1864, he once more enlisted, this time for one year, as a member of Company G, 206th P. V. I., and from Pittsburg, where the regiment was organized, went to Harrison's Landing, and with the Army of the James held the line of works along the Newmarket road. They went into winter quarters at that point, and April 3, 1865, broke camp and marched into the city, the first troops to enter Richmond after the evacuation, Dr. Miller being corporal and color guard of the regiment. After six weeks spent in Richmond, his command marched to Lynchburg, and thence to Big Lick, where it did duty two weeks. It then returned to Richmond, and in June, 1865, our subject was honorably discharged.

After his return from the war Dr. Miller engaged in teaching in the public schools of Indiana county, for four years, and then read medicine under the direction of Dr. William Jack, of that county. He was graduated in 1870 at the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, and then took up his residence in Hamilton, Penn., where he began practice, and has since continued. He is one of nature's noblemen, always responding to a call from the sick and suffering, regardless of whether it comes from the rich or the poor. Thus he has brought comfort to many a sick one when he knew that he would receive no compensation for his services; but his warm, generous nature responded quickly to the cry of the needy.

In 1872 Dr. Miller married Laura A., daughter of Robert and Margaret Hamilton, the former a well-to-do merchant of Perrysville. They have two children: R. Hamilton, who was born in August, 1875, attended the schools of Perrysville, the State Normal School in Indiana, and in September, 1893, entered the Jefferson Medical College, where he was graduated in June, 1896. He is now associated with his father in practice, and is a very intelligent and able young physician. Mary N., the daughter, born October 17, 1878, was graduated in Hollidaysburg, in June, 1895, and is a cultured young lady. The Doctor and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church, and in his political affiliations he is a Republican.

ISRAEL D. SPENCER is one of the genial, intelligent and enterprising agriculturists of Bell township, Jefferson county, who in all the relations of life has been true and faithful to duty, manifesting the same loyalty that characterized his service as a Union soldier in the Civil war. He is a son of George and Deborah (Pierce) Spencer, and was born in Indiana county, Penn., in 1842. He lost his father when he was very young, but was carefully reared by his widowed mother, whom he supported in her declining years.

In August, 1861, Mr. Spencer responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company A, 61st P. V. I., under Capt. Jacob Kreps. He served throughout the war, and participated in many important engagements. At the battle of Winchester he was seriously wounded, a minie ball passing through his body. He lay in the hospital for a long time, and no hope was entertained for his recovery, but he finally regained

health and strength and again joined his regiment. Later he was wounded in the leg, and from this has never entirely recovered. When the war was over, Mr. Spencer returned to his home and resumed the pursuits of civil life. He bought a farm in Indiana county, where he resided for five years; then sold that property and purchased a tract of wooded land, whereon he followed lumbering. Disposing of that in 1874, he removed to Iowa, and after a short time went to Barton county, Kans., where he bought a tract of prairie land and followed farming some seven years. He then sold his Western home, and returning east spent the succeeding four years as a furniture dealer in Punxsutawney, after which he disposed of his store and bought a sawmill, engaging in the manufacture of lumber in Indiana county, until 1888, when he purchased land on Ugly run, in Jefferson county. There he erected a sawmill and a number of houses, and has since been extensively engaged in lumbering, meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. He is a man of resolute purpose and untiring energy, and by his well-directed efforts has accumulated a comfortable competence.

In July, 1864, Mr. Spencer married Miss Minerva Horn, of Indiana county, daughter of Ellis and Rachel Horn. Her father died in Clearfield county, in 1846, leaving a widow and two children, the son, P. L. Horn, being now a resident of Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have been born nine children. (1) Ida M., born in Indiana county, in 1867, is the wife of William Barnett, a carpenter of Punxsutawney, and they have two children—Ralph B. and Quigga E. (2) Rachel, born in Indiana county, in 1869, married George W. Davis, of Cool Spring, and they now reside on her father's farm; they have four children—Earl, Beatrice, Vesta and Orie McKinley. (3) Deborah, born in Indiana county, in 1871, is the wife of Clark Cunning, of Westmoreland county, Penn.; they now reside near the Spencer home, and have two children—Wilbur L. and Rhoda N. (4) Washington H., born in Barton county, Kans., in 1875, is assisting his father in the mill. (5) Olive A., born in Kansas, in 1878, (6) Lorena B., born in Kansas, in 1881, (7) George B., born in Punxsutawney, Penn., in 1884, and (8) Cecil B., born in Bell township, are still under the parental roof. (9) Blair Q., the youngest of the family, was born in 1890, and died at the age of two years.

Mr. Spencer gives his political support to the Republican party, and while residing in Kansas, served as justice of the peace. He and his wife have the warm regard of many friends, and their home is noted for its culture and refinement. They are warm friends of the cause of education, and give a hearty support to all measures calculated to prove of benefit to the community.

JACOB HOCH, who has devoted his life to the honorable pursuits of the farm, is now the owner of a valuable tract of land of 150 acres in Young township, Jefferson county. This is one of the desirable farms of the locality, for its fields are under a high state of cultivation, and good buildings add to the value and attractive appearance of the place.

Mr. Hoch was born in Germany in 1841, a son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Scheffer) Hoch, also natives of that country. In 1850 they sailed for America, and after landing came to Jefferson county, Penn., taking up their residence near Punxsutawney, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father devoting his time and energies to the cultivation and improvement of his farm. He died in 1877, and his wife in 1878. Our subject attended the public schools of his native land for four years, and was a lad of nine summers when he accompanied his parents to the New World. Here the schools were inferior, owing to the new condition of the country, and his educational advantages were necessarily more limited. Reared to farm life, he has always followed that pursuit, and his steady application, perseverance and industry have brought to him a success that is well-merited. He engages in general farming, and also successfully carries on the raising of stock. His business methods are honorable and straightforward, and he well deserves the success that has come to him.

Mr. Hoch was married, in 1862, to Miss Rachel Barnett, a daughter of David Barnett, of Jefferson county. She died in 1872, leaving two children: Jacob B. and David B. Mr. Hoch was again married, his second union being in 1874 with Maggie Veit, a daughter of Daniel Veit, of Jefferson county. They have one daughter, Edith May, now the wife of Joseph Willard, of Jefferson county. The mother died in 1877, and Mr. Hoch, in 1880, wedded Miss Elesetta Kiefer, a native of Germany. By this marriage there came five children: Maggie, Bertha, Emma, Laura, Rosa and Carl Frederick.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoch are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney. He is a very prominent member of the I. O. O. F. there, is a past grand, has served as a delegate to the grand lodge, and is a member of the Encampment. His political support has always

been given to the Democracy, and he warmly advocates its principles, but has never sought office, preferring to devote his attention to his farming interests, in which he has met a well-merited success.

MAGNUS ALLGEIER. Prominent among the leading citizens of Brookville, Jefferson county, who are of foreign birth, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch—the owner of the Spring Brewery. He was born in 1842, in Baden, Germany, and is a son of Jacob and Francisca (Burger) Allgeier, also natives of that province. In that country the mother's death occurred in 1845. By trade the father was a tailor, and he followed that occupation in his native land until 1853, when he emigrated to the New World, taking up his residence in Clearfield county, Penn., where he engaged in tailoring until called from this life, in 1888.

In the Fatherland Magnus Allgeier attended the public schools until fourteen years of age, thus acquiring a good practical education in the German language. On leaving the schoolroom he engaged in the brewing business in that country until 1866, in which year he emigrated to America. On his arrival he located first at St. Marys, Penn., but at the end of two years came to Brookville, and established his present business, which he has since successfully conducted. He turns out some 2,500 barrels of beer annually, and his trade extends about twenty-five miles in every direction.

In 1866 Mr. Allgeier was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ringwald, a daughter of Lorenz Ringwald, of Germany, and they have seven children: Philip, the present proprietor of the "Jefferson House" at Brookville; Herman, Albert and Frederick, who are all with their father in the brewery; Louis, who is attending school; and Mary, at home. Mr. Allgeier and his family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic Church. On national affairs he always supports the Democratic party, but at local elections he votes independently, supporting the man whom he thinks will best fill the position. For himself he cares nothing for public office, preferring rather to give his attention to his business interests. He is a progressive, public-spirited citizen, who stands high in the community.

W. R. McGEE, who follows both farming and lumbering in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and has by his earnest efforts acquired a handsome competence, was born in Young township, Jefferson county, in 1837, and is a son of Robert and Catherine (Graffins) McGee. His father was born in Centre county, Penn., March 17, 1814, and his mother was born in Huntingdon county, March 14, 1817. When a young man Robert McGee removed to Young township, where he married, and then located on the George Weaver farm, where he resided for a number of years. He afterward moved to Bell township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a tract of timber land and developed a farm. His first home there was a round-log house with a clapboard roof, while a log barn gave shelter to his stock. He added other improvements from time to time, extended the boundaries of his farm by the additional purchase of twenty-five acres, and erected a hewed-log house and frame barn. He made his home on that place until his death. His widow is living with her children.

The members of this family are as follows: (1) W. R. is the eldest. (2) John died in childhood. (3) S. A., who was born in Bell township, wedded Mary J. Crawford, of Indiana county, Penn., and follows farming in Bell township. (4) Daniel, a farmer of Bell township, was born there, and married Annis Williams, of Perry township, Jefferson county. (5) George, born in Jefferson county, wedded Melvina ——, who died some years ago, leaving three children. He afterward married again, and now resides near Winslow Station. (6) Isaac died in infancy. (7) Ephraim died in childhood. (8) Mary A., born in Jefferson county, is the wife of Urias Pearce, of Bell township, by whom she has a large family. (9) J. M., born in Jefferson county, is now a resident of Du Bois; he married Jane Shusley, of Illinois, and has one child, Bertha.

When six years of age W. R. McGee accompanied his parents to Bell township, where he was reared to manhood on the homestead farm. He assisted in the arduous task of developing new land, and also followed lumbering on Mahoning creek for a number of years. After his marriage he purchased 160 acres of land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, removing to the old log house which stood on the place. After a few years he erected a large frame residence and commodious barn, and continued to clear and cultivate that property until 1886, when he sold to Henry Hane, and purchased a farm of Jacob Keller, in Gaskill township. He has since resided on that property, and now has one of the best improved farms of the township, much of the land being under a high state of cultivation, while all the improvements and accessories of a

model farm indicate that the owner is a most progressive and enterprising man.

In 1860 Mr. McGee was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Smouse, of Bell township, Jefferson county, and they had eight children: (1) Samuel B., the eldest, was born on the old homestead in 1861, attended a select school of Big Run, and is now lumbering in Potter county, Penn. (2) H. M., born in Gaskill township, in 1863, wedded Mary J., daughter of R. S. and Lavina Miller. He owns and resides on the old Miller homestead, and has two living children—Edna and Ruth. (3) J. M., born in 1866, is now in partnership with his brother Samuel in the lumber business. (4) Margaret, born in 1869, became the wife of William Householder, of Huntingdon county, Penn. They resided with her parents until her death, which occurred in a hospital in Philadelphia, where she had gone for treatment in 1896. (5) William I., born in 1872, died in childhood. (6) Richard, born in 1875, died at the age of six years. (7) Richard's twin brother died in infancy. (8) Della A., born in 1878, is still with her parents.

Mr. McGee is a stanch supporter of Republican principles, and has held the office of supervisor for six terms and school director for three years, discharging his duties in a most prompt and commendable manner. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and both are most highly-esteemed citizens, having the warm regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact.

DAVID DEAN, a well-known citizen of Porter township, Jefferson county, was one of the brave "boys in blue" to whom the nation points with pride. He is a native of the county, born in Perry township, in 1837, and is a son of James and Pany (Young) Dean. As his father died when he was quite small, he was reared by his uncle, James Young, upon his farm near Perrysville.

In 1861, at the breaking out of the Civil war, he joined the Union army, becoming a member of the 105th P. V. I., under Capt. Hastings. With the Army of the Potomac, under the command of Gen. McClellan, he participated in the second battle of Bull Run, where his regiment lost heavily. They were next in the battle of Fair Oaks, which was followed by the seven-days' engagement on the Peninsula, and our subject continued at the front, participating in all the battles and skirmishes with his regiment until honorably discharged from the service on account of physical disability. In 1865 he married Miss Angeline Henry, of Jefferson county, and they began their domestic lifeu pon the David Blose property, where they remained one year. They then removed to their present farm in Porter township, whose neat and thrifty appearance attests the skill of the owner in his chosen calling. He was reared as a Whig, and on the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks, and has since been one of its most ardent supporters. Religiously he is identified with Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, and his life has ever been in harmony with its teachings.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dean have been born four children: (1) Crawford, born in Perry township, married Miss Blanche Taylor, of Elk county, Penn., by whom he has two children. They now live in Toby. (2) Irene, born in Indiana county, married Jerry Burket, of Jefferson county, and they also make their home in Toby, where he works in a sawmill. They have one child, Russel Dean. (3) Lizzie, born in Porter township, Jefferson county, married Irwin Singer, of Clearfield county, Penn., who is also engaged in milling in Toby. (4) Cora, born in Porter township, lives with her brothers in Toby.

CHARLES A. CARRIER is one of the leading representatives of the commercial interests of Brookville, Jefferson county, where he is now engaged in the hardware business. His enterprise and progressiveness class him with those citizens who, while advancing individual prosperito, also promote the public good, and are therefore important factors in the welfare of the community wherein they reside.

Mr. Carrier was born in East Hartford, Conn., in 1838, and his parents, Isaac P. and Emma L. (Webster) Carrier, were also natives of Connecticut. About 1860 they came to Pennsylvania, where they spent their remaining days. The father was a carpenter by trade, and followed that pursuit during the greater part of his life. He was a man of sterling worth, quiet and unassuming in manner. His death occurred in 1862; his wife died previous to that time.

Charles A. Carrier received but limited school privileges, but was early trained for the practical duties of a business life, learning the machinist's trade in his youth. He followed that for about fifteen years, and in the spring of 1871 he came to Jefferson county, turning his attention to farming and lumbering in Warsaw township. To those pursuits he devoted his energies some fifteen years, and for the past ten years has been a resident of Brookville. Here he conducts a

hardware and agricultural implement business; also carries a line of buggies, wagons and carriages. His stock in all departments is well selected, and his honorable dealing and courteous treatment of his patrons have secured for him a good business. He is thoroughly reliable, and his standing in the community is high. In the fall of 1871 he married Mrs. Ellen Carrier, a daughter of Thomas H. Harris, a worthy citizen of Brookville, and a native of England. Five children have blessed this union, of whom three are now living: John G., of North Carolina, Lizzie C.; and Harry D. Mr. Carrier and his family are members of the First Baptist Church, and in the work thereon take a deep interest. He is now serving as clerk of the Church, and as a member of the board of trustees. He belongs to the Sons of America, the F. & A. M., and the Ancient Order of Artisans, of which he is past grand master. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, but has neither received nor desired the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests and social pleasures. He and his family are widely known in Brookville, and the circle of their friends is extensive.

GEORGE R. HALL, the present efficient tax collector of Bell township, Jefferson county, was born in 1837, in Indiana county, Penn. His parents, George and Martha (Gamble) Hall, were both natives of Ireland, and came to America with their respective families in 1819. Soon after their marriage, which was celebrated in Philadelphia, they located in Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., where they resided for many years, while the father engaged in teaming between Pittsburg and Philadelphia. Subsequently he started a screw factory in Centre county, and did an extensfve business for some time, but after his removal to Indiana county he engaged in farming up to his death in 1890. The mother had departed this life in 1884.

Our subject obtained a limited education in the common schools of his native county, where he was reared to farm life. After the outbreak of the Civil war, he responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting in Company F, 105th P. V. I., known as the "Wild Cat Regiment," and for more than three years he was in active service. He was wounded in the left arm at the battle of the Wilderness, and in the head at Fair Oaks. He was also captured, but was paroled on the field. Always found at his post of duty, he gallantly defended the old flag and the cause it represented, and now feels the effects of his arduous service. On receiving his discharge he returned to Indiana county, where he remained until coming to Bell township, Jefferson county, in April, 1883. Here he purchased a tract of thirteen acres, upon which he still resides. At the age of nineteen he began teaching, and he successfully followed that profession from 1857 until 1861. Resuming that calling after the war, he taught during the winter months until 1886, and was recognized as one of the leading educators of the county.

Mr. Hall was married, in 1872, to Miss Bella D. Hall, of Beaver county, Penn., and six children were born to them, of whom one is now deceased; those living are Venna, James T., Carl T., Mary and Martha, all at home with the exception of Carl, who is married and lives in Bell township, Jefferson county. The parents are active and faithful members of the First Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney, and are numbered among the best citizens of the community.

As a lifelong Republican, Mr. Hall has an abiding faith in the principles and teachings of his party, and has been called upon to serve in a number of official positions of honor and trust in his township. For two terms, while living in Indiana county, he was auditor, and in 1896 he was chosen tax collector of Bell township, in which capacity he is still serving to the satisfaction of all concerned. Fraternally, he is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Union Veteran Legion Encampment, No. 120.

NATHAN G. EDELBLUTE, one of the representative business men and merchants of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume. The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual, and is the means of bringing to man success when he has no advantages of wealth or influence to aid him. It illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote to a man's character. Although Mr. Edelblute started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, he has through his own efforts succeeded in securing a competence.

The birth of our subject occurred at Smoke Forge, Blair Co., Penn., June 24, 1837. His parents, David and Elida (Conrad) Edelblute, were born in the same county when it formed a part of Huntingdon county. The father spent his early life as a sawyer in the milling business, but later turned his attention to the manufacture of charcoal. In 1855 he emigrated to Kansas,

and the remainder of his life was passed in that State, both himself and wife passing away there. Their son, Nathan G., had the advantages of only the public schools of his youth, but he has become a well-informed man by reading and observation. At the age of ten he accompanied his parents on their removal to Clarion county, Penn., where they resided until going to Kansas, and where, at the age of thirteen, he began his business career as a clerk in a mercantile establishment. Since September, 1855, he has been a resident of Jefferson county, and his whole life has been devoted to mercantile pursuits. In 1891 he established his present store in Punxsutawney, and has since been identified with the commercial interests of that thriving little city.

In 1858 Mr. Edelblute was married to Miss Rosetta, daughter of David Frank, and a native of Clarion county, Penn. Of the seven children born of this union, one died in infancy; the others are still living, and are as follows: John Owens who now represents the Adams Express Company at Brookville, Penn.; Anna G., wife of R. E. Clove, who is connected with the "Hotel Pantall," Punxsutawney; David Frank, a merchant of Irvona, Clearfield Co., Penn.; Addie A., wife of Elmer E. Piersall, a prominent hardware merchant of Brookville; Harry, one of the popular proprietors of the "Hotel Pantall," and Richard C., a member of the firm of Edelblute Brothers, leading merchants of Punxsutawney.

Fraternally, Mr. Edelblute is a member of the F. & A. M., Blue Lodge and Chapter. His name is a synonym for honorable business dealing; he is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of Punxsutawney, and he cheerfully gives his support to those enterprises that tend to public development.

SHANNON McFADDEN, one of the most energetic and progressive farmers of Polk township, Jefferson county, is a veteran of the Civil war, and bears an honorable record for brave service in the cause of freedom and union, and in the paths of peace he has also won an enviable reputation through the sterling qualities which go to the making of a good citizen.

Mr. McFadden is a native of the county which is still his home, having been born in Oliver township, March 15, 1836, and in its country schools he acquired a limited education. His grandfather, Jacob McFadden, was a native of Ireland, whence, at an early age, he came to America, taking up his residence in Clarion county, Penn., where his death occurred. There Jacob McFadden, Jr., the father of our subject, was born, but he grew to manhood in Jefferson county where he was numbered among the honored pioneers. At the time of his arrival here most of the land was still in its primitive condition, the few settlers were widely scattered, and wild game, which was plentiful, was the chief source of their meat supply. With the growth and development of the county Mr. McFadden bore an important part, and in Oliver township improved a good farm, which, later, he sold on his removal to Polk township in 1848. There he also cleared a tract which he transformed into a fine farm and sold to our subject in 1866, when he removed to another place in the same township, continuing to engage in farming and lumbering throughout life. He made his own way in the world, receiving no assistance from any source, but became one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of the community.

In early manhood Jacob McFadden was married in Jefferson county to Miss Rebecca Reed, whose father, Peter Reed, a native of Germany, first located in Westmoreland county on coming to the New World at an early day, but later removed to Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he improved a farm and spent his remaining years. He was a progressive man, honorable and upright in all his dealings. He reared a family of sixteen children. Mr. and Mrs. McFadden became the parents of seven children, as follows: Shannon, of this sketch; Levi, who died in the service of his country while a member of the 11th Pennsylvania Reserves; Reed P. and Jonathan R., who were also Union soldiers during the Civil war, and are still living; Elizabeth; and Recer and Enoch, both farmers by occupation. Being a very patriotic and loyal citizen, the father furnished four sons for the Union army, and was only sorry that the two others were too young to enter the service. He was quite radical on all religious and political questions, was one of the leading Republicans of his community, took a prominent part in public affairs, and held a number of township offices of honor and trust. Active in all Church work, he was instrumental in organizing the first Methodist Episcopal Church in his township, of which he and his wife became leading members.

Under the parental roof Shannon McFadden remained until old enough to begin the battle of life for himself, and was then employed in the lumber woods until the Civil war broke out. In 1861, in response to President Lincoln's first call for three-months' men, he enlisted in Company I, 8th P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and when his term of enlistment

had expired he joined Company L, 11th Pennsylvania Cavalry, also of the Army of the Potomac. He was soon promoted to the rank of sergeant, and in that capacity participated in many skirmishes and in all the battles in which his regiment took part, but was never taken prisoner. In a hand-to-hand fight with a Rebel he received a bayonet wound in the right hand, and with this exception was never seriously injured. After two years' service he was discharged for the purpose of enabling him to enlist as a veteran, and he joined the same company, in which he served as lieutenant until the close of the war, being commissioned as such in June, 1864. On receiving an honorable discharge at Philadelphia in August, 1865, he returned home and resumed lumbering, which he has since successfully continued in connection with agricultural pursuits. In the following year he was married, and soon afterward bought the old homestead where he still continues to reside.

In May, 1866, Mr. McFadden married Miss Anna Webster, a daughter of George and Lydia (Rogers) Webster, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Vermont, where their marriage was celebrated. Mrs. McFadden was born November 19, 1842, and in the following year was brought by her parents to Jefferson county, Penn., locating in Eldred township, where the father purchased land and improved a farm. He also engaged in lumbering and the manufacture of shingles, which he marketed in Pittsburg; but after a short residence here he was taken ill, and died June 9, 1855. His wife, who was a Methodist in religious belief, passed away November 11, 1863. She was born in Rutland, Vt., a daughter of Stephen A. Rogers, a prominent agriculturist of that State. Mr. and Mrs. Webster had eight children, namely: Aaron, now a resident of Polk township, Jefferson county; Dolly, wife of L. Jacock; George, who died in August, 1866, from disease contracted in the army; Oscar, who is living in the West; Asher C., a Congregational minister, of Michigan; Anna, wife of our subject; John, who enlisted in the Union army at the age of sixteen, and died since the war, leaving a wife and six children; and Newton, a merchant and postmaster at Munderf, Jefferson county.

Mrs. McFadden was about ten years of age at the time of her father's death, and her mother being in somewhat limited circumstances, was unable to provide her with good school privileges, so she educated herself, working for her board and support while pursuing her studies. At the age of eighteen she commenced teaching, and successfully followed that profession until her marriage five years later. She has become the mother of two children: Gussa M., who was born March 7, 1867, and is now the wife of B. D. Shaufner; and Charles H., who was born June 15, 1870, and is still at home.

ADAM SMITH. Prominent among the leading agriculturists and representative citizens of Bell township, Jefferson county, is the subject of this sketch, who comes from across the sea, his birth having occurred in Germany in 1836. In that same year he was brought to America by his parents, Henry and Elizabeth Smith, who spent their remaining years in Canoe township, Indiana Co., Penn., where the father died in 1863, and the mother in 1881.

In their family were eight children, namely: Catharine, a native of Germany, grew to womanhood in Indiana county, where she married William Smith, of Jefferson county, and with their family they now live in Young township, of the latter county. Adam is next in order of birth. Mary is the wife of Jacob Dunmire, of Canoe township, Indiana county. Mena is the wife of George Smith, of Young township, Jefferson county. George married Call Bohn, of Canoe township. John, who served throughout the Civil war, married Catharine Plinn, and lives in Indiana county. Henry wedded Rachel Dunmire, and resides on the old homestead in Indiana county. Maggie is the wife of Stewart Miller, who owns and operates a farm in Canoe township.

Under the parental roof our subject remained until he had attained his majority, aiding his father in the labors of the farm. He manifested his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting, in July, 1861, in Company I, 62d P. V. I., under Capt. Means, of Brookville, and Col. Black. After being sworn in at Pittsburg, the regiment went to Washington, D. C., where it was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and the first engagement in which it took part was in front of Richmond, the battle lasting seven days. Here Mr. Smith was shot through both hands by a minie ball, and had to be taken to the hospital in Annapolis, Md., where he remained for three months. Rejoining his regiment at City Point, he went with the army on their march through Maryland to Harper's Ferry, and was later engaged in the battle of Antietam. He then crossed the Potomac at Harper's Ferry, where he was honorably discharged, as he was unfit for duty, owing to the wounds in his hands, which rendered him almost helpless.

After his return home he was married, in

1864, to Miss Mary Thomas, of Young township, Jefferson township, where he purchased a partially-improved farm of fifty acres, on which he and his wife made their home some fifteen years. He then sold to the Walston Coal Company, and in 1881 purchased the old Robert McGee homestead, where he still continues to reside. He has cleared twenty acres, erected a substantial residence and good barn, removed the stumps from his land, and made many other excellent improvements, so that it is to-day one of the most highly cultivated and desirable farms in Bell township. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have children as follows: John T., born in Jefferson county, married Della Rupert, of Bell township, by whom he has four children—Homer, Emma, Effie and Ord—and they now reside on a part of his father's homestead. Maggie is the wife of Jacob Bahn, a farmer of Indiana county Penn., by whom she has three children—Fred, Homer and one whose name is not given. Joseph, Henry, Leonard, Irene, Mollie and Robert are all single, and live at home with their parents.

Mr. Smith uses his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and for one term acceptably served as supervisor of his township. In religious faith he is a Protestant, but has never united with any Church organization. His present state of affluence is the result of his own individual efforts and those of his estimable wife. He has proved himself a loyal and devoted citizen, true to the interests of the country, and is honored, respected and esteemed by all who know him.

JAMES GOURLEY. In the development of this section the lumber trade has necessarily been one of the leading industries, and has attracted some of the shrewdest and most talented men. The subject of this sketch, a well-known citizen of Jefferson county, and a member of the Big Run Milling Co., has for many years ranked among the most prominent workers in this line.

Born December 25, 1835, in Jefferson county, Penn., Mr. Gourley is of Irish extraction on his father's side. George Gourley, his grandfather, was born in Ireland in about 1772. On coming to America, he located in Huntingdon county, Penn., where he resided seven years; then went to Armstrong county, where his death occurred when he was eighty years of age. His wife survived him three years, and both are buried in the Prairie Church cemetery in Jefferson county. All of their eight children grew to maturity, and all are now dead. Thomas Gourley, the father of our subject, is also a native of Ireland. He came to the United States at the age of fourteen, and soon afterward settled in Jefferson county, where he followed farming, a most congenial employment for one of his quiet tastes. He was called from earth at the age of sixty; his estimable wife, Eleanor (Adams), who was a native of this State, survived him some twenty years. She was the daughter of Robert and Margaret (Crawford) Adams, he a native of Pennsylvania; both are deceased.

Reared as a farmer boy, our subject attended school in the old log school houses in his day, and profited as best he could by the limited curriculum then afforded. As he neared manhood he naturally became interested in agriculture, to which he added lumbering. His business extending beyond local limits, he moved in 1892 to Big Run, where, as one of the members of the Big Run Milling Co., he commands an extensive trade. He is also interested in lumbering on his own account. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is interested in local affairs of every nature. In politics he is a stanch Republican; but ambition for public office has never interrupted his devotion to business, although he has at times been "drafted" into service by his community, and he is now a councilman of Big Run borough. He has also served as school director, greatly to the advantage of the cause of education. Mr. Gourley has a commodious and tasteful residence at Big Run, and his family are prominently identified with the social life of the town, and with the M. E. Church, in which he is a steward and trustee. His wife, formerly Miss Mary E. Coulter, to whom he was married December 20, 1860, came to Jefferson county when seven years old. Of their six children, three are living: Florence B., wife of Charles McAninch, of Jefferson county; Emma A., wife of Ferdinand Weber; and Miss Eleanor, an attractive young lady, now at home.

Mrs. Mary E. (Coulter) Gourley was born February 25, 1836, in Westmoreland county, Penn., the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bell) Coulter, who were born in 1803 and 1804, respectively. They had eight children, only three of whom are now living. The parents are buried in the Beaver Run cemetery, Jefferson county. William Coulter, the father John Coulter, and grandfather of Mrs. Gourley, was born in Ireland in about 1788. His wife was formerly Miss Mary Coulter; all of their seven children are now dead. David Bell, Mrs. Gourley's maternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland. He married Margery Bell, and they have five children, all now dead.

HENRY ZIMMERMAN, a prominent resident of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, is the owner of three fine farms, and his comfortable surroundings form a sharp contrast with those of his youth, when he started out in the world without a penny to make his way as he best could. Industry, economy, and careful management were the foundation of his success, and even now, though nominally retired from active business, his early habits of activity prove too strong for him, and he will do a piece of work that will astonish the "young folks."

Mr. Zimmerman was born August 1, 1834, in Bavaria, Germany, a son of Jacob and Louisa Zimmerman, who were born, reared and married in that province. The father's health failing, the family came to America in the spring of 1848 in the hope that the change would benefit the sufferer. The ocean voyage occupied thirty-five days, and on landing they went to Jefferson county and purchased a tract of fifty acres of land adjoining our present homestead. The father died there eleven weeks later, at the age of fifty-four; the mother survived until 1885, when she passed away, aged sixty-three; both are interred in the Rhodes graveyard in McCalmont township. They were devout Christians and consistent members of the Reformed Church. Six children were born to them: Jacob died in Jefferson county; Sarah, who died in 1893, was the wife of Frederick Hawk, also deceased; Henry is mentioned more fully below; Godfrey, a retired farmer, resides in Troutville, Penn.; Miss Louisa died in 1895; and Frederick is a farmer and carpenter at Sykesville, Pennsylvania.

For a year after his arrival in Jefferson county our subject remained at home, and then he spent eight years in the employ of a neighboring farmer, working on the farm in summer and in the woods in winter. In 1870 he purchased his homestead of 160 acres, the price being $800, of which he was to pay $200 down, and the remainder in five years. The place really cost him $1,000, however, as (he says) its previous owner, wishing to secure a pair of oxen belonging to Mr. Zimmerman, took advantage of the latter's inability to meet a certain payment, and tried to force a sheriff's sale. Mr. Zimmerman borrowed the necessary funds and thwarted the plan, but the interest and costs increased the sum total of his obligations considerably. He has since added two other farms to his possessions, one in Henderson township, Jefferson county, and the other in Clearfield county. Mr. Zimmerman has always held a high place in the esteem of his associates, and while he has never had any aspirations for public office is an influential Democrat. He takes much interest in educational progress, and has served as school director. In religious faith he is a Lutheran.

On April 3, 1872, Mr. Zimmerman was married, in Bell township, Jefferson county, to Miss Barbara Weaver, and of this union five children were born: Miss Laura resides in Troutville, Penn.; Susannah married John Noerr, a farmer and sawmill operator of McCalmont township, and they have four living children—Clyde, Carroll, Ella and Clara; Henry, who conducts his father's farm in Henderson township, Jefferson county, married Miss Katie Heilburn, of that township, and has one child—Bertha; William, who manages the homestead, married Miss Lena Hullbaugh, and has two children—Milton and Amos; David, a farmer of near Troutville, married Miss Lucy Rhodes. Mrs. Zimmerman is a native of Bavaria, Germany, and was born May 5, 1832, a daughter of George and Eleanora (Schuch) Weaver, and a granddaughter of Henry Weaver, a farmer. Her parents came to America in 1834, and located near the present site of Troutville, where they remained five years. They then moved to Bell township, but later returned to Troutville to spend their declining years in retirement. They were members of the Reformed Church, and in politics the father was a stanch Democrat. He died in January, 1875, aged seventy years, and the mother in January, 1885, at the age of seventy-eight. Of their children, the eldest, Henry, an excellent mechanic, is now a carpenter at Johnstown, Penn.; Barbara (Mrs. Zimmerman) is the second in order of birth; Andrew died in Penfield, Penn., in April, 1887; Peter died in August, 1887, at Du Bois, Penn.; George is a farmer and sawmill operator in Bell township; Adam is a farmer in the same township; Susannah married Jacob Edinger, who owns a farm and gristmill near Luthersburg; Elizabeth married Samuel Kuntz, and lives at the homestead at Troutville, where Mr. Kuntz manufactures cider and conducts a sawmill and chopmill.

JOHN EILER. Among the citizens of Jefferson county who are of German birth is the gentleman of whom this narrative is written, and who is now one of the leading lumbermen and farmers of Perry township. In his native land he learned the traits of economy and frugality, which have been the source of his present competence. Many of the best citizens of the county are his countrymen, and they almost invariably merit and receive the esteem and respect

of the community to the same degree that he does.

In 1840, Mr. Eiler's parents, Casper and Catharine (Bartsick) Eiler, crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel, reaching the harbor of Baltimore after a long and tedious voyage of fifty days. By canal and railroad they proceeded to Pittsburg, Penn., and first stopped for two months in Beaver county, where the father and one son died and were buried. The family then went to Butler county, where our subject purchased a farm, making it his home for ten years and a half. He then removed to Indiana county and bought 162 acres of pine timber land, about thirty of which he cleared, erecting thereon a log house and barn. While residing there he engaged in the manufacture of shingles, and also rafted square timber down the river to Pittsburg. At the father's death he left a widow and three children: Frederick, the eldest, was born in Germany, in 1827, came with his parents to the New World, and grew to manhood in Indiana county, Penn., whence he moved to Jefferson county, to make his home with his brother-in-law, Peter Beam, in Porter township. He has never married, and is still living at the age of seventy years.

In 1852 John Eiler was married to Miss Dorothy Bartholomew, of Indiana county, where they continued to make their home some fourteen years. Removing to Perry township, Jefferson county, Mr. Eiler purchased 250 acres of partially-improved land of James Postlethwait, ninety acres being cleared. He has since devoted his time and attention to its further cultivation and development, and now has 126 acres under the plow. In 1883 the original house was burned, together with all the household goods, but during the same year it was replaced with a small dwelling, and in 1884 a large two-story frame structure was built and supplied with all modern improvements, making it a most desirable country home.

Mr. Eiler's first wife died in 1895, leaving five children: (1) George, born in Indiana county, in 1854, now resides on a part of his father's farm; he married a Miss Hartsel, of Clarion county, Penn., and has two daughters—Cora and Nolie. (2) John, born in 1856, died on the old homestead in 1881, at the age of twenty-four years. (3) Sophie, born in Indiana county, in 1858, married Charles Gasien, of Jefferson county, and now resides on his farm on Elk run, near Punxsutawney. They have one child. (4) Mary, born in Indiana county, in 1860, is with her father. (5) Lizzie, born in Indiana county, in 1863, became the wife of John Schesley, of Jefferson county, and located in Elnora, Penn., where he died in 1894, leaving five children—Robert, Paul, Charity, Mary and Joseph; since her husband's death Mrs. Schesley has resided with her father. (6) Adam, born in 1869, has spent his entire life thus far on the home farm in Perry township, and is unmarried.

In October, 1896, Mr. Eiler was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Harriet Frair, of Porter township, Jefferson county. Although an ardent Republican in politics, he has never aspired to office, but always faithfully discharges his duties of citizenship. He and his family hold membership in the Evangelical Church of Perry township, and have a host of warm friends throughout the community. Coming to this country in limited circumstances, he has been the architect of his own fortune, and is deserving of the highest commendation. Possessing the esteem and respect of all who know him, he may well be ranked among the honest and representative German citizens of Jefferson county. His honor and integrity are unimpeachable, his word being considered as good as his bond. Having prospered in his undertakings, he gives liberally to the erection of schools and churches, especially toward the building of St. Jacob's Church, to which he belongs.

ROBERT S. MILLER. Probably the two most important occupations to which Jefferson county is indebted for its prosperity are farming and lumbering, and to these Mr. Miller devotes his energies, winning thereby a comfortable competence, for he is a man of energy and progressiveness in his work. He was born in Indiana county, Penn., in March, 1828, and is a representative of one of its early families.

The grandfather of our subject was reared in Bucks county, Penn., whence, when a young man, he went to Indiana county, where he bought from the government 800 acres of land on Crooked creek at twelve cents per acre. There he spent his remaining days, dying in 1813, and leaving a family of six children: (1) Annie, the eldest, married John Black, and they resided in Indiana county. (2) Ruth became the wife of William Stunkard, and they made their home in Jefferson county. They had three children—Mary, wife of Silas Brooks, of Winslow township, Jefferson county; James, married, is living in Perry township, Jefferson county; and Margaret, also married and living in that county. (3) Polly became the wife of Levi Anthony, of Indiana county, and in 1840 removed to Jefferson county, where she died some years ago. (4) Margaret married William Hopkins, of Phila-

delphia, and located in Perry township, Jefferson county, where he followed farming until his death; he died a few years ago at the age of ninety-one; his wife survived him, dying at the age of eighty-five. Two of their four children are living—John, farming on the Arkansas river in Kansas, and Mary, who resided on the old homestead in Perry township, and is the widow of John Redding, who died some years since, leaving a large family. (5) Robert, born in Indiana county in 1800, married Sarah Anthony, of that county, and followed farming there for a number of years. He then became a farmer of Perry township, Jefferson county, where he died some years ago. His wife passed away in Illinois, leaving a son, Thompson, who now resides in Henry county, that State.

Henry Miller, the father of our subject, was born in Wayne township, Indiana county in 1803. He married Annie Shaw, of that county, and in 1833 purchased 160 acres of timber land in Henderson township, Jefferson county. Building there a log house and barn, he moved his family to the new place and began the improvement of his land. He afterward erected a good frame dwelling and barn, cleared seventy-five acres of land, and also followed rafting, running the lumber down the river to Pittsburg. He died on the home farm June 4, 1859; his wife survived until 1863.

They had thirteen children: (1) William, born in Indiana county, in 1825, died at the age of eight years. (2) Jane, born in Indiana county, in 1826, is the widow of John Bowers, who was a farmer of Gaskill township, Jefferson county; was a defender of the Union, during the Civil war, and died at Fortress Monroe. He left three children—Henry, John and Martha. (3) Mary, born in Indiana county, in 1830, became the wife of Lewis Edwards, and after a few years' residence in Jefferson county removed to Illinois in 1854. They afterward went to Davis county, Mo., later to Kansas, and subsequently to Bushnell, Ill., where Mrs. Edwards died in 1866, leaving three children—Eliza, Lucinda and John—who still remain in Kansas. (4) John Miller was born in Indiana county, in 1831, came with his parents to Jefferson county, and here married Jane Cary. He bought a farm in Henderson township, which he afterward sold, removing to Du Bois, Pennsylvania, where he became foreman for John E. Du Bois. His wife died in June, 1896. Their children are James, married and living in Du Bois; Mrs. Anne Clinton, of Du Bois; Nettie, wife of Frank Hamilton, of Big Run; Harry W., married and living in Du Bois; Cal, of the same city; and Ralph, who married a Miss Kirk, of Brady township, Jefferson county, and also lives in Du Bois. (5) Ruth, born in Henderson township, Jefferson county, in 1833, went with her sister Mary to Illinois, and there married Joseph Pierce, with whom she is now living in Jasper county, Iowa. They have a son, Robert. (6) James, born in Jefferson county, in 1835, married Louisa Farnsworth. He enlisted as a private in the Civil war. He took part in many battles, and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He made his home near Grampian, Clearfield county, until killed by a run-away horse in 1896. (7) Florence, born in Jefferson county, in 1836, is the wife of George Peoples, a farmer of Westmoreland county, Penn., and their children are Harvey, a conductor on the Pittsburg & Philadelphia railroad; Lewis, who is married, and is a railroad man of Westmoreland county; Newton, of Pittsburg; Boyd, married, and residing in Westmoreland county; George; and Laura, who is married, and making her home in Allegheny, Penn. (8) Elizabeth A., born in Henderson township, in 1838, is the wife of James Cochran, a farmer of Big Run, and their children are Clinton and Nelson, who are married and residing in Big Run; William, married and making his home in Du Bois; May; and Hannah, wife of Abram Leach, of Big Run. (9) Henry, born in 1840, died in childhood. (10) Margaret, born in Jefferson county, in 1842, is the wife of William Meaner, a farmer of Illinois, and their children are—John; Ansen, who is engaged in the practice of law in Chicago; Esther, Rena and Mabel, at home. (11) Martha, born in Henderson township, Jefferson county, resides in Big Run. She is the widow of Isaac Cochran, who died leaving two children—Orin and George. She has since married George Depp, of Big Run, and her children by this marriage are Harvey, James, William, Philip, Robert, Johnnie and three daughters. (12) Matilda, born in Henderson township, in 1846, became the wife of Joseph Morehead, of Franklin county, Penn., and they resided in Big Run until her death. She left two children—Annie, married and living in West Hickory, Penn.; and James now in West Virginia.

Robert S. Miller, whose name begins this article, came to Jefferson county with his parents during his boyhood, and was reared on a farm in Henderson township. In 1849 he married Lavina Bowers, daughter of William and Lucy Bowers, well-to-do farming people of Jefferson county. His father gave him one hundred acres of land adjoining the old homestead, and he there carried on farming until 1852, when he sold that property and purchased 160 acres of timber

land in Gaskill township. This he transformed into a good farm, making many excellent improvements thereon. In 1864 Mr. Miller enlisted in Company B, 82nd P. V. I., for service in the Civil war. At Petersburg he was stricken with typhoid fever, and remained in the field hospital until May, when he was transferred to Campbell Hospital, in Washington, D. C., and from there to Stanley Hospital, in Philadelphia, where he was honorably discharged. He then returned to the farm, which he has since successfully operated, and in connection has carried on lumbering to some extent. His brother James was also a Union soldier, and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

In March, 1895, Mr. Miller was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who had proved to him a most faithful companion and helpmeet. Their children were as follows: (1) Maria, born in July, 1850, is the wife of Edward Holowell, a native of Indiana county, Penn., now residing on a farm in Gaskill township, Jefferson county. Their children are—George, Henry, James (who married Lillie Bear, of Indiana county, and lives on a farm in Gaskill township), Harvey, Martha, Annie and Lula. (2) Lucy, born in 1852, became the wife of Daniel Couch, of Gaskill township, and died in 1895, leaving eight children—Arthur, Jesse, Lavina, James, Guy, Paul, Minnie, and Wade. (3) Ruth, born in July, 1854, is the wife of Elias Cochran, a farmer of Jefferson county, and their children are Jennie, Henry, Marion, Annie and Lavina, and two whose names are not given. (4) William B., born in May, 1856, died at the age of eight years. (5) Henry, born in August, 1858, died in early manhood. (6) Mary Jane, born in July, 1865, is the wife of Meade H. McKee, and with their two children, Edna and Ruth, they reside on the Miller homestead. (7) James, born in February, 1869, died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican, has served as school director for two terms, and was constable one year. He discharged all his public duties with the same fidelity that marked his action when on Southern battle fields he followed the old flag. In business and private life he is known for his honorable purpose, and his upright career commends him to the confidence and respect of all.

HUGH M. BELL is a representative of one of the oldest families of Jefferson county, his grandfather, John Bell, having taken up his residence in Perry township, in pioneer days. He removed thither from Westmoreland county, and took an active part in the development of that region.

Joseph Bell, father of our subject, was born on the homestead near Perrysville, and after attaining his majority purchased 130 acres of timber land, on which he built a story-and-a-half log house and a log barn. In 1825 he married Sarah McKee, and took his bride to his new home in the midst of the forest, where together they shared in the hardships and labors incident to pioneer life. He afterward erected a frame residence, which since his death has been destroyed by fire. His first wife died in 1833, leaving two sons, and he afterward married Rachel Backman, by whom he had three daughters: Jane, wife of Miller Means, of Perry township; Elizabeth, wife of William McGee; and Mary E., wife of W. P. Morris, of Jefferson county. The father passed away in June, 1850.

F. W. Bell, the elder brother of our subject, married Sarah C. Robinson, of Jefferson county, and located in Perrysville, where he erected a tannery and carried on business for a number of years. He also owned considerable real estate there. On selling his tannery in Perrysville he went to Brookville, where he built another tannery, which he operated some years. He then carried on the business for a few years in Clarion county, Penn., and afterward removed to Doniphan, Mo., where he purchased farm land and a flouring-mill. He is still engaged in business there. His wife died in 1896. They had five children: Martha is now Mrs. Caldron, of Missouri; Hattie is the wife of Dr. William Armstrong, a practicing physician of Kane, Penn., by whom she has four children; Mack followed stock raising in Kansas until his death in July, 1896; Minnie D. was married, and resided in Missouri until 1896, when she died, leaving a husband and five children to mourn her death; Charles died in Missouri, at the age of ten years, soon after the removal of his parents to the West.

H. M. Bell, of this review, was born in 1826, on the old family homestead where he still resides. He has always carried on agricultural pursuits, and has made many excellent improvements upon his farm. In 1889 he erected a large two-story frame residence, also built a commodious barn, and in the cultivation of his land uses the latest improved machinery. He now has one of the best farms in the county, its well-tilled fields yielding to him a golden tribute, and indicating to the passerby his enterprise and progressiveness.

Mr. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Martin, and brought his bride to the old

home place. Here seven children have been born to them: (1) John T., born in 1853, was graduated with honor from an Ohio college, read law with Charles Clark, of Indiana county, Penn., and is now practicing law in the town of Indiana. He married Lizzie Todd, of that place, and they have two children—Hugh T. and one whose name is not given. (2) Joseph C., born in 1855, married Annie Cook, of Iowa, and after his marriage removed to Oregon, where he was drowned while bathing. (3) George, born in 1857, wedded Hattie McGee, of Clearfield county, daughter of James McGee, one of the pioneer lumbermen on the west branch of the Susquehanna river. They have three children, and reside in Punxsutawney, where he is successfully practicing dentistry. (4) William M. died in infancy. (5) Frank W., born in 1861, wedded Mary J. Smitten, of Indiana county, and lives on the family homestead. They have three children —Lydia, Joseph C. and Laura. (6) Elizabeth, born in 1863, is the wife of Burton Carrier, proprietor of a furniture store in Kane, Penn. (7) Lot, born in 1865, studied dentistry, and is now following his profession in Jeannette, Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bell and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Frostburg, and in politics he is an ardent Republican. He has been a prominent factor in the development of the county, and has lent his aid and influence to the furtherance of Church and School interests, and to the promotion of all causes tending to benefit the community. He is a warm friend of the cause of education, and providing his children with superior advantages in this direction; his family is well numbered among the most cultured of the county.

SAMUEL P. ANDERSON, the well-known ex-sheriff of Jefferson county, is one of the most substantial and prosperous farmers and business men of Clover township, as well as one of its leading and representative citizens. He belongs to a prominent family whose name is inseparably connected with the agricultural and industrial interests of this region, and whose members have been important factors in its progress and prosperity.

David Anderson, our subject's grandfather, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and born in Ireland, where he married a Miss Berry, by whom he had nine children: James, Samuel, David, John, Thomas, Mary, Ann, Sarah and Elizabeth. At an early day he emigrated to the New World, and located in Westmoreland county, Penn., where he improved a farm and continued to make his home until called from this life. He and his wife, who also died on the old homestead, were Presbyterian in religious faith.

James Anderson, the father of our subject, grew to manhood in Westmoreland county, where he wedded Rebecca Carson. Her father, Joseph Carson, was a native of New Jersey, and when a young man took up his residence in Westmoreland county, where he followed agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. His children were eight in number: Jackson, Joseph, Prine, James, Margaret, Catherine, Rebecca and Mary. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were born the following children: Ann, wife of R. J. Nicholson; Alaretta, wife of H. Holden; Samuel P., of this sketch; James C. and Watson H., both farmers; Silas R., a traveling salesman; Mrs. Violet Fleming; and Margaret, who first married a Mr. Commons, but is now the wife of W. D. Fowler, of Oklahoma. All of the family are identified with the Presbyterian Church.

In Westmoreland county the father developed a good farm, but in 1843 he sold out and came to Jefferson county. He had previously engaged in the salt business there for about five years, and on purchasing land here secured a tract including a salt well, situated near Red Bank creek, a half mile south of the little village of Troy. Here he established salt works, lowering the well and putting in the necessary machinery for the manufacture of salt, which he successfully conducted for a number of years. Known as the old Salt Works, it became a historical spot, and was the only industry of the kind in this section of the State. Customers came from long distances, and the salt was often sold as high as $4 per barrel. Later a similar enterprise was established where salt could be manufactured cheaper, and Mr. Anderson abandoned his works. Together with his sons he then turned his attention to the improvement of the farm, and lumbering, which he carried on quite extensively. His place comprised 260 acres of heavily-timbered land, but by industry, perseverance and well-directed efforts it has been transformed into a rich and productive tract. Mr. Anderson and his sons also joined a company which purchased about 6,000 acres of timber land in Knox township, Jefferson county, for the purpose of lumbering, and when the property was divided he retained 1,000 acres, which still belongs to the estate and is very valuable, being underlaid with a rich coal deposit. There the family still continue to engage in lumbering. After a long, busy and honorable life the father passed away

at the age of eighty-three, and his wife died one year later at the age of eighty-two. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Anderson, whose name introduces this sketch, was born November 20, 1826, in Westmoreland county, Penn., where he was educated in the common schools, and on coming with his parents to Jefferson county began to assist in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm, where he still continues to reside. He and his brother, James, purchased a large tract from their father, later divided the same, and they still live upon their respective portions. Upon his place our subject has made many valuable improvements, including the erection of a handsome two-story frame residence on the bank of Red Bank creek, overlooking the valley and Summerville, and commanding a fine view of the surrounding country. Underlying his land are three coal veins, and one of limestone six feet in thickness. In connection with the cultivation of his land he has also dealt to some extent in farm machinery, and has met with good success in this undertaking.

In 1849 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Lavina Jaynes, who was born in Westmoreland county, April 27, 1831, a daughter of William and Margaret (Henderson) Jaynes, also natives of that county. Her grandfather, Timothy Jaynes, was from New Jersey, and was an early settler of Westmoreland county, Penn. In early life her father followed cabinet making, but later was a traveling salesman, selling medicine for his cousin, Dr. Jaynes, of Philadelphia. He died at the old home in Westmoreland county, December 11, 1862, and his wife on August 26, 1868, both members of the Baptist Church. They were the parents of six children, namely: Mrs. Caroline Green; Joseph, deceased; Lavina, wife of our subject; Mrs. Julia A. Carson; Mrs. Malinda Work; and Timothy, now a resident of Oklahoma.

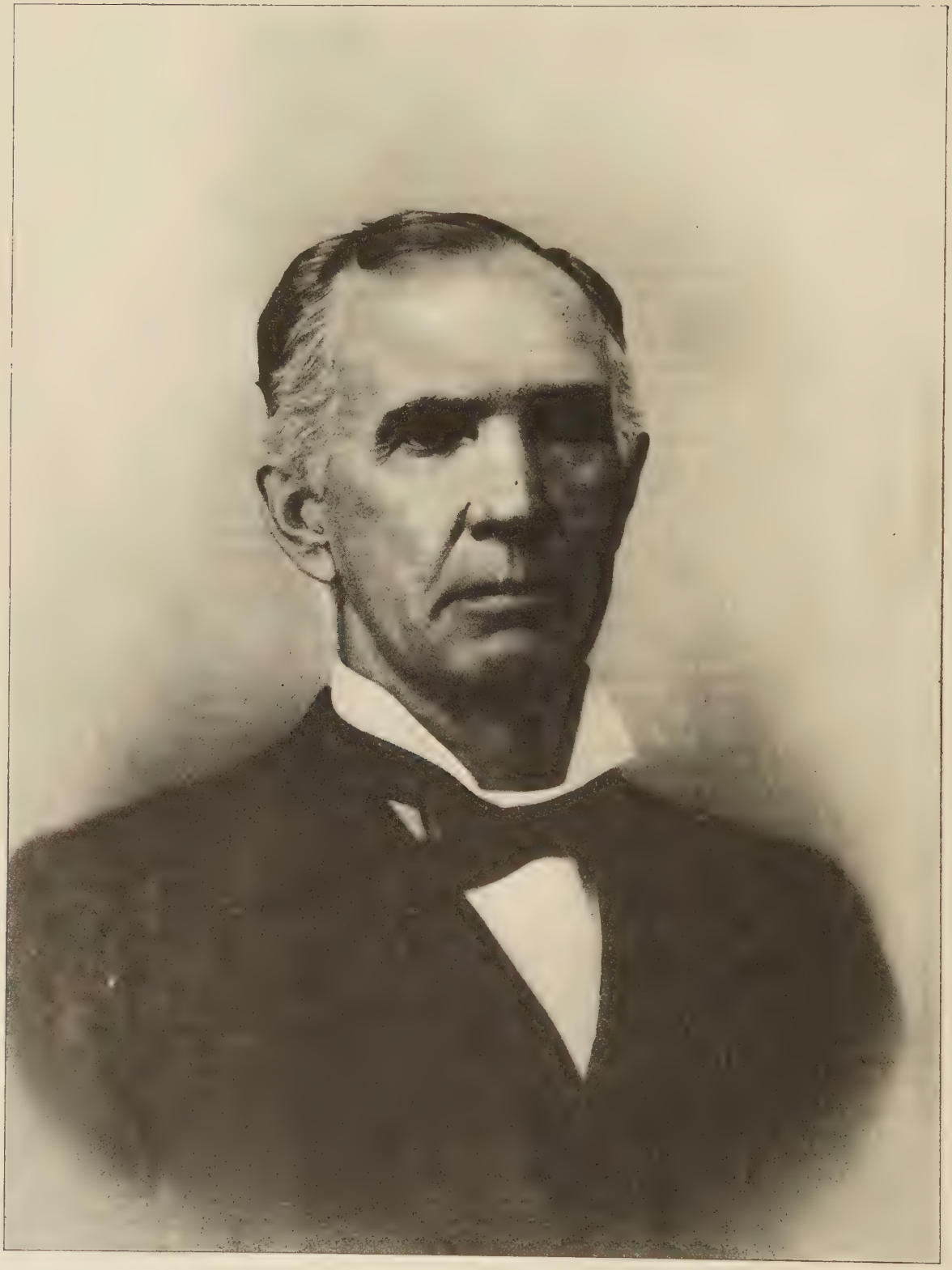
To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were born nine children: Mrs. Anna M. Irvin; Mrs. Margaret R. Scott; Miles E., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead; Harry, also an agriculturist; Mrs. Kate R. Beck; Mrs. Ella Snider; Mrs. Olive Swanger; Mrs. Ida M. Vermilyea; and Melissa, who died at the age of twelve years.

Mr. Anderson is a recognized leader in the ranks of the local Democracy, and has been called upon to fill a number of important positions of honor and trust, including those of high sheriff of his county (1882–85), and justice of the peace. He retired from office as he had entered it, with the confidence, respect and esteem of the entire community, and is one of the most popular and prominent citizens of his adopted county. Since the age of fourteen he has been a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, is one of its most active workers, and has served as elder for many years. His estimable wife is also connected with the same denomination.

SAMUEL T. HOOVER, who for fifteen years has served as justice of the peace of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, is a citizen who represents the best interests of the community, and has been a prominent factor in promoting the enterprises that have secured the substantial development of his township and county. He was born in Armstrong county, Penn., January 1, 1825, a son of Samuel and Sarah (Thomas) Hoover, natives of the Keystone State. His father followed farming throughout the greater part of his life, and was active in Church work. He died at the age of eighty-six years; his wife had preceded him to the grave.

"Squire" Hoover, as our subject is familiarly known, had but limited educational privileges, for the school terms were short and the teachers often but poorly qualified for their duties. He remained on the home farm until eighteen years of age, and then started out to make his own way in the world with but twenty-five cents in his pocket. For his first work he received fifty cents per day, but his wages were gradually increased, and at the end of the year he returned home, having saved $256. This he invested in wild land, and for many years thereafter he operated rafts on the Susquehanna river, navigating that stream from one end to the other. In 1847 he entered the employ of Stewart & Co., and later acted as agent for the company, who had a 1,500-acre tract of timber land. This he managed from 1851 until 1860, when he purchased the store and business of his employers, and continued merchandising until 1863. Mr. Hoover then sold out and came to the farm on which he is still living. It was then a wild wooded tract, which he at once began to improve, and now he has one of the best cultivated farms in Jefferson county. There are good buildings upon the place, the fields are neat and thrifty in appearance, and the owner has for thirty-five years been regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of Gaskill township.

In 1865 Mr. Hoover went to the defense of the Union as a member of Company B, 74th Pennsylvania Infantry, and did valiant service for his country until the close of hostilities, when he returned home to his family. He was married in 1854 to Christiana Kinter, a daughter of



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Finley Kinter, of Indiana county, Penn. They have four children: Alfred E., of Jefferson county; Dr. Burton E., a prominent dentist of Reynoldsville, and the first dental graduate among Jefferson county's native sons; Laura L., wife of John Wainwright, of Omaha, Neb.; and Ella C., wife of Clarence Smith, of Jefferson county. Squire Hoover and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He cast his first Presidential vote for Henry Clay in 1844, and has been identified with the Republican party since its organization. He is an admirer of Grant, Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley and the class of men who have embodied our best American citizenship, and most largely promoted the interests of the nation. He has served in several local offices, and for fifteen years has acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and fairness. He is a man of strong purpose, unfaltering in his support of what he believes to be right, and Jefferson county may well number him among its valued citizens.

HON. WILLIAM L. CORBETT, generally known as Judge Corbett in the neighborhood in which he resided, was born on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1826, in Clarion township, Clarion Co., Penn. The home of his parents, Isaac and Margaret Corbett, stood on the side of the old Susquehanna and Waterford turnpike, about a mile east of Clarion borough. He received his middle name, Lucas, after the family of his mother. His ancestors were among the original settlers of Clarion county, and had been united by the marriage of his grandfather, William Corbett, with the Clovers, a family equally as large. The grandparents, William and Sarah Corbett, were the progenitors of that very large connection at present residing in northwestern Pennsylvania. At the early age of fourteen years William lost his father, and being the only child was left the sole support of his widowed mother. She and her son had been left a farm of considerable size, and as was frequently the case in that day it was accompanied by a scarcity of money. This resulted in many a sacrifice and denial, and furnished Judge Corbett that early training which was the common inheritance of men of his time. His boyhood was mostly consumed by assisting in the management of the farm, and in attendance on the neighborhood schools. As soon as the Clarion Academy was erected and opened, on the site of the present public-school building in Clarion borough, William was entered as a pupil, and attended its sessions until he was about eighteen years of age.

When Clarion was located as the county seat of the new county, then created and named Clarion county, and the ground was broken for its first public buildings in 1840, William was residing with his mother in the old homestead. His education was finished with his course at the Academy. The earliest recollections of Judge Corbett, by those who knew him, show him to have been a taciturn, thoughtful boy. Thrown at a very early period on his own resources, life seemed made up of the sternest realities—in itself, a hard but earnest struggle. And to these early experiences is to be attributed the development of that spirit of independence, indomitable courage and unswerving loyalty to the principles of right and truth which characterized his entire life. In comparison with the advantages of the schools of to-day one must recognize that Judge Corbett's education up to this point was very limited. Undoubtedly as a boy and young man, his attention was attracted to the legal controversies of the county seat, for in that early day great interest was manifested in the legal battles of the courts, and the respective abilities of the different attorneys by the people of the surrounding country. In the eighteenth year of his age William registered as a law student in the office of D. W. Foster, an attorney of Clarion, and as a student read in this gentleman's office. One of his associates has said "his mind ran so strong in the direction of his legal studies that it was not very long until he knew more law than his preceptor did; and such was his proficiency that an exception was made in his favor, the rules of court were suspended so that he could be, as he was, admitted to the Bar before he was of full age." This was February 2, 1847. He was a close student, and in the early days of his student life, and even up to the time he was forty years old, he poured over the text books of the masters of the law into the morning hours. As a young man this close application was varied with an occasional trip down the Clarion river on a metal boat, to obtain money with which to buy books.

Before he was at the Bar two years he was appointed deputy attorney-general for Clarion county, and served in that capacity until the fall of 1850. By study and close attention to business, he soon acquired a reputation and a good practice at the Bar. The law as a profession he regarded as a highly honorable and responsible one, and in it he took a just pride. It is unmistakable that Judge Corbett was born to be a lawyer. He acquired a mastery of legal science so rapidly

and so thoroughly, that in a very short time, for a young man, he rose to the very front rank in the profession. His peculiar physical appearance made him well known to every one in Clarion county. Every one that ever attended court, and caught sight of him once, would ever know him. Massive, rugged and robust, in motion slow, in speech sonorous and deliberate, grave in aspect, serious in demeanor, of antique and heroic mold, he, in heated debate, seemed the incarnation of force and energy and power. In the trial of cases in court, he was a leader in Clarion and adjoining counties for many years. For forty years he occupied the position as the leading trial lawyer in cases before those courts. He was uniformly and thoroughly a lawyer. Everything that came under his observation was considered and treated in a lawyer-like manner. If it was making an improvement, erecting a house, or making preparations for an outing to hunt or fish, every need and want was considered and provided for in the most practical way. Preparation was the secret of Judge Corbett's success. There were few questions that he read or heard inquired of relating to his profession that did not receive immediate deliberation and examination. Very frequently what was considered general knowledge with him, was the result of study in anticipation of being called upon for an expression of his opinion. In the trial of cases Judge Corbett gave himself up more completely to this principle of life. From his introduction into a case he commenced a critical analysis of it in all its phases. A page was immediately set apart in his brief book, and when the day of trial came there was a record of the points likely to arise, and the authorities relating to the same. In his advice to one younger at the Bar who expressed regret of the manner a trial of a case embarassed him, he said that the best cure for nervousness under such circumstances was thorough preparation.

Judge Corbett in early life was a Whig in politics, but in 1854 he attached himself to the Democratic party, and on several occasions was chosen delegate to county and State conventions. In 1868 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention that nominated Horatio Seymour for President. In 1872 he was elected delegate-at-large to the State Constitutional Convention, and served on its most important committees. In this distinguished body he met the leading lawyers and public men of that period in Pennsylvania, and his ability and character became known throughout the State, and the friendships formed with its leaders were cherished throughout life. In 1876 he was elected a member of the State Senate of Pennsylvania, and served two years. Here his ability as a lawyer was at once recognized, and he was assigned to the most responsible committees. This term in the Senate was characterized by a spirited discussion on anti-discrimination and pipe-line bills. Judge Corbett, while representing a district then the heart of the oil territory of the State, was expected to take an active part in supporting measures before the Legislature on these subjects. This he did as to the pipe-line bill, but he refused to speak on behalf of the anti-discrimination bill, as he believed, as drawn, it was unconstitutional, and the history of subsequent legislation on this subject in Congress supported the view taken by Judge Corbett at that time. His refusal to act in opposition to his convictions to please a few was used against him, and his service in the Senate was limited to one term.

In January, 1885, he was appointed president judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District, by Gov. Pattison, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. James G. Knox, and served during that year. He brought to the discharge of the duties of that office the same ability and integrity that characterized all his actions through life. One of the most important cases that came up before him remains in the reports as a monument of his legal ability. In the case of Commonwealth *ex. rel.* The Attorney General *vs.* the N. Y., L. E. & W. R. R. Co., 114 Penn. 340, the State sought to escheat the lands of the defendant company. Eminent counsel appeared on both sides of the case. After hearing the argument Judge Corbett took the case from the jury. An appeal was taken, and the supreme court reversed the ruling of the lower court. Two years afterward, in Commonwealth *vs.* N. Y., L. E. & W. R. R. Co. *et al.*, 132 Penn. 591, the same question came before the higher court, and after a re-argument the court reversed its former ruling. The supreme court then ordered a re-argument in the first case, and in Commonwealth *vs.* Railroad Co., 139 Penn. 457, reversed their former ruling and adopted the view taken of the case by Judge Corbett.

Judge Corbett's love for dumb animals was particularly noticeable to those who knew him. Very frequently in passing from the court house to his office would he speak to a dog, or to a horse tied to a hitching post. So familiar was he with these fellow creatures that a delivery horse of a neighboring grocery store would prick up his ears whenever the Judge came in sight. Most of the children of Clarion knew him; and it was unusual for him to pass a small child without noticing it. In his profession he was es-

pecially spoken of for his kindness to his fellow members of the Bar, and particularly to beginners, in always having time to talk with them over hard points in their practice.

On January 22, 1895, Judge Corbett tried a case in the common pleas of Clarion county, in which he made a long and exhaustive argument. He retired that night in very good spirits, expecting to commence another case the following morning. About dawn of the next day he was stricken with paralysis. Then followed fifteen days during which part of the time he was conscious; at other times in his delirium he was trying again the legal battles of his past life, asking the court or the jury, in the name of justice, to remember the favorable points of his client's cause; and to overlook wherein he had failed. Pleading, as he was wont to do, for the supremacy of mercy, justice and truth, the strong and noble spirit of William L. Corbett passed into the presence of his Creator, seeking "no reward but the crown for duty done."

We cannot close this short sketch of such a character in a more fitting manner than to quote the resolution of the Bar of Jefferson county: "That of him we can truthfully say, that he was an honest man, a law-abiding man; that he proved himself in the several courts to be an attorney of sound learning and ability, faithful alike to the court and to his client, that he used no falsehood, and never retarded the administration of justice for either lucre, malice, or to obtain an unfair advantage."

MAJ. BERNARD J. REID, a gallant soldier, lawyer and civilian of prominence of Clarion, Clarion county, was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., April 24, 1823, a son of Meredith and Eleanor (Hanlon) Reid.

Both parents were natives of Ireland, and there resided until they reached manhood and womanhood. Immigrating to America in 1817, they located in Westmoreland county, Penn. Meredith Reid was a surveyor, and on coming to this country pursued that vocation in connection with mercantile pursuits and school teaching, throughout his lifetime. He was a sturdy son of the Emerald Isle, and made a good citizen in his adopted country. He died in Westmoreland county in 1844. His wife departed this life two years previously.

Bernard J. Reid was born at a period in the history of that section when the subscription schools were in vogue, before the advent of the public schools. He attended both, however, and also an academy near Fayetteville, Ohio, where the classics were taught. At the age of sixteen years he began teaching, and for three years taught in the public schools of his native county. In April, 1842, he came to the borough of Clarion, and for one year taught a select school, when he became editor and part owner of the *Iron County Democrat*. In 1844 this paper was consolidated with the *Clarion Republican*, the new paper being styled the *Clarion Democrat*, and was published by Reid & Alexander. In the fall of 1845 Mr. Reid disposed of his interest to his partner, he having in the spring of that year been appointed surveyor of the county by Governor Shunk. He faithfully devoted himself to the duties of the office until in June, 1847, and at intervals read law under the direction of Thomas Sutton, of the Clarion Bar. From June, 1847, until May, 1849, he was employed at St. Louis, Mo., in the office of the surveyor-general of public lands for the district of Illinois and Missouri. In May, 1849, he started across the Plains *en route* to California, the journey occupying over five months. He remained in that State until 1852, being engaged in mining, printing, farming, and teaching. He taught school for one year and a part of that time he was Professor of English, Mathematics, and Spanish in Santa Clara. In December, 1852, he returned to Clarion, Penn., resumed his law studies with his former preceptor—Thomas Sutton—and was admitted to the Bar December 9, 1853. He practiced his profession alone until 1857, when he entered into partnership with Robert Sutton. This law firm continued until the fall of 1860, when, Mr. Sutton abandoning the law for the Ministry, Mr. Reid became associated in practice with James Craig.

In July, 1861, immediately after the battle of Bull Run, Mr. Reid, fired with patriotism, began recruiting a company to go into the Civil war in defense of the Union. On September 5, 1861, Captain Reid marched with his company to the front. It became Company F, 63d P. V. I., Col. Alexander Hays, commanding the regiment. Captain Reid participated in all the skirmishes and engagements in which the regiment figured during the Peninsula campaign, and on August 1, 1862, he was honorably mustered out of service at Harrison's Landing, Va. He then returned to Clarion and resumed his law practice alone, Mr. Craig his former partner, having closed his office and gone West. In June, 1863, on General Lee's invasion into Pennsylvania, which prompted the governor to call out the Militia of the State, Captain Reid raised a company for three months' service and marched to Pittsburg where it became Company D, 57th

Pennsylvania militia, and its captain the major of the regiment. Major Reid remained with the command until it was mustered out of the service August 17, 1863. The only active service this regiment was engaged in was in the chase and capture of General Morgan and his raiders near New Lisbon, Ohio.

On returning home he resumed the practice of his profession. In 1865 the law firm of Reid & Patrick was formed, Major Reid associating with him J. H. Patrick. From the spring of 1871 till the spring of 1874 Major Reid was a resident of Titusville, Penn., going at the latter date to Erie, Penn., where he remained until in August, 1877. Since then he has resided at Clarion, and has been engaged in his chosen calling, associated from 1878 to 1889 with his eldest son, and from the latter date up to the present with F. J. Maffett, the firm being Reid & Maffett. Major Reid is one of the substantial citizens of Clarion. He is not only an able lawyer, but a man whose learning and talents have been recognized in other lines of the activities of life. On the organization of the Clarion State Normal School in 1887, he was made a trustee of the institution, and has since sustained that relation to it. He is also one of the Educational committee.

On February 21, 1854, Mr. Reid was united in marriage with Miss Letitia Farran, daughter of John Farran, and six of their nine children survive, namely: Ambrose B., Charles V., Mary Agnes, George J., Letta E. and Norbert S. Mary Agnes and Letta E. are Sisters of Mercy, and in the order are known as Sister Mary Agnes and Sister Alphonsa. The eldest son was admitted to the Bar in 1878, and since 1889 he has been located in the practice at Pittsburg. George J. is a Catholic priest located at New Castle, Penn. The parents of these are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Major Reid is identified with the G. A. R., in which he has served as commander. He is now (1897) Judge Advocate of the Department of Pennsylvania. Since 1872 he has acted with the Democratic party.

REV. RUSSELL MADISON FELT, who is now living retired in Sligo, Penn., was for many years one of the leading Methodist Episcopal ministers in this Conference.

He was born in Potter county, Penn., November 6, 1839, and is a son of Comfort D. and Marcia (Robinson) Felt, natives of Allegany, N. Y., where they continued to make their home until coming to Brockwayville, Jefferson county, Penn., in 1846. Both had previously been married, the father's first wife being a Miss Clark, by whom he had children as follows: Orange, who died, and had a son, Adelbert; Charles, a farmer of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and Mrs. Lucina Benson, a widow living in Chautauqua county. The mother first married Russell Madison, and to them were born three sons: Harley, who was killed at the battle of Petersburg during the Civil war; Alonzo, a resident of Brockwayville, Penn., and Sidney G., who is engaged in lumbering in the State of Washington. Our subject is the second in order of birth of the children of the second union, the others being Betsy E., who first married Jacob Linzenbigler, and after his death wedded Mahaman Heathe, a farmer of Clearfield county, Penn.; Rachel M., twin sister of our subject and the wife of William Rice, a retired farmer and lumberman living in Brockwayville; Jacob D., who died in 1854, at the age of thirteen years; Polly E., wife of David Rimer, a farmer of Clearfield county; and Ira, who died in infancy. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in Brockwayville May 10, 1871, at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife passed away in June, 1885, at the age of seventy-eight, both being laid to rest in the Brockwayville cemetery. When married they were members of the Baptist Church, but later united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father became an exhorter and class leader in the same. He always took quite an active and prominent part in Church work, and was a liberal contributor to all enterprises for the betterment of his fellowmen.

Mr. Felt, whose name introduces this sketch, was seven years old when he left the farm on which he was born and removed with his parents to Jefferson county, locating near Brockwayville. Until he had attained his majority he remained at home, engaging in both lumbering and farming, and at the age of twenty-two purchased a farm in Snyder township, Jefferson county, which he successfully operated for eight years. In the meantime he had enlisted, August 29, 1864, in Company B, 211th P. V. I., under Capt. Charles McLain. In front of Petersburg, April 2, 1865, he was three times wounded, twice in the left shoulder and once in the neck. For eight hours he lay on the battlefield, and was then taken to City Point hospital, three days later to a hospital in Washington, D. C., where he also remained three days, and from there was transferred to a hospital in Philadelphia, where he was finally discharged.

On his return home Mr. Felt resumed farming, but in 1874 he joined the Erie Conference for the purpose of devoting his time to the work

of the ministry. For one year he was located at Putneyville, later spent two years in charge of the congregations at Emerickville and Reynoldsville; was then stationed at President, Venango county, one year; three years in Washington township, Clarion county; three years in Rockland; two years in New Bethlehem; two years in Bellevue, Jefferson county; and for five years was pastor of the Church at Sligo. Owing to ill health he retired in 1893, and has since made his home in the last-named place.

In Brockwayville, Penn., August 7, 1861, Mr. Felt was married to Miss Anna S. Rimer, Squire Samuel B. Behman performing the ceremony. Two children blessed their union: Emerson D., who is engaged in clerking in Venango county, Penn., married Luella Boarland, and has two children—Rush W. and Charles; Jennie G. is the wife of Harry C. Hodil, a merchant of Sligo. Mrs. Felt was born in Porter township, Clarion county, December 16, 1840, and is a daughter of Christian and Anna (Shick) Rimer, natives of Northampton and Clarion counties, respectively. They were married in the latter county, where they continued to reside until 1855, when they removed to Dayton, Armstrong Co., Penn., where during his last years the father lived retired. The mother died in 1845 at the age of twenty-nine years, and was buried at Churchville, Clarion county. She left the following children—Elizabeth, now the wife of Christ Space, a stone mason and farmer living near New Bethlehem, Penn.; David, who married Polly Felt, a sister of our subject, and is engaged in farming in Clearfield county; Nancy J., deceased wife of Z. Space, who conducts a meat market at New Bethlehem; Anna S., wife of our subject; Catherine, deceased wife of James A. Gorley, a farmer of Warren county, Penn.; Robert A., a farmer of Armstrong county; and William, an agriculturist of Big Run, Pennsylvania.

After the death of his first wife, Christian Rimer married Margaret Beers, by whom he had seven children, namely: Mary A., wife of James Schrecengost, of Armstrong county; Jacob, who is engaged in the bee business in that county; Priscilla, wife of Charles Frye, a merchant of Illinois; Maria, wife of James Terp, a machinist, now engaged in the foundry business in Du Bois, Penn.; Lydia, wife of a Mr. Smith, a wagon maker of Armstrong county; Ala, wife of John Gray, a farmer of that county; and John, a merchant of Illinois. The father was an extensive land owner, and was a very successful agriculturist. He was a prominent and active member of the Presbyterian Church, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He departed this life June 8, 1889, at the age of seventy-eight years, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Dayton, Armstrong county.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Felt were Jacob and Elizabeth (Hilliard) Rimer, who were born, reared and married in Northampton county, Penn. On coming to Clarion county they located on the present site of the town of Rimersburg, which was named in honor of the grandfather. Here he took up 300 acres of land, which he divided into town lots and subsequently sold at one dollar per lot. He then removed to a farm in Toby township, a mile and a half from Rimersburg, on the Callensburg road, where he made his home until his death. His remains were interred by the side of those of his wife in the Churchville cemetery in Clarion county. Christian and Betsy Shick, the maternal grandparents of Mrs. Felt, were natives of Northampton county, and came with the Rimer family on their removal to Clarion county, where they died, being buried in the Oak Ridge cemetery. They were consistent members of the German Reformed Church.

Fraternally, Mr. Felt is a prominent member of Sligo Post, G. A. R., while, politically, he is identified with the Republican party. His estimable wife is also an earnest and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has proved a true helpmeet to him, always having aided and encouraged him in his work. They have labored untiringly in the Master's cause, and long after they have entered into their final rest their influence will continue in everlasting circles.

BYRON H. FRAMPTON, the present postmaster of Clarion and for years an active and leading business man of that borough and of Clarion county, was born in Clarion township, October 31, 1857, and is a representative of one of the earliest families of the Commonwealth.

William Frampton, as far as is known, was the progenitor of the family in America. He was a Quaker or Friend, and was associated with William Penn in the first settlement of the State, holding high positions in the infant colony. In 1686 he was keeper of the seal, and in a book containing the early records of their proceedings (a copy of which is in the possession of Judge Tuttle, of Warren, Ohio), also in "Colonial Records, Vol. 1," Carnegie Library, Allegheny, Penn., William Frampton is frequently spoken of. He was a prominent merchant of the then young city of Philadelphia, and, in the book referred to, is given an invoice of goods im-

ported by him. He was a prominent member of the Council or Legislature of the Colony or Commonwealth.

Samuel F. Frampton, the father of B. H. Frampton, and the son of David Frampton, who was a direct descendant of the William Frampton mentioned, was born here in Clarion county (then Armstrong county), A. D. 1813, his mother being, before marriage, Miss Hannah Lebaugh. Samuel Frampton married Eveline Reynolds, who, too, was a native of Clarion county, where both passed their lives, he dying in 1886, and she in 1896, being among the very best people of the county, having lived useful lives. He was engaged largely in farming, and amassed considerable of a fortune. He was a most active and enterprising citizen of Clarion county, and left his impress upon the community. He was one of the founders of the First National Bank, of Clarion, Penn., also of Reid Institute, which was for many years one of the best institutions of this section. The children of this couple were: Melinda, who is the wife of R. S. Cathus; Richard R., who is a prominent oil merchant of Oil City, Penn.; Elizabeth E., who married J. H. Elliott; Minerva J., who is the wife of Hon. J. H. Wilson; Anna B., who is the wife of Dr. W. L. Williams, of Ridgway, Penn.; David T., who resides at Clarion; Eva A., who married T. M. Kier, now of Peru, Ind., and she is now deceased; Ida M,, who is the wife of Rev. John S. Wrightner; and Byron H., who is the subject of this review.

Byron H. Frampton was reared on his father's farm, remaining there until twenty-two years of age. He received his education in the public schools and at Reid's Institute. On leaving the farm he went to Callensburg, and became engaged in mercantile pursuits, following that business there for three years. He was next occupied for two years in the lumber business, following which he again went into merchandising, this time at Clarion. He was a successful merchant of the borough for the succeeding seven years when he engaged in the insurance business and became interested in oil producing, and followed these lines of business several years. In 1893 he was appointed postmaster of Clarion, and has since filled the position with ability.

On April 12, 1882, Mr. Frampton was married to Miss Nellie M. Mohney, who was born at Strattonville, Penn., in 1862, and is a daughter of Peter Mohney, a prominent merchant of Strattonville, Penn. To this marriage have come two sons and one daughter, Villard, Samuel, and Romaine. The parents of these are identified with the Baptist Church; the father has been leader of the choir for the past twelve years. Both are interested in all work having for its object the elevation of morals and the good of the community. Socially, Mr. Frampton is a member of the F. &. A. M., and I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat, believing firmly in the principles of the party, and has ever been active in party work. Postmaster Frampton is one of Clarion's good men and one of its best citizens.

WILLIAM S. REED, deceased, was for many years one of the leading and prominent stock-raisers and farmers of Clarion county. His entire life was passed in Highland township, where his birth occurred in 1823. He was the second son in a large family, whose parents were John and Jane (Lamb) Reed, highly respected citizens and honored pioneers of Highland township, where the father was at one time owner of 1,500 acres of land.

Reared upon the home farm, William S. Reed obtained a good practical education in the public schools of the locality, and also became thoroughly familiar with every department of farm work. In 1848 he purchased 180 acres of land adjoining the old homestead, and after clearing some of the land, he erected thereon a small house and made other improvements. Having secured a home of his own, his next desire was to have some one preside over it. Accordingly in 1852 he married Miss Elizabeth Berlin, of Beaver township, Clarion county, a daughter of Paul and Nancy Berlin, well-to-do farming people, who spent their last years in Forest county, Penn. In their family were nine children: Lavina, wife of Jacob Mires, of Olean, N. Y.; Elizabeth, widow of our subject; Elias; Jacob; Ann; John; Sarah; Lucy and Emily.

Mr. Reed took his bride to his new home, and upon that place he spent the remainder of his life. In 1877 he erected a commodious residence with all the modern improvements, and at the time of his death had converted the wild land into one of the most desirable and highly cultivated farms of Highland township. There he passed away October 25, 1880, leaving many friends as well as his family to mourn their loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed became the parents of eleven children, all born on the home farm in Highland township: (1) Nancy, born in September, 1853, is now the wife of Joseph De Vilder, a farmer of Highland township, and has ten children—Maud E., May, Mary Blanch, William N., Edith, Pearl, Frank, Geneveive, Margaret and Theresa. (2) Rose Ellen, born in April,

1855, received a common-school education, and married Wisor Kahl, of Fryburg, Clarion county, where she died in 1890, leaving a husband and seven children—Frank Howard, John Royal, George W., Edna G., Elizabeth, Grover C. and Nellie. (3) Araminta F., born in December, 1856, is the wife of Edward Bower, a farmer of Warren county, Penn., by whom she has four sons—John R., Arthur L., James and Amos. (4) Caroline E., born in October, 1858, was married in December, 1881, to William H. Halselback, a native of Sweden, and they now live in Falls Creek, Jefferson Co., Penn., where he is part owner in the Falls Creek Brick Works; they have six children—Mary E., Grace, Helen G., Fred W., Elsie and Walter. (5) Lavina A., born August 17, 1860, received a common-school education, and married Miles Croocks, of Clarion county. They reside near Strattonville on the James Croocks homestead. Their children are: Margaret E., Charles Reed, Daisy Nell, Hazel and Samuel A. (6) John Paul, born in November, 1862, was married in 1891 to Lydia Sterrett, of Clarion county, and they reside on the old homestead, where he has erected a large two-story house; they have two sons—Archie and Cecil Ray. (7) S. Gertrude, born in February, 1865, attended the public schools, but completed her education in the Clarion Normal. She is a very fine scholar, and has for seven years successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion and Forest counties. (8) William Albert, born in April, 1867, obtained his early education in the common schools, and has also taught for five years in the public schools of Clarion county. In 1891 he graduated at the Clarion Normal, after which he taught for two terms, and then entered the Washington and Jefferson College, graduating at that institution in the spring of 1897. In the fall of that year he entered the Allegheny Theological Seminary, where he is preparing for the Presbyterian ministry. He is a remarkably bright young man, and undoubtedly a brilliant, as well as a useful, future awaits him. At the early age of twenty years he was elected elder of the Presbyterian Church with which he is connected, and has also served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. (9) Amos R., born in August, 1869, graduated at the Clarion State Normal School in 1896, he also having attended Franklin College, of Ohio. He has followed the teacher's profession for four or five years, and is now teaching in Washington, Penn. (10) James E. Clyde, born in August, 1871, secured a common-school education; he was married in 1895 to Elizabeth Doters, of Forest county, and they now live upon a part of his grandfather Reed's purchase, adjoining his mother's home. (11) Malissa, born in May, 1873, died at the age of one year.

Mr. Reed used his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and filled the offices of school director and supervisor for one term each. He was an active and prominent member of the Presbyterian Church of Shiloh, to which his widow and children also belong. He gave a liberal support to all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, educational or material welfare of his community, and took an active part in all Church work. At all times and under all circumstances he was an earnest, consistent Christian gentleman, and in many respects his life was well worthy of emulation. His children have profited by his example, and now fill honorable and useful positions in life. The family is one of prominence in educational, religious and social circles, and the sterling worth of its members is appreciated by their many friends.

W. I. REED, of the firm of Sansom & Reed, editors and publishers of the Clarion *Democrat*, is a man whose make-up and qualifications are well suited for the successful conduct of a newspaper.

Mr. Reed is the son of Thomas and Frances (Irwin) Reed, natives of Beaver county, Penn., the birthplace of the son. The latter received his education in the common schools of his native county. At the age of sixteen years he began serving an apprenticeship in the office of the *Venango County Republican* at Oil City, where he laid the foundation for his profession. He continued in the printing business in Oil City for several years, then engaged in the same business for himself at Indianapolis, Ind. Later he connected himself with the press of Pittsburg, Penn., and in Beaver county, Penn., as an editor, publisher and business manager. There he remained until coming to Clarion in 1885. He was one of the publishers of the Beaver *Argus*, and established the Rochester (Penn.) *Daily Argus*. He served as clerk of the committee on Public Buildings and Grounds at Washington, D. C., during the Congressional term of 1882–83. He is a stockholder and has been a director of the Clarion State Normal School since its establishment. He is also secretary of the board of trustees of that institution. In 1885 he became a partner with George G. Kribbs in the publication of the Clarion *Democrat*, with which paper he has ever since been identified. Since 1890 the paper has been conducted by Messrs. Sansom & Reed, and under their excellent business management and

able editorship the paper has wielded an influence for good in the county of Clarion, where it is a potent factor in the politics of the party whose cause it has espoused.

In 1875 Mr. Reed was married to Miss Clara M. Dale, a daughter of David Dale, a pioneer of Clarion county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the Baptist Church of Clarion, the former being clerk of the Clarion Baptist Association, a position which he has held for years—longer than any of his predecessors. He is also a member of the F. and A. M. He is one of the best citizens of Clarion, using his talent and influence in the promotion of all measures having for their object the elevation of mankind, and aiding such enterprises as look to the development of the resources of Clarion county.

W. L. SANSOM, one of the editors and publishers of the Clarion *Democrat*, like his associate, is well fitted and qualified for the profession which he has so long and successfully followed.

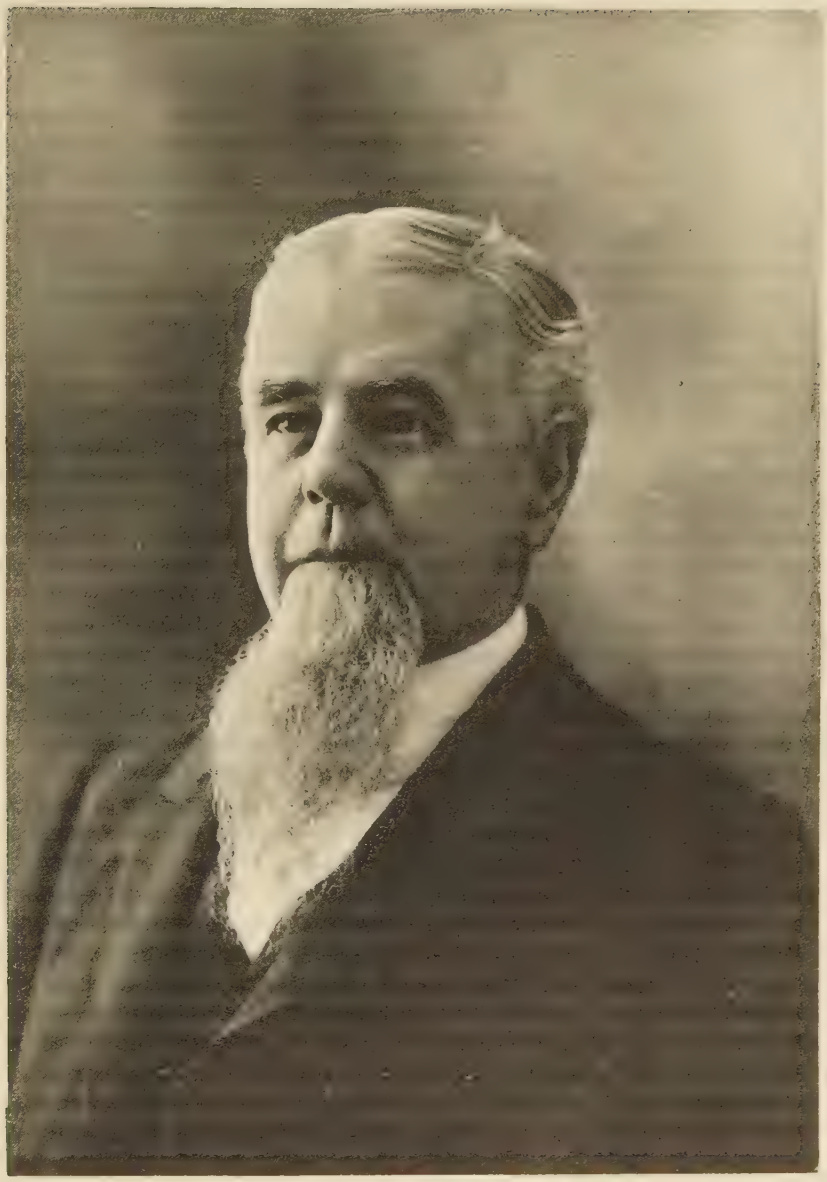
James B. Sansom, his father, before him was a practical printer, editor and publisher. The son was born May 5, 1854, at McConnellsburg, Fulton county, Penn. In 1862 he went with the family to Indiana county, and in the schools there received his elementary education. Leaving school when but fourteen years of age he entered the office of the Indiana *Democrat*, then published by his father, where he remained seven years. At the expiration of this time he was appointed to a clerkship in the Auditor-General's office at Harrisburg, Penn., under Gen. Justus F. Temple, and was re-appointed under Hon. William P. Schell. He served in the position for six years. In July, 1880, he purchased a half interest in the *Jeffersonian Democrat* at Brookville, Penn., Maj. John McMurray owning the other half. In 1889 Mr. Sansom purchased his partner's interest in the paper, the Major going to Clarion, where he became associated in the publication of the Clarion *Democrat*. In 1890 Mr. Sansom and Maj. McMurray exchanged their properties, Mr. Sansom coming to Clarion, and the Major going to Brookville. Since that time the Clarion *Democrat* has been very successfully conducted by Sansom & Reed, Mr. Reed having been identified with the paper since 1885. Mr. Sansom is a good newspaper man, understanding thoroughly the business in all its branches. As a citizen he is progressive and enterprising, and he is highly esteemed wherever known.

On December 19, 1897, Mr. Sansom was married to Miss Mary M. Moorhead, a daughter of A. T. Moorhead, of the Indiana *Progress*, a Republican paper. To this union were born four children, as follows: Charles L. (who is in the office with his father), Mary M., Dorothy J. and Martha E. The parents are members of the M. E. Church of Clarion. Mr. Sansom is a member of the F. & A. M.; and also of the K. of P. He is now serving as school director.

THE CLARION DEMOCRAT, a bright and newsy paper of Clarion, Clarion county, now published and edited by Messrs. Sansom & Reed, was established at Clarion in May, 1840, by William T. Alexander and Robert Barber. It was then styled the *Republican*. In 1844 the *Republican* was consolidated with the *Democrat*, which was founded in 1842, under the name of the Clarion *Democrat*, with B. J. Reed and William T. Alexander as proprietors and editors. In 1845 Mr. Reed sold his interest to his partner, and during the same year Col. Alexander took in as a partner George W. Weaver, of Bellefonte, and the two conducted the paper for seven years. In June, 1862, James T. Burns became connected with the paper, but in December, 1862, sold his interest to R. B. Brown, who in 1864 became sole proprietor and editor. In January, 1872, Mr. Brown introduced the first steam press used in the county. In 1877 George F. Kribbs became owner and editor of the *Democrat*, and conducted it until in 1885, when he was joined in the publication by W. I. Reed. These men were associated with its publication until in 1889, at which time Mr. Kribbs disposed of his interest to Maj. John McMurray, who came from the Brookville *Jeffersonian*. At the close of that year Maj. McMurray was succeeded by W. L. Sansom, and from that time to this the paper has been conducted by Sansom & Reed.

HON. E. HEATH CLARK, present judge of Clarion county, is a native of Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., born July 22, 1839, a son of Jesse G. and Sarah W. (Hastings) Clark, and a grandson of William and Susan (Griffeth) Clark.

William Clark, the grandfather, was a native of the Keystone State, born February 19, 1791, near Danville, Montour county, and was by trade a carpenter. In 1812 he enlisted in a company of men numbering about one hundred, *en route* for Black Rock, New Buffalo, on Lake Erie. On the march from Lewiston to their destination they passed over the old State Road through Brookville and camped one night at



Yours Truly
E. Heath Clark

Rigleys, on the top of Anderson's Creek hill, near Curwensville, Clearfield county, and also at Port Barnett, near Brookville. About 1825 Mr. Clark moved to Blairsville, Indiana Co., Penn., where he lived until 1830, and was engaged in building locks on the canal. In October, 1830, he moved his family to Brookville, Jefferson county, at which time there was but one house within the present limits of that thriving town. The second house, a hotel, was erected by Mr. Clark, on the northwest corner of Jefferson and Pickering streets, where the home of the Hon. A. C. White now stands. Later Mr. Clark purchased the lots on the corner of Main and Mill streets, now occupied by the Hon. Henry Truman. On this lot the second hotel of Brookville, prior to 1839, was erected by William Clark. In 1839 he moved his family to Clarion, Penn. He took an active and prominent part in politics and was twice elected sheriff of Jefferson county, and for four years carried the mail to Indiana, Penn. He married Susan Griffeth, and they became the parents of: Jesse G., Matilda S., William F., Calvin B. and Jane E. William Clark died in 1843, and his wife in 1862.

Jesse G. Clark was born January 22, 1815. When the family in 1839 moved to Clarion, Jesse G. purchased three lots, on one of which he erected a hotel, which he called the "Forest House," but which to-day is still standing, well preserved, and known to the public as the "Loomis House," the property of M. Murphy. In 1841 this hotel property was sold to Robert Barber, of Strattonville, and the family returned to Brookville. That year Jesse G., in partnership with his brother, William F., established a general merchandise business at the corner of Main and Pickering streets, now the site of the Matson Brick Block. As early as 1832 Jesse G. Clark had, in connection with James P. Blair, embarked in the newspaper business. They established and edited at Brookville a weekly paper known as the *Back Woodsman*. This paper later passed into the hands of Thomas Hastings (father-in-law of Jesse G. Clark), who successfully conducted it for a number of years. After disposing of the paper, Jesse G. Clark entered the law office of Elijah Heath, and about 1838 was admitted to the Bar. He practiced law for some time with the late Lewis B. Dunham, and in 1841 became associated with Barclay D. Jenks, a brother of the Hon. William P. and Hon. George A. Jenks, of Brookville. For a number of years Mr. Clark was land agent for Charles Oglesby, who owned large tracts of land in Jefferson and Clarion counties. He was, also, much interested in politics, and in 1844 made a political speech at Shippenville—the late Judge Samuel Gilmore was also one of the speakers on that occasion. The excitement of that campaign may be judged from the fact that the procession which left Brookville to attend the meeting was four miles long before reaching Shippenville. Jesse G. Clark married Sarah W. Hastings, who was born March 19, 1819, in Centre county, Penn., a daughter of Thomas Hastings. The latter was one of the most distinguished citizens of the time, and held the office of sheriff in Centre county; in 1827–28 was a member of the General Assembly; and in 1846 was appointed by Gov. Francis Shunk as associate judge of Jefferson county. He died in Brookville in 1871 and his wife, with whom he had passed over half a century of wedded life, did not long survive him. To Jesse G. Clark and wife were born two children, who grew to maturity: E. Heath Clark, mentioned below; and William T., who was born May 7, 1841, and died June 20, 1883; he served in the Civil war, enlisting first in the three-months' service and later re-enlisting for three years. Jesse G. Clark died in Brookville, February 4, 1847, and his widow formed a second matrimonial alliance—her second husband being Capt. Robert R. Means, who was born April 25, 1819, and died October 4, 1877. Mrs. Means, mother of E. Heath Clark, died June 4, 1889.

Hon. E. Heath Clark received his early education in the public schools of Brookville, then at the academy at Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Penn., and in 1858 at the academy of New Bethlehem, Clarion county. In the early '60s he began the study of law with George W. Ziegler, of Brookville, and continued this study with W. P. and George A. Jenks, of the same place, and was admitted to the Bar in 1866. Since that time he has given his attention exclusively to his profession, and his application has been rewarded by a success most gratifying to his ambition. His motto is justice for all and favors for none. The first year of his legal practice he passed alone at Brookville, and then formed a partnership with Lewis A. Grunder, which lasted until 1869, when Mr. Clark entered the law firm of W. P. and George A. Jenks as a partner, which partnership continued until the election of W. P. Jenks to the Bench in 1871. George A. Jenks and Mr. Clark continued under the firm name of Jenks & Clark for nearly twenty years, when Mr. Clark formed a partnership with his half-brother, George W. Means, and until 1891 this firm enjoyed a most lucrative practice. During the year 1891, Mr. Clark's eldest son, Benjamin M., was admitted to the Bar and became a member of the

firm of Clark, Means & Clark. That year Mr. E. Heath Clark was elected Judge of the 18th Judicial District, comprising the counties of Clarion and Jefferson. In 1895, Jefferson county, having acquired a population of 40,000, was organized into a separate judicial district, No. 51—Clarion county still constituting the 18th, to which Judge Clark now gives his entire attention.

On April 22, 1861, Judge Clark was married to Miss Matilda H. McCreight, a daughter of Benjamin and Eliza Harriet McCreight, and to them have been born three children: (1) Lida S., who married E. A. Litch, and after his death became the wife of William C. Burton, of Brookville. (2) Benjamin McCreight, now the law partner of George W. Means, of Brookville; and (3) Harry G., a druggist in Franklin, Penn. Benjamin McCreight, the father of Mrs. Clark, served as county commissioner and treasurer of Jefferson county, fulfilling his duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. Mr. and Mrs. McCreight were among the earlier settlers of Brookville, Penn. He died August 3, 1883, at the age of eighty-two years, having been preceded to the unseen life by his devoted wife, who passed away January 26, 1880, at the age of seventy-four years. Her father, Andrew Hunter, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Politically, Judge Clark is a Democrat, and religiously a Presbyterian. He is very popular, both socially as a man, and professionally as a jurist.

PHILIP COOK, deceased, was for a number of years one of the leading farmers and lumbermen of Farmington township, Clarion county, as well as one of its honored and highly-respected citizens. A native of the county, his birth occurred in Beaver township in 1822, but during his boyhood he was taken by his parents, John and Susan (Helpman) Cook, to Cooksburg, in 1828. On reaching manhood he was principally engaged in lumbering and boat building at that place in partnership with his brother, Judge A. Cook, for a number of years.

During the dark days of the Civil war, our subject enlisted in the Union service, but was later discharged on account of physical disability. In 1878 he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Barrett, of Ohio, a daughter of John W. and Sarah Lavely Barrett. Mr. and Mrs. Cook began their domestic life upon the farm in Farmington township, Clarion county, where the latter still resides, it having previously been purchased by Mr. Cook. Upon the place he erected buildings, and made many other excellent improvements which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry.

Mr. Cook died from an injury in May, 1897, leaving a wife and two daughters, besides many friends to mourn his death. His children were: Susan E., who was born in December, 1880, and is now attending the Clarion Normal School; Arthur, who was born in 1882, and died in 1884; and Louisa B., who was born in 1884, and is attending the home school. The mother and daughters reside on the old homestead, and in the social circles of the community they occupy a prominent position. Mrs. Cook holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a most estimable woman.

Politically, Mr. Cook was originally an Old-line Whig and later a Republican. He always took active and commendable interest in local affairs as well as in State politics, and was one of the most prominent members of the party in his community, devoting himself to its best interests. He also advocated a high protective tariff, and was well informed on governmental affairs. Being a man of large business experience and liberal views, he was foremost in almost every enterprise for the public good, when sound judgment and good financial ability were needed. He was an influential citizen, a kind neighbor, and was greatly beloved and respected by all who knew him.

DR. KNIGHT (deceased) was for many years one of the prominent and representative citizens of Richland township, Clarion county. He was born on the old homestead there, January 12, 1831, and was one of the large family of children whose parents were Daniel and Hannah (Reichert) Knight, honored pioneers of Clarion county. The father was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., of German ancestry, and was an agriculturist by occupation. Upon the farm which he owned and operated in Richland township his wife died, but his death occurred in Beaver township, Clarion county.

Our subject spent the days of his boyhood on the home farm, and in Richland township, December 8, 1853, he married Miss Anna Crum, a native of Beaver township. Her father, John Crum, was born in Westmoreland county, a representative of one of its pioneer families, and was married in Armstrong county to Miss Mary Snyder, a native of Bedford county, Penn. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Crum located in Beaver township, Clarion county, where the former died at the age of eighty years and the

latter at the age of fifty-six. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Reformed Church. In their family were five children, namely: George W., a resident of Oil City, Penn.; Isabelle, wife of J. Neely, of Beaver township; O. J., of Clarion county; William, who died at the age of eighteen years; and Mrs. D. R. Knight.

Of the fourteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Knight two are now deceased—George Nelson, who died at the age of nine, and Samuel Washington, at the age of seven years. Those living are as follows: William Irvin; Oliver C.; Alice L., wife of H. J. Slicker, of Richland township; Arminta C., wife of A. L. Boyer, of Richland township; Elmer E.; John W.; Mary F., wife of F. I. Master, of Richland township; Charles E.; Bertha I.; Howard E.; Louis E.; and Jessie N.

Mr. Knight was a thoroughly systematic farmer, and successfully operated his fine farm of 150 acres in Richland township. He was also interested in the oil industry, and was a most reliable, conscientious business man. He served as a member of the school board, and for many years was either a deacon or elder in the Reformed Church in Salem township, of which he was an active and prominent member. His death occurred June 2, 1892, and thus passed to his reward a man of noble character, whose life was well worthy of emulation.

MILES SMITH, justice of the peace and president of the Rimersburg Bank, is one of the most progressive, energetic and reliable business men of Rimersburg. He is a native of Clarion county, his birth occurring in Monroe township, January 9, 1838, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (Delp) Smith. His paternal great-grandfather, John Smith, was born in Germany, and on coming to the United States located in Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn., where he engaged in farming and also served as justice of the peace.

Henry Smith, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Westmoreland county, and in 1810 came to Clarion county, locating at Brush Run, Monroe township, where he operated a sawmill and engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in 1859. His remains were interred on the home farm. In the county of his nativity he had married a Miss Waigley, who was killed by being hooked by a cow. They became the parents of five children: Elizabeth, who married J. Siers; Isaac, father of our subject; Catherine, who married John Clingersmith, sheriff of Clarion county; Hannah, widow of Michael Clingersmith, a brother of John; and Henry, who died in Piney township, Clarion county, at the age of seventy-six. All are now deceased with the exception of Hannah, who lives in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

Isaac Smith was born May 10, 1810, while his parents were *en route* to their new home in Clarion county. On reaching manhood he engaged in farming in this county until his removal in 1870, to Armstrong county, where he lived with his son James until called from this life at the age of sixty-seven years. He was buried in Eddyville, that county. His wife died in Clarion county in 1863, at the age of fifty-two years, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Reedsburg, Penn. Their children were: Susan, who married A. J. Smathers, and both are now deceased; H. A., a blacksmith of Corsica, Penn.; Miles; James, a farmer of Armstrong county; Thomas E., an oil operator of Butler, Penn.; Isaac G., who is also engaged in the same business in Butler, and is numbered among its prominent citizens; Alvin B., who is interested in the oil business in Washington county, Penn.; and Falista, wife of Adam Smith, a farmer of Monroe township, Clarion county.

On leaving home at the age of nineteen years, Miles Smith served an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade with his brother Henry in Greenville, Penn., and as he had some money, he later became a partner in the business. On withdrawing from the firm, he went to Oliver township, Jefferson Co., Penn., where he purchased a farm, which he successfully operated for ten years. He came to Rimersburg in 1871 and for seventeen years conducted a tavern at this place. On the organization of the Rimersburg Bank in 1888, he was chosen president, and has since filled that responsible position.

In Armstrong county, on December 15, 1859, Mr. Smith married Miss Eliza McClatchey, Rev. Thomas Graham, a Methodist Episcopal minister, performing the ceremony. Two children have been born to them, namely: Charles M., an invalid residing at home; and Lucinda C., now the wife of George Culberson, a farmer of Toby township, Clarion county.

Mrs. Smith was born May 12, 1835, in Washington township, Armstrong county, a daughter of James and Phœbe (Watserson) McClatchey, who were natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., but were married in Armstrong county, where the father extensively engaged in farming and also operated a saw and grist mill. His last years were spent in retirement, and he died in 1870, at the age of seventy-six. His wife had passed away in 1850, at the age of fifty-four, and they now sleep side by side in the Presbyterian

cemetery of Middlesex. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. Mrs. Smith's paternal grandfather, James McClatchey, was also an agriculturist by occupation, was three times married, and died in Armstrong county.

Mrs. Smith is one of a large family of children, who in order of birth are as follows: Mary, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-eight years; William, who died in 1894; James, who died in 1882; John, who, it is supposed, was taken from his home by the soldiers to the Missouri river and shot in 1861; Margaret, who resides on the old McClatchey home in Armstrong county, and is the widow of John Tyler, who died of fever in a hospital during his service in the Civil war; Catherine, deceased wife of Nevin Kerr, a retired farmer of Worthington, Penn.; Andrew J., deceased; Susanna, widow of Alexander Chillcot, of Pittsburg, Penn.; Jane, deceased wife of Samuel McGlocklin, of Armstrong county; Eliza, wife of our subject; Samuel, a farmer of Missouri; Phœbe A., wife of John A. Early, who is engaged in the oil business in Armstrong county; and Nancy E., deceased wife of Samuel McGlocklin, who had also married one of her sisters.

The Republican party finds in Mr. Smith an ardent supporter, and he has been called upon to serve as school director for the past two years, was constable in Jefferson county for six years, and in February, 1894, was elected justice of the peace, a position he is still creditably filling. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. U. W., of East Brady, and the I. O. O. F., at Rimersburg. Throughout life Mr. Smith has met with success and it has come to him through energy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind, and by honorable business principles. Possessing a genial and pleasant disposition, he commands the respect of all with whom he comes in contact, and his successful career excites their admiration.

HON. ANTHONY COOK, born January 14, 1824, died November 18, 1891. In this death, one of the truest and best men of this part of the State was taken from the community. Hundreds of people near the home of Judge Cook, in Forest, Jefferson, Clarion and adjoining counties, and among his large circle of friends in his death sustained a personal loss.

The Judge was one of seventeen children of John Cook (deceased), who came from east of the Alleghany Mountains, and first settled in what is now Beaver township, Clarion county. About the year 1826 he entered a tract of land at Cooksburg—the nearest settlement to him being five miles, now Scotch Hill—and at once began to clear up the unbroken forest. In the year 1828, having some land cleared and in wheat, and a house or shanty built, he moved his family into it, having to follow a trail or path and make his own road ahead of him through the dense forests of pine and hemlock. He then built a sawmill at the mouth of Tom's run and began the lumber and boat business, floating his lumber and boats to market down the Clarion and Allegheny rivers, often returning in a canoe with groceries and necessaries for his family. He was twice married, first to Susannah Helpman, who died in 1830, by whom he had ten children, of whom the Judge was one. The father afterward married Miss Catharine Ritter, and this union gave him seven children. His death occurred in 1858 when about seventy years of age, and his wife died in 1872. They were buried in the Cooksburg cemetery, which was John Cook's own established burying ground. His education was very limited, but he was a man of the great industry and the perseverance required to raise and support a large family in the midst of an unbroken wilderness.

Hon. Anthony Cook (known by most people as Andrew) was about four years old when his father took him to where he lived, made his fortune and died. He was reared in the midst of the tall, primeval pines and hemlocks, breathed the pure air of mountains and valleys, and grew to be a giant in strength, six feet five inches in height and weighing 250 to 275 pounds. He was not only a giant in the physical sense, but he had a giant intellect, original in thought and action, and his success in life is the best proof of his judgment and ability. There were no modern school privileges when he was a boy, his nearest school being at Scotch Hill, five miles away, and then the Agnew school across the river from their home, three miles. The principal part of the Judge's education in early life was gained from study at night, after a hard day's labor, by the light of a pitch pine knot. He was a close student all his life; read many good books and periodicals, always read the weekly and daily papers when he could get them, and kept well-posted in politics and the business of the country. A cautious and close observer, his advice especially in business, was considered the best obtainable. The most he ever went to school was after being married and keeping house, when Capt. Phipps, a nephew, taught a small school in the end of the house, in which the

A. Cook

Judge lived; at that time he and his wife had one or two children, but so anxious were they to learn that they both went to school.

From early boyhood the Judge took a great interest in, and assisted his father in his lumber business. When about twenty years of age, he and his two brothers, Philip and Jerry, began the lumber and boat business for themselves. Soon after Jerry was married, and Philip and Andrew carried on the business. In 1843 Andrew bought his brother out, continuing the work alone. In 1849 he married REBECCA ANN, daughter of John and Sarah (Wolf) Maze. There never lived a husband and wife more devoted to each other; the interest of the one was always the interest of the other, and their forty-two years of married life were forty-two years of perfect harmony. They had eight children, the eldest and youngest of whom died in infancy; the remaining children are: John Wesley; Anthony Wayne; Jake Hill; Ida M., widow of the late Samuel W. Calvin; Thomas Burnside; and Hattie J., now Mrs. Dr. C. C. Ross. The chief object of the parents was the welfare of their children, and the children's greatest pleasure was the happiness of the parents. The father is gone, but the mother yet lives to aid and comfort her children, whose greatest joy will be to make the remainder of their mother's life happiness and peace.

Soon after Judge Cook started in business for himself he began accumulating property by purchasing large tracts of timber lands adjoining, and also the homestead and the greater part of the land originally purchased by his father. He was careful in management, gave close attention to his business, and by his own industry, perseverance and pluck, accumulated a large fortune in lands and other property in Forest and Clarion counties, known as the Cooksburg property, on which are erected three sawmills, one flouring-mill, one planing-mill, boat scaffold, several dwelling houses, and a store. In fact it is the best and most valuable timber property, taken as a whole, in this part of the State. He also owned the greater part of a large planing-mill and other property in East Brady; was the president and principal stockholder in the East Brady Bridge Company; also had a large lumber yard and other business interests in Pittsburg, and a large interest in timber lands in Oregon. Besides all these he was one of the founders, stockholders and directors of the Second National Bank of Clarion, of which for four years previous to his death he had been president. In the banking as well as in all his other business he showed more than ordinary skill and management. His good judgment, strict integrity, honest dealings, have not only given him a name and character worthy of imitation, but also a large amount of this world's goods. He was modest and unassuming; kind and generous to the poor, of whom many can testify to his help in times of need, yet these acts of charity were scarcely ever known to any except the one he helped, so carefully was he in such things to suppress publicity. He has been an employer of a great many men, all of whom bear witness of his kindness. Although he required each man to do his work he never exacted more than the simple performance of duty, and all who worked for him will say that his word was as good as his bond.

Our subject took an active part in the organization of Forest county, and was one of the first county commissioners. He held many county and township offices; was elected associate judge in 1870, serving five years. All his official acts were governed by sound judgment, equity and justice. He took a great interest in all public questions, and in politics was a Republican.

Judge Cook generally had the best of health, never having had any illness except a severe attack of typhoid fever when twenty-five years of age, which his strong constitution overcame. In February before he died he was attacked by la-grippe, from which he never recovered. It affected his stomach, finally causing catarrh; his physician, Dr. Joseph N. Dickson,, of Pittsburg, thought a more congenial climate would be beneficial, and advised him to spend the winter in the South. In October, 1891, he, in company with Mrs. Cook, Hattie and Wayne, started south, intending to spend the winter in Georgia. They stopped a few days in Pittsburg and Washington, and when they reached Old Point Comfort (Fortress Monroe) the Judge was tired and they stopped to rest. Dr. Dickson was summoned and found him suffering from malarial fever; the Doctor remained with him, giving him all care that medical skill could afford, but skill and good nursing were of no avail, his time had come, and from the complication of diseases his great constitution gave way, and on the morning of November 18, 1891, he calmly and peacefully breathed his last. His work was done, his great, good heart ceased to beat, and he entered on the unseen life. The body was carefully embalmed and placed in a rolled steel, air-tight casket, and brought to his home at Cooksburg for interment. The funeral took place on November 23. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Andrews, a Universalist minister from Pittsburg, who accompanied the remains from that place. On Sunday night before the burial a large number of the

Judge's intimate friends had gathered to pay their last respects to him. The large house was full to overflowing. Rev. Andrews preached a learned discourse on the subject of prayer, which was listened to with profound interest.

Judge Cook in early life became convinced that there was one God, a Supreme Power, who ruled and governed all, and that all persons and things were subject to that power; he accepted the doctrine of the Universalist Church as being nearest in harmony with his convictions, and lived and died in the belief that God required us all to do right and obey the golden rule, and that He had prepared a better home for all who love Him and keep His commandments. A short time before his death, when asked by his family if he thought he was going to a better home, his answer was, "I think I am."

It was his desire that his remains be placed in a vault. On the lid of the casket was a large silver plate which was engraved:

At Rest.
Anthony Cook.
Born Jan., 14, 1824,
Died Nov., 18, 1891.

At the head of the casket lay a pillow of roses and choice flowers, in which were imbedded "At Rest" in letters of blue. The pillow rested against a large wreath of smilax, roses, chrysanthemums and carnations placed upon palm leaves. A sheaf of wheat, on which lay a sickle made of smilax and flowers as above, rested at the foot of the casket. This was a fitting emblem of a ripened life ready for the sickle of death. The pall bearers were the four sons and four brothers of the deceased. The casket with the remains was taken to the Cooksburg cemetery placed in another air-tight zinc box, enclosed in a water-proof wooden box, and the whole laid in a temporary vault, there to remain until a permanent vault could be made for the final resting place in the same cemetery according to the Judge's wishes. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the flood in the river, the number attending the funeral was the largest ever seen in the vicinity. Thus ends the life of a loved and useful citizen, one who has been sadly missed, not only by his family, but by all his numerous friends. There were few men so widely known and so universally loved and respected—a self-made man and a success in life.

His business has been continued by the family under the name of the A. Cook Sons.

After much time spent in looking up the quality of northern and southern granite, together with the aid of government tests, the contract for the building of the mausoleum was let to the Smith Granite Company of Westerly, R. I., August, 1892. But owing to the general strike prevalent all over the country among the granite cutters at that time, the mausoleum was not completed until the fall of 1893, at a cost of $23,000. The large brocks of granite to be seen throughout the construction of the building were especially referred to in making the contract as more liable to withstand the ravages of time and the elements. The exterior is built of the best quality of blue granite, all exposed parts being finely hammered. The work was all executed at Westerly, R. I., ready for final placement when received at Cooksburg. The general dimensions are 26.2x16.10 on the ground, and 17 feet high. The first and second courses are platforms or steps extending entirely around the building, while the third course projects only in front, and on which rest the four Doric columns that support the front porch. These columns are of polished granite, having carved caps and moulded bases, and, what is rather unusual the columns each with their caps and bases are cut in one piece. The pilasters are cut solid on the ashler, and like the columns have carved caps and moulded bases. Around the ventilator in the front gable, which is in one stone, is a carved wreath of laurel leaves, while immediately below on the frieze over the porch, the name "A. Cook" appears in raised letters, face polished. The roof is composed of five stones, each one extending the whole length of the building. The floor is of one stone also, which is highly polished and ornamented with a beautiful conventional design, extending the entire length and breadth of the vestibule; the ends of the latter are hammered blue granite and formed by the ashler extending through the wall; the ceiling is formed by one stone of blue, while all other parts are finished in red.

The mausoleum contains twenty catacombs, ten on either side; the doors, catacomb handles, guard for the window and grills for the ventilators are all of bronze. The two doors of bronze at the entrance are a work of art in themselves, of a well executed classical design. At the farther end and opposite to the doors is to be seen a beautiful stained glass window, the design of which was taken from a "log drive" at a point where the logs had formed a gorge, two and one-half miles from Cooksburg on Tom's run. They make a noticeable contrast in their fallen and helpless state, to that of the tall, grand and stately old pines bringing up the rear, and forming an appropriate back ground for such a scene, and at the same time guarding their fallen

comrades with the hope that they may be spared a like fate for years to come. In this mausoleum was placed the remains of Judge Cook, in the fall of 1893. The mausoleum is one of beauty, grace and endurance; it is situated on one of the highest points surrounding Cooksburg, acting as a silent sentinel overlooking the gradually sloping hills and beautiful sleeping valley of the Clarion, whose river in the distance recalls "The liquid marble of the windless lake," and whose waters sparkle and twinkle in the bright sun-light, a reminder of the bright and beautiful home our Heavenly Father has gone to prepare, where parting and sorrow never come, and we can say "all is well."

PROF. EMORY D. BAKER, principal of the Edenburg Public Schools at Knox, Penn., a prominent educator of Clarion county, and a musician of talent, is one of the self-made men of his time.

Prof. Baker traces an interesting lineage back to the early German settlers of Maryland and eastern Pennsylvania. Dr. William Baker, his great-grandfather, a stanch German of Maryland, had a family of seven hardy children who were born in that State, and were as follows: Elizabeth (Mrs. Yingling), Barbara (Mrs. Murray), Mrs. Slaugenhaupt, Mrs. Moonshower, John, Jacob and William. The latter, the grandfather of Prof. Baker, was married to Miss Louisa Yingling, who, too, spoke German. They were married in Maryland, but soon afterward located in Huntingdon county, Penn., removing later to the southern part of Clarion county, then Armstrong, where they were among the first to clear away the forests and to build the primitive log huts. The husband was a noted physician. Their eight children were: John, William, David, Daniel, Benjamin, Susannah, Elizabeth and Fanny. Two members of this family still survive, namely: William resides at Rimersburg, Penn., and Daniel, at West Freedom, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin F. Baker (deceased), the father of our subject, was born July 12, 1823, in Toby township, Clarion county. At his death his career was thus referred to by the Clarion *Democrat* of December 16, 1897: "At an early age Mr. Baker was compelled to make his own living. Work was plenty, but wages small. Many a weary day he worked through harvest time for the small pittance of fifty cents, and this after he had grown to manhood. He learned to do all kinds of farm work well, and had no trouble to secure employment on farms. For many years he 'cropped on the shares.' An opportunity presented itself, he embraced it and learned to do blacksmithing. Spare moments were improved to such an extent that he fitted himself to be a teacher. For nineteen winters he taught, being frequently employed to teach the schools that were hardest to govern and that had a bad name through abusing or 'running out' a teacher. Under his rule the young men and women (even to the age of twenty-one years), who did not know how to behave were birched in such a way that it was acknowledged by all that the teacher was, as they said, 'Master.' Some rebelled, but the teacher's fearlessness and native Pennsylvania-Dutch pluck carried him through every conflict victoriously. Through economy Mr. Baker was enabled to buy a small farm in Toby township. On this small farm he reared a family of three boys and six girls. All except two of the girls are living. Four of them became teachers. In early life he responded to God's call to the sinner, gave his heart to God and his name to the M. E. Church. Ever since until his death he was a faithful worker in Christ's vineyard. For many years he was officially connected with the Cherry Run M. E. Church as trustee, class-leader, etc. He was one of the small congregation that built that church. His first voting was Democratic. About the time of the outbreaking of the Civil war he changed his political views and voted the Republican ticket. In later years he frequently supported the Prohibition ticket. His sickness was of but a few months' duration. He did his own work on the farm during even part of the summer just past. At the time of a surprise party held for him last July he was found in the harvest field binding wheat. But he worked when he should have been resting. During his illness which followed he was a constant sufferer to the last. His faith in God was firm even to the most severe suffering. The death angel came to relieve him from all suffering, and at half-past eleven in the forenoon of November 30, 1897, his spirit passed peacefully away. He was conscious to the last moment, whispering 'Good-by to all' as he crossed over. His pastor, Rev. Mills, of Sligo, conducted the funeral services. Interment took place in the Rimersburg Cemetery on December 2, 1897. His faithful wife patiently bore the great burden chiefly alone by his side through the weary and anxious hours of his sickness. Many a midnight hour found her toiling. The sorrowing ones have the sympathy of many friends."

Prof. Baker's ancestors on his mother's side were among the pioneer German settlers of eastern Pennsylvania. George Snyder, his great-grandfather, was a native of Northampton

county, Penn. He became the husband of Miss Margaret Siple, of the same county. For some time they lived in that county, but at an early date in the history of western Pennsylvania, they, with a number of families, crossed the mountains, traveling, eating, sleeping, etc., in covered wagons then much used for such purposes. After a long and weary journey the caravan reached the vicinity of the present Curllsville, Penn., but which was then a country well covered with forest. In the Snyder family were six children: Mary, Catherine, Abraham, Michael, David and Elizabeth. Elizabeth Snyder became the wife of John Crick, and they were the grandparents of the subject of this sketch. Adam Crick (father of John) was married to Miss Mary Hammer, and lived in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. They were among the pioneer settlers of Clarion county, locating at what is now designated as Hartman's Corners, of Mount Airy. After a few patches of the forests were cleared, farming was rudely carried on. All the buildings were of logs. Their nine children were: Jacob, Henry, Daniel, Lewis, David, Susanna, Kate, Christina and John.

John Crick and his wife Elizabeth were the first settlers in what is now a part of Toby township, Clarion county. They located on land lying near where the Cherry Run Campground is now situated. Here the husband cleared a farm, put up log buildings, raised a large, intelligent family, and lived his many years one of the prominent citizens of that neighborhood. He was a faithful member of the German Reformed Church, as was also his wife. But so generous were his religious views that he told his children to unite with whatever Church they desired. All of them either joined or attended the M. E. Church. The people of this community held Mr. Crick in such high esteem that he was teacher, justice of the peace, etc., at different times during his long and useful life. He was the father of ten children, namely: Lydia Lavina, Solomon, Rufena, David, Jane, Sarah, Sylvester, Mary, Linnie, and one that died in infancy. Lydia Lavina was married February 8, 1855, to Benjamin Franklin Baker, and to them were born nine children as follows: Jennie, Lowry, Emma, Emory D. (our subject), Addie, Ida, Blanche, William and Allie.

Emory D. Baker was born April 28, 1863, in a log house, which was the last of its kind in that neighborhood. His boyhood was that of a poor farmer's lad, being uneventful except the fact that his folks always spoke German in the home. The only English the children heard was at such times when they were at Church, school, or mingling with the children, and in the morning and evening family worship. Emory D. could not talk English until he was nine or ten years old. His early education was neglected. His faithful and kind mother taught him the English alphabet and gave him a few lessons in reading and spelling. At the age of twelve his father decided this boy also must go to the public school, but he was then so large and so far behind the children of his age that he had to be flogged off to school. The public country schools of his neighborhood of that day offered very poor advantages for an education. Of a dull and backward disposition, and being poorly taught, he acquired a great dislike for school. At the age of eighteen he came out of the public school with a very poor knowledge of a few of the common English branches. His parents being poor, he had no opportunity of entering higher institutions of learning. He helped to do the farming at home, and hired out frequently to the neighbors at very small wages, until he prided himself in being able to do farm work in a very creditable manner, and to swing the cradle, etc., from morning till night with the stoutest and most proficient men in that line. In this way he succeeded in buying a few clothes, and a few books, that were badly needed. By hard study at home he began to make progress in the common English branches. He had then made up his mind to become a teacher. He wanted to attend one of the academies then in session in Clarion county, but the obstacles in the way were so many and so formidable that his good hopes frequently would sink within him. He had only four dollars, and could not expect any financial help from home. The academy he wished to enter was four miles from his home, and tuition was a dollar a week. He needed a few books, tablets, etc., and these were procured, leaving him two dollars. He started to school, hoping that in some way he might yet receive means to attend the whole term. For two weeks he made the trip of eight miles afoot, carrying his noon lunch with him. His progress was fair, and he was very anxious to continue his attendance at the academy, but was forced, through lack of means, to stop. Very much discouraged, he went to work on the farm again, studying during his spare moments. That summer he ventured to enter the teachers' county examination. Supt. A. J. Davis granted him a certificate good for teaching, and remarkable for its high aggregate. With this poor certificate he applied for a school in Licking township, Clarion county, and was elected teacher of Oak Grove school. There he taught the term of two months at seventeen

dollars a month. When the teachers for the winter term were hired he was re-elected to the same school for a term of four months at twenty-eight dollars a month. This was the school year of 1884–5. Each subsequent year he has continued teaching and attending school or studying at home. During this time he was a regular student of the Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg, Penn. In 1889 the LaGrippe called a halt in his work, attacking his strong constitution, and, in conjunction with hard school duties, made such a wreck of it that it took many and persistent efforts to overcome these effects.

Prof. Baker has done all his teaching in his native county. He has taught in all grades of public schools, having worked his way up to the principalship of some of the largest graded schools of the county. He is now principal of the Edenburg Public Schools at Knox, Penn. During these years of hard work in the schoolroom he spent much of his vacations and spare moments in hard study. In 1889 he was graduated in the four-years' course of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, passing special examinations which won him the "White Seal." In 1893 he graduated from the State Normal School at Clarion. He has great talent for music, and in his short, busy life has given considerable attention to it. He has studied harmony, and has written music for a number of years. He plays a number of musical instruments, but prefers the violin, which he teaches. He has also written poetry of some note. In 1890 some of his poems, together with a portrait and a brief biographical sketch appeared in "Poets of America." He is a consistent member of the M. E. Church, and an advocate of Prohibition.

On August 21, 1895, Prof. Baker was married to Miss Mollie A. McKee, of Reynoldsville, Penn., who is of German-Irish descent, her father's people being of Irish and her mother's of German parentage. Her four great-grandparents were: William McKee and Margaret Hite, who were married March 5, 1807, and were the parents of ten children; and Jacob Waite and Barbara Ann Lukeheart, who had a family of nine children. From these two families came her grandparents, James McKee and Margaret Waite. The latter, a most estimable old lady, born August 18, 1812, is still living, and is very active in body and mind for one of her age. She is the mother of twelve children: Margaret, Jacob, Jeremiah, Harriet, Hannah, Francis, Christie, Eliza, Wilson, Milliard, Amos and Arnold.

Jeremiah C. McKee, the father of Mrs. Baker, was born January 5, 1839, and was married to Miss Nancy Smalley Cookson, on July 31, 1862, whose parents, John Pratt Cookson and Mary C. Patton, were both Germans from Huntingdon county, Penn. They moved to Western Pennsylvania, and were among the first residents of the town of Clarion. Their children were: Nancy, Harriet, Jane, Martha, Oliver, Charles, Robert and George. Nancy Smalley Cookson was born December 11, 1842. She was a hard-working, faithful mother, and bore her lot bravely and patiently. She is now reaping her reward, having passed to the better land March 15, 1894. She was the mother of nine children, namely: George, Laura, Louona, Mollie, James, Charles, Robert, Audley, and an infant that was never named (Mollie and the infant being twins). Mollie A. McKee, born March 23, 1870, became the wife of Prof. Baker. After her mother's death Mrs. Baker had the care of the household laid upon her. At the same time she was an artist in the studio of G. J. Corwin, of Reynoldsville, Penn., in which work she had become very proficient. But these labors, and the loss of her mother, were too much for her rather weak constitution, which gave way under the strain. She is now, however, rapidly recovering her health; she is a faithful member of the M. E. Church, a plain, cheerful lady of true culture, and a kind and affectionate helpmate for her husband in his arduous profession.

REV. GEORGE B. ROBINSON, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, at Clarion, Clarion county, was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

His parents, James and Mary (Speer) Robinson, were natives of Pennsylvania, and were pious Christian people, respected and esteemed by the community in which they lived. The father, who was a modest, retiring and unassuming man, followed the carpenter's trade throughout life. He died in 1862, his wife in 1871.

George B. Robinson was liberally educated. He attended the Academy in Allegheny, and graduated from that institution in the class of '62; in 1866 he graduated from Jefferson College, Washington county. Subsequently he took a course in theology at the Theological Seminary of the U. P. Church at Allegheny, and was graduated in 1869. He first preached in the Eleventh Church at Pittsburg. Following this he was the pastor of a Church at Oxford, Chester county, where he remained four years. His reputation as a preacher and pastor led to his receiving a call from Brookville, Jefferson county, and he was pastor in the U. P. Church at that place from 1878 to 1890. He then entered the

Presbyterian Church, and was located at Emsworth, below Pittsburg, where he was pastor four years. In March, 1897, he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, at Clarion, where he is doing a good work. He is popular both in and out of the Church, being affable and genial, and a man of culture and refinement.

In May, 1872, Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Anna M. Ballantine, a daughter of Nathaniel Ballantine, of Pittsburg. To the marriage have come three children, all daughters: Sarah W., Anna May, and Grace Ethel. In politics our subject is a Republican. He was one of the board of directors of Allegheny Seminary, and has attended a number of the general assemblies of the United Presbyterian Church. For ten years he was clerk of the Brookville Presbytery. He has been very actively identified with temperance matters, and with the Christian Endeavor movement.

"His call to this large and influential Church was given in recognition of his high ability as a pastor, and his earnestness as a Church worker. He is a gentleman of very agreeable manners, and the sunshine of his presence and his personal influence have had much to do with bringing together all classes of people, and uniting them in Christian work wherever he has labored. Mr. Robinson is a gentleman deeply read in the advanced thought of the day. He is a beautiful writer, and preaches strong, practical sermons. He is a very able man in the pulpit as well as elsewhere, and it is believed that the First Presbyterian Church of Clarion, with its beautiful new building, its great numerical strength, and its well-organized societies, will, under his able leadership during the coming year, do a great work in the advancement of true religion."

SAMUEL MAHLE, a well-known general merchant and farmer of Miola, Clarion county, is a man whose sound common sense and able management of his affairs have been important factors in his success, and with his undoubted integrity of character have given him an honorable position among his fellow men.

A native of Clarion county, Mr. Mahle was born in Shippenville, in 1836, and is a son of Justus and Annie M. (Graff) Mahle. The birth of the father occurred, in 1806, in Germany, but during his childhood he left the old home in Prussia, and, with his father, Henry Mahle, came to the New World. The latter purchased property in Fryburg, Venango Co., Penn., and later became the owner of a number of farms which he left to his sons. He died in that county about 1852, having survived his wife a number of years. In his family were four sons and five daughters, namely: Sophia, Wilhelmina, Catharine, Mary, Elizabeth, Lewis, William, Helvitch, and Justus.

In 1826 Justus Mahle married Annie M. Graff, a native of Switzerland, who, about 1803, was brought to this country by her parents, and became one of the first settlers of Beaver township, Clarion county. After their marriage they located in Shippenville, where they made their home until called from this life, Mrs. Mahle dying some years previous to her husband's death. Their children were as follows: George, who is married, and resides in Shippenville, where he is now serving as justice of the peace; Annie, widow of James McDowell, of Covode, Indiana Co., Penn., by whom she had several children; Mary, who wedded David Sigworth, of Fryburg, Washington township, Clarion county, and died, leaving six children; Susan, who married Alexander Thomas, and died some years ago; Samuel, of this review; Henry J., who died in Oil City, Penn., leaving a widow and two sons; Solomon, who died in 1894, and left a widow and one son; and Sophia, who married Alexander Thomas, and died some years ago, leaving three children who still reside in Washington county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Mahle wase ducated in the common and select schools of Shippenville, in which city he grew to manhood. In 1861 he was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Reed, of Highland township, Clarion county, a daughter of John and Jane Reed, the former a well-to-do lumberman. They began housekeeping at Miola, on the Clarion road, in Highland township, but in 1864 removed to Clarion, where Mr. Mahle clerked in the store of Nathan Myers for one year, and then returned to his home in Miola. He has cleared his farm and placed it under a high state of cultivation, and has made many excellent improvements upon the place, including the erection of a good barn, in 1875, and an elegant residence, supplied with all modern conveniences, in 1896. In 1883 he also built a large store building, in which he has since successfully engaged in general merchandising. He was instrumental in having the post office established at Miola in 1884, and has served as postmaster for six years, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mahle have become the parents of eight children, all of whom are natives of Clarion county, and began their education in its public schools: James, born in 1862, resides at home and is engaged in the cultivation

of his farm, which adjoins his father's place. Ida L., born in 1865, pursued her studies in the Clarion Normal and Grove City College, and has now successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion county for a number of terms. She also lives at home. Mary E., born in April, 1870, attended the Normal School, and taught for one term. She was married in 1895 to S. E. McClain, of Clarion county, by whom she has one daughter, Ruth, and they now reside in Empire, Elk Co., Penn., where he is engaged in lumbering. S. A., born in December, 1872, pursued his studies in the Clarion Normal and at Grove City, and also followed the teacher's profession while residing at home. W. E. G., born in 1867, was educated for a teacher, and was a very promising young man; he died April 19, 1892. J. J., born in March, 1876, assists in the operation of the home farm. Harvey Leroy, born in 1879, died January 20, 1893. Howard G., born in January, 1883, is at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Mahle is an ardent Republican, and has been called upon to serve in a number of positions of honor and trust, being auditor of his township, school director, constable and tax collector. He was also elected justice of the peace, but refused to qualify. Socially he is a member of the Grange at Miola, and religiously his wife and family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, but he was reared in the Lutheran faith. The success of his life is due to no inherited fortune, or to any happy succession of advantageous circumstances, but to his own sturdy will, steady application, tireless industry and sterling integrity. Of very social and genial natures, he and his wife have become the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

CAPT. MARTIN McCANNA. There is probably no man in Knox more widely or favorably known than Capt. McCanna, who won his title by faithful service in the Union army during the dark days of the Rebellion. He is proud to claim Pennsylvania as his native State, his birth occurring in Armstrong county July 2, 1834.

Barnabus McCanna, Sr., his paternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and on emigrating to America at an early day located in Centre county, Penn., but he spent his last days in Clarion county, his death occurring at Mill Creek. Barnabus McCanna, Jr., the Captain's father, was born and reared in Centre county, and as a life work chose farming. In Jefferson county he married Miss Mary Ann Walker, and for many years they made their home in Armstrong county, but were living in Forest county, this State, when he was called to his final rest in 1861. His wife long survived him, dying in Clarion county in 1890.

In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children, of whom five sons and six daughters reached years of maturity: William, the eldest, enlisted in Armstrong county, in Company B, 78th P. V. I., was discharged on account of physical disability, but later re-enlisted, this time becoming a member of the Fifth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, with which he served until the close of the war. He died in Kansas City, Mo. Martin is next in order of birth. Peter enlisted in Armstrong county, in the Fifth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, served until the close of the war, and now resides in Armstrong county. Barnabus enlisted in Clarion county, in the Eighth Pennsylvania Reserves, and after his discharge re-enlisted in Company B, 78th P. V. I., remaining in the service until hostilities ceased. He now makes his home in Brookville, Jefferson county, Penn. Wilson resides in Kittanning, Penn. John and Martha J. are both deceased. Mrs. Isabella Harps and Mrs. Lavina Williams live in Clarion. Mrs. Susanna Cannam makes her home in Strattonville. Mary Ann is deceased.

Capt. McCanna was reared and educated in Armstrong county, where he also learned the stonemason's trade, to which he has devoted the greater part of his attention throughout life. Going west in 1857, he located in Henry county, Ill., and from there removed to Lincoln county, Mo., but in the fall of 1860 returned to Pennsylvania. When President Lincoln issued his call for 75,000 volunteers to put down the Rebellion, the Captain was the first man to enlist in Armstrong county, his name being enrolled April 18, 1861, as a private in Company K, 9th P. V. I., at Kittanning. He was in Gen. Patterson's command, and after his three months' term had expired he was honorably discharged at Pittsburg. However, on the 14th of August of the same year, he re-enlisted, this time becoming a member of Company B, 78th P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Buzzards Roost, LaVergne, Big Shanty, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga, Resaca, and Dalton, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, and numerous shirmishes; and on the organization of the regiment our subject first was commissioned lieutenant, and on December 27, 1862, at the battle of Stone River, was, for meritorious service, commissioned captain. As the war was not yet over at the end of

his three years, in 1865, he joined the 104th P. V. I., belonging to the Army of Virginia, and remained in the service until mustered out August 25, 1865, and honorably discharged September 4 following. At New Hope Church he had been wounded by a shell. He returned to his home in Strattonville, Clarion county, with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

Capt. McCanna was married at that place, March 25, 1865, to Miss Eliza Jane Showers, a a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Lewis and Catharine (Carney) Showers. Her father was born in Mifflin county, Penn., and became an early settler of Strattonville, where his marriage was celebrated and where he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred in 1867. Mrs. Showers passed away in 1897, at the age of eighty-four years. Having no children of their own, the Captain and his wife have adopted a daughter.

In 1865 Capt. McCanna again went west and first located in Keytesville, Mo.; later he lived in Dewitt, then in Wamego, Kans., and still later removed to Lawrence, Kans., working at his trade in those places. He returned to Clarion county in 1876, and has made his home in Knox since 1884. Here he owns a few acres of land, and in connection with work at his trade, he engages in gardening to some extent. He is one of the progressive and enterprising men of the community, and takes an active interest in all measures which he believes calculated to prove of public good. His political support is given the Democracy.

ELIAS RITTS, president of the St. Petersburg Bank, has attained distinctive preferment in business circles, and the various enterprises which have been under his management throughout his business career attest his eminent and pronounced ability as a financier. Upon the commercial activity of a community depends its prosperity, and the men who are now recognized as leading citizens are those who are at the head of extensive business enterprises. Mr. Ritts is a man of broad capabilities who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

He was born in Berks county, Penn., November 5, 1822, a son of John Ritts, a jeweler by trade. The family was founded in America two centuries ago by Peter Ritts, who took up his residence in the Keystone State. The grandfather of our subject, Elias Ritts, Sr., was born in Montgomery county, Penn., in 1732, and on reaching manhood married Catharine Snyder, a cousin of ex-Governor Snyder. The children born to them were as follows: Lydia, who married Dr. Sousa; Mrs. Jacoby; Mrs. David Trune; Catharine, wife of Frederick Whitling; John; Elias, and Peter. The father of these children died in Lehigh county, Penn., at the age of eighty years, and his wife at the same place in 1835. He was a farmer by occupation, and was officially connected with the Reformed Church, to which both he and his wife belonged.

John Ritts, our subject's father, was born in 1797, in this State, and was married in Berks county to Miss Sophia Schell, a native of Philadelphia. Three children blessed this union, but Elias is the only one now living, the others being: Mary, who died in 1896, and John, who died in 1852. At the time of his death the father was seventy-eight years of age, and the mother had reached the ripe old age of eighty-four. They, too, were consistent members of the Reformed Church, and were honored and respected by all who knew them. In his political affiliations the father was a Democrat. Mrs. Sophia (Schell) Ritts was a daughter of a Miss Schuyler, a niece of Gen. Schuyler, of Revolutionary fame.

In 1830 Elias Ritts accompanied his parents on their removal to Lehigh county and six years later came with them to what is now Richland township, Clarion county (but at that time was a part of Venango county), and here he grew to manhood surrounded by other pioneer families, including the Vensels, Shoups and Neelys. Living near the Allegheny and Clarion rivers, he naturally became interested in different occupations connected with navigation, and in early life became quite familiar with the upper waters of the Clarion. Although his literary education was limited, he was very ambitious and energetic, and resolved to make the most of his opportunities in life.

As early as 1840, Mr. Ritts began building flatboats and freighting metals to the Pittsburg markets, and being a careful, as well as a capable, business man, he met with excellent success in this undertaking, becoming one of the most extensive dealers on the river. He carried all the metal made at the Judge Keating furnace, and had still larger contracts with the firm of Lyon Shorb & Co., and Plumer & Crary, owners of the Buchanan and Jefferson furnaces. His boats met with very few accidents, although his business was by no means free from risk, yet no man lost a ton of metal which he shipped. While engaged in this business, he became well acquainted along the river, and accumulated considerable property.

In 1880, Mr. Ritts purchased a third interest in the Blake Lumber Lands for $50,000, and

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four years later sold the same for $85,000, thus making a handsome profit. He owns considerable real estate and valuable farming lands in Beaver and Richland townships, Clarion county, and also tracts in other parts of the county, besides personal property of value. These include 450 acres of mineral lands, rich in iron and coal deposits. Mr. Ritts has also given much attention to the breeding of fine stock, including blooded horses and Durham and Devonshire cattle, which have taken many premiums. In the early days of the oil excitement near the mouth of the Clarion river, he became an oil operator and producer, and he also prospered in this undertaking. Since selling his timber lands, he has to some extent retired from active work on the river, having by a life of industry secured a handsome competence, which enables him to lay aside all business cares and enjoy the fruits of his former toil.

In March, 1849, Mr. Ritts married Miss Elizabeth Vensel, and to them were born four children, but the youngest is now deceased. Those living are J. V., a banker of Butler, Penn.; Olive, wife of A. C. Anderson, of Butler, Penn.; and Susie, wife of C. W. Little, of New York. The wife and mother, who was a consistent member of the Reformed Church, died in 1863, and three years later Mr. Ritts wedded Miss Clarissa Elliott, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of John Gardner Elliott, a millwright by trade, who came from Massachusetts to Clarion county at a very early day. Five children blessed this union, namely: Sadie; Edna; Jessie; William A., who is connected with the Chase National Bank of New York; and Marion F., who is assistant cashier of the St. Petersburg Bank.

Mr. Ritts is tall and slender, with a well-knit form and pleasant face. His active outdoor life has given him a strong constitution, and although seventy-five years of age, he appears much younger. In his travels he has visited Canada and thirty-four States of the Union. Since casting his first vote he has never failed to support the Democracy, but has never cared for official honors, preferring to give his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. In early life he united with the Reformed Church, has held office in the same and has contributed liberally to the support of all Churches and benevolent work. In business he is resolute, possessing a firmness and decision of character which, however, never degenerates into stubbornness or impulsive haste; in society he is a courteous, affable gentleman; and, above all, wherever found, whether in public or private life, his integrity is above question and his honor above reproach. Clarion county owes much to him and numbers him among her valued citizens

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JOHN V. RITTS, an estimable and successful banker of Butler county, a son of Elias Ritts, was born in St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Penn., in 1852. His early life, outside of school days, was devoted to agricultural employments on one of his father's farms. He received an academic education, and afterward entered the Iron City Commercial College at Pittsburg, Penn. His aptitude and studious habits won for him not only class honors, but the esteem of the Faculty and patrons as well. Upon his graduation he was offered, without solicitation, a special professorship in bookkeeping and banking in the college, which he accepted and filled with marked ability for about two years.

On the discovery of petroleum in territory contiguous to St. Petersburg the necessity of banking facilities soon became apparent, and resulted in the establishment of the St. Petersburg Savings Bank, in the year 1872. Its organization was effected by the election of Hon. John W. Hammond, of Erie, president; Hon. John Fertig, of Titusville, vice-president; and Charles Horton, of Erie county, cashier. Young Ritts, who was then not twenty years old, was called home and assumed charge of the books and accounts. The business rapidly increased, and within a year he was promoted by the unanimous vote of the board of directors, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the then cashier. The original stockholders, in obedience to the demand, established additional banking houses at Foxburg and Turkey City. The business at the St. Petersburg bank exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the parties interested, and required the employment of several assistants. The resources of the "boy cashier" responded to this volume of business, which culminated in a daily aggregation in excess of $1,000,000. The immense business continued down to the year 1878, when the owners of the three banks mentioned conferred on Mr. Ritts the honorable and responsible post of general manager of their banks. After the first few years the personal attention of the stockholders, who were non residents of the county, gradually decreased until after the year 1878, when their visits were limited to the semi-annual dividend periods, and they recorded on the minute books of the banks resolutions attesting their approval of all the efforts made by Mr. Ritts to advance the welfare and prosperity of the several banks, and express-

ing their personal regard for his integrity and ability in management. Certainly, few men of his age in the State were ever more rapid in advancement, more implicitly relied upon by the commercial community, or more deserving of that advancement and reliance.

Prior to this time Mr. Ritts became largely interested in the field production of oil in the upper oil districts, and having opportunities to sell, disposed of the greater part of his interests, realizing a handsome competency. He is yet extensively engaged in producing oil in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. Enterprises of importance were constantly seeking his advice and cooperation. In railroad interests he was identified with the Foxburg, St. Petersburg and Clarion railway (now the Pittsburg and Western), as its treasurer, and was for many years a director of the company, and was also treasurer of the Foxburg, Kane & Bradford railroad, and a large stockholder in the Parker, Karns City & Butler railroad. He was interested in, and assisted in organizing the following banks: The Eldred Bank, of Eldred, Penn.; First National Bank, of Salina, Kans.; Seaboard National Bank, of New York; Dallas (now City) National Bank, of Dallas, Tex.; Meridian National Bank, of Meridian, Miss.; Ohio National Bank, of Lima, Ohio; the Keystone Bank and the Columbia National Bank, of Pittsburg. And he is now interested in a number of the largest and most successful banks in western Pennsylvania and other States. During this time it was fully developed that Mr. Ritts was possessed of an energy which no ordinary impediment could resist, and an ambition that difficulties only served to strengthen. Believing that the banking facilities were not adequate for the rapidly increasing business of Butler, Penn., several bankers and capitalists proposed, from time to time, the organization of a bank. No definite action was taken, however, until early in 1890, when Mr. Ritts, representing a number of prominent business men, consummated the matter on April 1, 1890. The title selected was "The Butler County National Bank," and, on application to the Comptroller of the Currency, a charter was granted July 19, 1890.

There are few banks within the bounds of this Commonwealth that have enjoyed a more prosperous history than the Butler County National Bank. From its inception prosperity has marked it for its own, and it ranks to-day with the most solid and best managed financial institutions in this country.

The following statement will give some idea of its standing at the present time:

RESOURCES.

Loans	$ 785,710 15
United States bonds	218,500 00
Banking house and furniture	16,795 94
United States Treasury	4,500 00
Cash and due from banks	218,699 92
	$1,244,206 01

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 100,000 00
Surplus	100,000 00
Profits	14,018 07
Circulation	90,000 00
Deposits	940,187 94
	$1,244,206 01
Dividends paid to stockholders	$ 33,000 00

The Butler County National Bank owns its own building, in which is situated the spacious and conveniently arranged banking rooms. In the fitting of these special heed was given to secure absolute protection against fire or loss by burglary. In these particulars this enterprise is well blessed, and is to be especially commended on this account. In addition to the transaction of a general banking business, the Butler County National Bank issues drafts direct on all parts of the world, a convenience of no little importance to a community.

From the beginning, in consequence of the enterprise and progressive spirit displayed, it at once began to gain favor, and has steadily moved up, until it occupies a place among the largest and most prominent banking concerns in the State of Pennsylvania, and it fills a position to-day of very great importance in both town and country. Its stockholders include among the number several of the most experienced business and professional men, as well as men engaged in the successful development of some of the largest manufacturing enterprises in western Pennsylvania. Several of its stockholders have held positions of trust and distinction in both State and Nation. It was due in a measure to the fact that its owners were men of such erudition, experience and integrity that it has enjoyed such a successful career.

Mr. Ritts, a natural born financier, and one of the most active, persevering and progressive business men in the western part of the State, was married, in August, 1882, to Irene C. Blakslee, a daughter of W. Z. Blakslee, of New York, and has three children, viz.: Elias, Maude A. and Leonard C. The family are connected with the M. E. Church, of Butler, in which Mr. Ritts is one of the trustees. He is a member of the Masonic Order, and one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of the community.

EDWARD WHITLING (deceased) was for many years one of the influential and highly respected citizens of Salem township, Clarion county, where his birth occurred July 15, 1839. His father, Frederick Whitling, was born in France, near the German border, and when young was brought by his parents to the United States. For many years he made his home in Clarion county, and became both widely and favorably known. He married Catherine Ritts, a representative of one of the old and prominent families of the county. Upon the home farm Edward Whitling grew to manhood, and the knowledge he acquired in the neighboring schools was supplemented by reading and study at home during his leisure hours. During his early manhood the Civil war broke out, and he resolved to strike a blow in defense of the Union, therefore enlisting August 14, 1861, in Company E, 78th P. V. T., under Capt. J. N. Harvey. With General Sherman's army he marched from Nashville, Tenn., to Atlanta, Ga., and, during his three years and three months of active service, he took part in many hotly contested engagements. The term of his enlistment having expired, he was honorably discharged and returned home with an enviable war record. For twenty years previous to his death Mr. Whitling was engaged in the drug business in Salem township.

On February 16, 1865, Mr. Whitling was married to Miss Susan E. Bushey, who was born in Venango county, October 14, 1842, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Gardiner) Bushey. Her mother died at the age of eighty-one, but her father is still living, aged eighty-four years. His father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-one. Mrs. Whitling had three sisters, namely: Mrs. Sophia Heasley, now a resident of Kossuth, Penn.; Mrs. Clara C. Yarger, of Nickleville, Penn.; and Mrs. Mary Weaver, now deceased. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitling are as follows: Alice; Mary; Frank; Belle; Charles Edward; Clara; Theresa; Emma; Bertha; and Margie.

As a Republican, Mr. Whitling took an active and prominent part in political affairs for many years, and in 1874 was appointed postmaster of Lamartine, which position, for the long period of sixteen years, he filled with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the public. He was one of the leading members of the Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon, elder and superintendent of the Sunday-school for a long period, and he was ever a zealous worker in the cause of the Master. Fraternally he was a member of the Order of American Mechanics, the Knights of Honor, and the Knights of the Maccabees, and was one of the organizers and prominent members of John Koch Post, G. A. R., of Nickleville, of which he served as commander. After a useful and well-spent life, he passed away December 14, 1896, at the age of fifty-seven years. To him there was truly "no place life home," finding his greatest enjoyment with his wife and children. Mr. Whitling was one of nature's noblemen, and the world is better for his having lived. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness, his duties were performed with the greatest care, and his personal honor and integrity were without blemish.

WM. CLOVER, M. D., of Beaver township, Clarion county, is a native of the county. His grandfather on his father's side was a German; his grandmother on his father's side was a descendant of the stock of Sir Astley Cooper, the great English surgeon; his grandparents on his mother's side were of Scotch origin.

Dr. Clover received his education principally in the schools and colleges of his own State; attended eleven terms of lectures in the medical colleges of Cincinnati, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, Philadelphia, Penn., and New York City, N. Y. He is of the school of Regular practitioners; graduated three times M. D. and once C. M. He has taken several special courses on the eye, ear, nose and throat, physical diagnosis, and a microscopical course on histology and pathological anatomy, and a six-months' term in the cancer hospital. The Doctor is a member of the Clarion County Medical Society, a member of the State Medical Society of Pennsylvania, and a member of the American Medical Association. He has made 74,356 professional visits, treated 68,273 patients; has also treated 189 dislocations and 246 fractures. He has performed 978 surgical operations, met in consultation 827 times, attended 3,138 cases of obstetrics. Again, the Doctor has traveled with horse 152,650 miles, and by railroad 65,284 miles.

Dr. Clover has three sons and two daughters. V. C. Clover is a mechanic, V. G. Clover is a tailor, and C. L. Clover is a physician.

C. L. Clover, after finishing his academic course, graduated in the Elmira (N. Y.) Business College, then attended lectures and was graduated at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, and, since, he has taken two courses in the New York Polyclinic, devoting his time principally to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in which special work he has been

very successful, in connection with the general practice which he also engages in.

Miss Parma V. Clover, now Mrs. Mehrten, took a scientific course, then graduated in music in the Grove City College, Pennsylvania. Miss D. C. Clover is the youngest daughter.

HON. W. W. BARR, a representative of one of the old families of the Commonwealth, an attorney of marked ability of Clarion, Clarion county, ex-president judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District, was born in Centre county, February 15, 1827.

The first representative of the Barr family in America was David Barr, the grandfather of Judge Barr, whose name introduces this review. David Barr was a native of Ireland, born in 1750. He became a permanent settler of Centre county some time toward the close of the last century. Years subsequently his father, whose name, too, was David, came to this country and located in Mifflin county, this State. David Barr (2) was a patriot, and served his adopted country in the Revolutionary war. He became a local land agent for the Wiesters of Philadelphia, and he, himself, before his death, was a large land owner in Centre county. William Barr, a son of David Barr (2), and the father of the Judge, was a native of Harris township, Centre county, born in 1794. He followed farming throughout life, dying in 1837, when but forty-three years of age. His wife, whom he married in 1816, was Jane Sample, who was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1792, a daughter of David Sample, of that county, who lived to be an octogenarian. He had three daughters and one son. The children of William Barr and his wife were nine in number, of whom the following seven are aged from sixty to eighty years: Jane is the widow of David Barr, formerly of Carthage, Ill.; James S. lives in Carbondale, Ill.; Thompson is a resident of Clearfield county, Penn.; William W. is our subject; Alexander B. is deceased; George M. is living at Desota, Mo.; Sallie is living in Centre county, Penn.; Asenath is the widow of Jefferson Newcomb, and resides at Ottumwa, Iowa; and Samuel W., recently deceased, was a resident of Olena, Ill. The mother of these died in 1850.

William W. Barr was reared on his father's farm, and received a common-school education in the schools of Boalsburg, Centre county, remaining on the farm until fifteen or sixteen years of age, when he began teaching school. Later he attended for a year Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Penn. Following this he went to Lewiston, Mifflin county, and again engaged in teaching, occupying his leisure hours in reading law. He pursued his law studies under the late Joseph Alexander, and was admitted to practice in 1852. In 1852–53 he served as transcribing clerk in the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania. He was a fluent and able young speaker, and in the campaign of 1851 he had done effective work on the stump. On being admitted to the Bar, he remained in the office of his preceptor until April, 1853, except while engaged in his duties as Clerk at Harrisburg. Through the advice of Hon. Seth Clover, then canal commissioner, he located at Clarion, opened a law office, and began the efforts to gain a standing as a lawyer. He had well fitted himself for the profession, and being full of energy and ambition, and possessing those traits of character that attract, he was not long in getting a foothold, which was soon followed by a large practice. In 1854 he was elected district attorney, and so acceptably did he perform the duties of the office that he was re-elected to the same incumbency in 1857, serving in all six years. As an attorney for the State, he was engaged in the prosecution of the celebrated Logan murder case, which resulted in the conviction of the defendant of murder in the first degree, and, on a new trial, of murder in the second degree. In 1861 Mr. Barr was elected treasurer of the county, serving one term. In 1864 he was the choice of the people of Clarion county for the General Assembly, to which he was elected, and was re-elected in the following year. During his service in that body he was on a number of important committees, among which was the Ways and Means, Judiciary and others, at the time the Hon. Matthew S. Quay was chairman of the former. During his term in the Assembly the entire country was wrought up over the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, allowing the right of suffrage to the colored people of the South. Judge Barr made an able speech in opposition to the amendment, and predicted that the Republican party of the North would regret their action in forcing the amendment, that as the Constitution then stood only three-fifths of the colored people of the South were numbered in the population, while the amendment provided that all should be enumerated as citizens with the right of franchise, thus increasing the strength of the South in Congress by one-third and more, that the Southern people, being familiar with the habits of the colored people, would soon control them at the polls, and thus strengthen the power of the lately rebellious States in the United States

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government. This prediction has been more than verified. He was again elected to the office of district attorney in 1869, and was re-elected in 1872, serving in all twelve years in this office. At that time, owing to the great oil business of the locality, the office of district attorney was a very important one, there often being upward of a hundred cases to a term of court. On the death of Hon. T. S. Wilson, in 1891, Mr. Barr was appointed by Gov. Pattison to the judgeship of the Eighteenth Judicial District (composed of Clarion county, with Jefferson county attached), serving out the unexpired term with dignity and ability. On his retirement, as an evidence of the appreciation of his friends of his worth as a citizen, and his services on the Bench, he was banqueted by the Clarion Bar Association, which adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS—During the past six months Hon. W. W. Barr, by appointment of the Governor of the Commonwealth, has presided over the courts of Clarion county, and by reason of the expiration of his term of office is now about to retire from the position, and, whereas, the members of the Bar of said county desire to give formal expression of the respect and confidence in which they hold the said retiring Judge; therefore, be it resolved, that Judge Barr, in his judicial career has amply demonstrated that his sole purpose in every judicial act was to intelligently and honestly administer the law without fear, favor or partiality, in furtherance of the cause of Justice. That by his uniform kindness and courtesy, his fair and impartial discharge of duty, and his intelligent and conscientious administration of the position of president judge, he has deservedly won the esteem and confidence of the members of the Bar, and in his retirement from the Bench carries with him their good will and best wishes for his future prosperity and happiness. That these resolutions be spread on the records of the court as an enduring testimonial of a good and upright judge, and a copy thereof be handed Judge Barr.

The Judge was presented by the Bar with a pair of bronze statuettes. The Jefferson Court Bar formed similar resolutions, and presented Judge Barr with an elegant gold-headed cane. He is now the oldest practitioner at the Clarion Bar, and though he has reached man's allotted years he is still engaged in active practice, which is large.

On March 31, 1859, Judge Barr was married to Miss Mary Pritner, who was born at Curllsville, Penn., November 22, 1838, and is a daughter of the late Dr. John T. Pritner, one of the prominent physicians of Clarion county. Two children blessed this marriage: An infant (deceased), and Lulu (Mrs. W. A. Hetzell), of Pittsburg. Judge Barr and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., and was master of his lodge for three terms; he also served three years as deputy grand master. For a number of late years he has served as a trustee of his lodge, also as a trustee of the State Normal School at Clarion, and has held many other places, such as burgess of the town and member of the town council, etc. In politics he has always been a Democrat.

REV. JOSEPH W. SIEVERDING. Only the history of the good and great comes down to us through the ages. The true religion has been the strongest influence known to man through all time, while the many false doctrines that have sprung up have flourished only for a day and then vanished. More potent at the present time than at any other period in the world's history are the work and influence of Christianity, and among those who are devoting their lives to its inculcation among men is Father Sieverding, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church, in Washington township, Clarion county.

He was born in New York City, in 1865, a son of Anthony and Justina (Leineweber) Sieverding, natives of Germany, who came to the New World when young, and were married in that city. They now reside in Jersey City, N. J., where the father has engaged in merchandising throughout the greater part of his life. Reared at that place, Father Sieverding there began his education, and for some time was a student in St. Peter's College, Jersey City. In 1881 he entered St. Vincent's College, Westmoreland county, Penn., where he completed the theological course, and was then ordained, in 1889, by Bishop Mullen, of Erie. He has since been connected with his present diocese, and began his pastoral labors at McKean, Erie county. Later he was located at Hammett, in the same county, and in November, 1894, was transferred to Frenchville, Covington township, Clearfield Co., Penn., where he remained until coming to Washington township, Clarion county, December 29, 1895. He preached his first sermon in St. Michael's Church on the 1st day of January, 1896, and has since been the beloved pastor at that place. Father Sieverding is a man of thoughtful, earnest purpose, of strong intellectual endowments, of broad charity and kindly nature, and by all denominations, as well as by his own people, is held in the highest regard.

Mass was first held in Washington township at the home of Jacob Eisenman, in 1826, and ten years later a log church, 24 x 25 feet, and 16 feet high, was erected. The day before the dedication Rev. Kundig built the altar, and on the 27th of September, 1836, the building was consecrated. The pulpit was first filled by supplies, those officiating being Bishop Kendrick, Father O'Conner and Rev. P. Steinbacher, from 1841 until 1843, and then Fathers J. A. Berhe, H. P.

Gallagher, John Brady, Peter Browne, Robert Kleinadam and Hay. In 1846 Rev. Skopez became the first resident pastor, and while he was in charge two spires were built to the log church. In 1870 he was succeeded by Rev. John Kuehn, who remained until 1878, when Rev. George Meyer became rector in charge. Rev. John C. McEntee was pastor from 1894 until the time of his death, which occurred at Erie, Penn., in 1895. He was succeeded by Rev. M. J. Desmond, who remained only a short time, and then services were conducted by supplies until Father Sieverding took charge, December 31, 1895.

St. Michael's Church is one of the oldest churches in the county, and was established by Jacob Eisenman and Messrs. Dietz, Weaver, Fehsenmyer, Siegel, Groner and Hergenroether. From the beginning it has steadily grown, and the congregation now numbers 220 families. In connection with the church there is a good parochial school conducted by the Benedictan Sisters, and there is an average attendance of 150 pupils. The substantial brick school building was erected in 1878, and the parsonage, which is also of brick, was commenced by Father Kuehn and completed by Father Myer. In 1826 twelve children of the parish were baptized by Rev. McGeir, and in 1829 the first mass was celebrated by Rev. O'Neill. Five years later the first chance for confession was given to the German pioneers by Rev. Markaliz. The present beautiful stone church was erected under the pastorate of Father Meyer, and the members of the building committee were Augustine Deitz, Joseph Fasenmyer, Ferdinand Granar, John Laur and Richard Lynum. The approximate cost of the edifice was $70,000 in work and cash. The building was consecrated August 28, 1887, and is the finest church in the county.

ELIJAH M. LEE, a retired merchant, and for eight years the efficient postmaster of Curllsville, Clarion Co., Penn., but now a resident of Clarion, was born in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre Co., Penn., February 25, 1842.

Andrew Lee, his father, was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., November 19, 1810. His boyhood days were passed there on a farm. Early in life he learned the trade of a wagon maker, and followed that as an occupation for many years in Centre county. He came to Clarion county in 1844 and entered the employ, as a wagon maker, of the parties operating the Judge Myers furnace on Little Toby creek, two miles west of Clarion, remaining with them until 1847, at which time he went to Curllsville and engaged in the foundry and flouring-mill business. He continued in these lines of business until 1865, then purchased a farm in the borough of Curllsville, and was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, October 11, 1887. His widow, whom he married in 1838, is Nancy (Merryman) Lee, who still resides at the old homestead at Curllsville, loved and respected by a large acquaintance. She was born in 1820 in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre Co., Penn. Their children were ten in number, six boys and four girls.

Elijah M. Lee passed his boyhood days on his father's farm at Curllsville, where he attended the public schools. Later on he went to the Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg, and also attended a select school at Curllsville. At the age of sixteen years he began working in his father's foundry and learned the moulder's trade, which he followed four years. In 1862, when twenty years of age, he went into the Civil war, enlisting as a private soldier in Company H, 155th P. V. I. For nearly three years he was in active service and participated in all of the forty engagements in which the Army of the Potomac took part, from Antietam to Appomattox. He was made a corporal, sergeant, orderly sergeant, and later a second lieutenant. After the close of the war he returned to Curllsville, and in February, 1866, he engaged in mercantile business at that point. From that time until 1893 he was actively engaged in that business and with success, retiring at the close of that period and removing to Clarion, where he resides in one of the spacious and modernly built homes of that borough. He is a most capable business man, and his eight years of service as postmaster at Curllsville was characterized by a business-like administration. Politically he is a Republican, active in party affairs, not in the hope of political preferment, as he is not an aspirant for office. He is one of the substantial citizens of Clarion.

On February 16, 1869, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Martha A. Pritner, daughter of Lindsey C. Pritner, a former prominent merchant of Curllsville, now deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lee are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarion, the former being a trustee of the Church. Socially, Mr. Lee is Commander of Capt. J. B. Loomis Post No. 205, G. A. R.; Senior Warden of Clarion Lodge No. 277, F. & A. M.; Most Excellent High Priest of Eden Chapter No. 259, Clarion, Penn.; member of Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Pittsburg, Penn.; and a thirty-second-degree member of Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., sitting in the Valley of Pittsburg, Penn. [Clarion, Penn., March, 1898.]

PORTER HASKELL, ex-president of the Second National Bank of Clarion, and who for more than fifty years has been actively identified with the business interests of Clarion county, is a native of this State, born December 10, 1819, in McKean county.

Gideon and Polly (Beckwith) Haskell, his parents, were natives of Maine and Connecticut, respectively, the father born about 1772 and the mother about 1791. Gideon Haskell was of Scotch descent. Reared in a lumbering State, it was but natural that, locating in a timbered country, he saw in that line a promising industry, which, in connection with farming, he followed throughout life, his field of operations being on what is yet known as Haskell's creek. He later moved to New York, thence to Pennsylvania, and finally to Illinois. He stood well as a citizen in the estimation of his neighbors and those with whom he had business dealings. His last home was in the State of Illinois, where he died about 1856. His widow survived him many years, dying about 1870. The children born to this marriage were: Eliza, Joel, Porter, Anna, Esther, Lorenzo, Gideon, Amanda, Howard, Eveline and Lafayette.

Porter Haskell is older than the county in which his long and busy life has been passed, having come to this locality with his parents before Clarion county was organized. He received a limited education, attending only, for a short time in the year, the neighboring schools. At an early age he began working in the lumbering business for others, which he continued to do until he attained his majority. He then became engaged in mercantile business in connection with lumbering, and his half century's busy, tireless life in the county of his adoption has not been without results. Enterprising and progressive, he has left his impress upon the several generations among which he has moved; and in the development of the resources of Clarion county he has played his part. He has been a successful business man. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Clarion, and was for years identified with the Second National Bank, of which he was president. He is extensively and favorably known throughout this region, and is a highly-esteemed citizen of the borough of Clarion. He is identified with the M. E. Church; is a member of the F. & A. M. Politically he is a Democrat.

On February 2, 1848, Mr. Haskell was married to Miss Nancy J., daughter of John Hoover, now of Clarion county, but formerly of Westmoreland and Armstrong counties, respectively. To the marriage were born nine children, of whom the following are yet living: James, Martha (Mrs. Archibald Gilfillan), Hattie (Mrs. Walter Brown), Sarah A. (Mrs. F. I. McCormick), Josephine (Mrs. H. E. Emery), Porter M., and Charles H. James, the eldest child, married Maria Bartlett, of Clarion county, and of their children, Wade. Porter is a prominent merchant-tailor of Clarion. Mrs. Porter Haskell's death occurred November 28, 1895.

JOHN T. RIMER, M. D., a physician of high standing in Clarion county, and a resident of the borough of Clarion, was born in the county, January 16, 1855.

Jacob Rimer, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Northampton county, but in August, 1815, settled in Clarion county, locating near Curllsville, and later removing to the vicinity of the present borough of Rimersburg, where he remained permanently. His wife was Elizabeth Hilliard, and their children were: John, Susan, Christ, David, Catherine, Mary A. (who married Henry Miller, of Redbank township), and Daniel, all now deceased. Of these, John Rimer settled on the present site of Rimersburg, where he kept a hotel, and from him the place derived its name. David A. Rimer was born in Northampton county March 4, 1815; on April 11, 1854, at Rimersburg, he was married to Mary G. Patton, who was born at the homestead where she now resides, September 23, 1833, and is a daughter of James and Mary (McWilliams Boyd) Patton, natives of Centre county, but who came to Clarion county in the spring of 1833, settling on the farm referred to above. To the marriage of David A. Rimer and wife were born children as follows: John T. is our subject; Alva J. married Ada Hogan, and is a farmer; Mary E. married Rev. Andrew Fleming, who is an Episcopal clergyman of Ashland, Ky.; James P. married Roda Wilson, and is a farmer; Margaret married Fred Gruble, who is in the bakery business at Rimersburg; Harry M. is an attorney of Clarion; David A. married Bessie Kerr, and is a farmer of Perry county; and Edward S. is at home. The father of these farmed extensively, and was one of the substantial men and highly esteemed citizens of the county. He was a Christian man, and for many years was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church. In political affiliation he was a Democrat, and served the people of his township as school director, and for a number of years was a major in the State Militia. He died February 1, 1895, and his remains were interred in the Bethesda Cemetery. James Patton, who was an extensive farmer of this locality,

owning some two hundred acres of land near Rimersburg, lived to the advanced age of eighty years, dying in 1880. His wife died in 1843, aged forty-six years, and both are buried in the Bethesda cemetery. Their children are: Margaret is the widow of John Thompson, and resides at Rimersburg; John H. is a farmer residing in Missouri; Jane resides at Curllsville; Mary G. resides on the homestead; Nancy B. married J. J. Fulton, a farmer of Rimersburg; Rebecca and Robert T. (twins), the former being the wife of John Spear, and residing at Braddock, Robert T. being deceased. The parents of these children were each twice married; the father for his second wife married Eliza Lawson, and the children of this union were Isabella, David L., Marcus L., Charles E., James and Anna B. The mother of the children of the former marriage was, when married to Mr. Patton, the widow of Rev. William A. Boyd, by whom she had one son, Samuel M. (deceased). Mary McWilliams, the maternal grandfather of Mary G. (Patton) Rimer, was a Scotchman, who settled in Centre county, and was there occupied as a farmer and surveyor. He became a man of wealth, owning at one time some eight hundred acres of land in Clarion county.

Dr. John T. Rimer received quite a liberal education. He attended the common schools of his locality, then took an academic course in the Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg, in which he was later a teacher. Subsequently he furthered his studies at Wooster, Ohio. At the age of twenty-two he began the study of medicine at Rimersburg under Dr. F. A. Limberg, then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., from which he was graduated in 1881. After his graduation he at once began the practice of medicine at Curllsville, Clarion county, where he remained, doing successful and acceptable work, until 1889, when he came to Clarion, where he has since been actively engaged in the pursuit of his profession, building up a good practice and winning for himself a creditable place in the profession.

In 1882 the Doctor was married to Miss Carrie Hesson, of Philadelphia, who died February 9, 1890, and June 24, 1896, he was married to Miss Myrtle B. Collner, who was born April 1, 1870, at Salem, Clarion, and is the daughter of William F. Collner, of Clarion, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. To this second union one son, William Collner, has been born. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. The Doctor is president of the Clarion County Medical Society, and is a member of the State Medical Society. He is also one of the pension examiners for Clarion county, and secretary of the Pension Board. He has for the past four years been physician of the board of health of Clarion borough. Socially he is a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter of F. & A. M., Clarion borough. Politically he is a Republican, and is quite active in the party.

ALEXANDER WILSON, of Callensburg, Clarion county, is the possessor of a handsome property, which now enables him to spend his years in the pleasurable enjoyment of his accumulations. The record of his life, previous to 1895, is that of an active, enterprising, methodical and sagacious business man and farmer, who bent his energies to the honorable acquirement of a comfortable competence, but is now practically living retired. In 1895 he erected a pleasant cottage in Callensburg, which town was platted by a Mr. Callen about 1827 on land that William Elliott had received from the government. Abram Frampton built the first house there.

Mr. Wilson was born June 22, 1821, in what was then Armstrong county, but is now Clarion county, and is a son of Alexander and Jennie (McCombs) Wilson, both natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., where their marriage was celebrated. His grandfather, Parks Wilson, and Allen McCombs, were of Scotch-Irish descent, and natives of South Carolina, whence they came to Pennsylvania at a very early day, taking up their residence in Westmoreland county when Indians formed the greater part of its inhabitants. They lived there during the early Indian wars, and assisted in the development and improvement of the county until their deaths. Mr. Wilson was a wheelwright by occupation, while Mr. McCombs was a farmer. The latter was a teamster for the Americans during the Revolutionary war. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. In Mr. Wilson's family were the following children: Joseph, Robert William, John Lewis, Alexander, David, James, Polly, Elizabeth, Mrs. Crow and Mrs. Seright.

On the farm in Westmoreland county the father of our subject grew to manhood, and on first coming to Clarion county in 1801, he entered land, which he afterward sold. Returning to his native county, he was married, and in 1803 he brought his family to Clarion county, where he purchased another tract of 260 acres of land at the mouth of Licking creek, paying sixty cents per acre. He transformed the wild land into a good farm, and also

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built and operated the first gristmill in his section of the county. Late in life he migrated to Iowa, and lived there seven years; then returned to Clarion county, where he died September 10, 1878, at the extreme old age of one hundred years and six months. He was three times married, and survived all his wives. His children were all of the first union, namely: Allen (deceased), Esther (deceased), Mrs. Hannah Murray, Jane (wife of H. Elliott), Elizabeth (wife of J. Elliott), Robert (a resident of Iowa), Mary (wife of G. Doherty), Alexander, John M. (of Iowa), and Jemima A. (wife of A. Wilson). The parents were both Presbyterians in religious belief, and the father was an elder in the Church for many years.

In the subscription schools Mr. Wilson, of this review, acquired his education, and upon the home farm he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits. When a young man he engaged in freighting, taking iron from the furnaces to the Pittsburg markets; but he has made farming and stock raising his principal occupations throughout life. He has owned three different farms in Clarion county, has dealt quite extensively in real estate, and still owns land in Kansas. At an early day he also entered land in Iowa, which he afterward sold. He has prospered in his transactions, having always conducted his business on a strictly cash basis. He still owns a valuable farm in Licking township, but has laid aside business cares.

In 1854 Mr. Wilson married his cousin, Miss Sarah M. Wilson, who died in 1887, and in 1890 he wedded Miss Lizzie A. Mandaville, of New York, who died in 1895. In the following year he was united in marriage with Mrs. A. E. Peck, of Ohio. All have been members of the Presbyterian Church, to which Mr. Wilson also belongs. He has served as elder since 1861, and takes an active interest in all religious or benevolent work. He is a man of exemplary habits, commendable purpose and unbending integrity, and in all life's relations merits the confidence which is so freely accorded him. His residence in Clarion county covers seventy-six years, during which time he has ever borne his part in the work of development and progress, and is therefore deserving of honorable mention among the pioneers. His political support is given the Republican party.

J. C. RAIRIGH, publisher of the New Bethlehem *Vindicator*, was born in Indiana county, Penn., in 1849. His youthful days were spent on the farm, in timber mills and in school. He commenced to teach in the public schools at the age of seventeen years, which vocation he followed a number of years, spending his summer months as a student in Academies or in a printing office. In 1878, jointly with Hon. John Lowry, he founded the Indiana *Times*, but soon disposed of his interest, after which he spent some time in Ohio, as publisher of a county newspaper. In 1888 he bought the *Vindicator*, and has made it one of the most widely read county papers in this part of the State.

REV. EDWIN NELSON ASKEY* is the well-known pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of New Bethlehem, Clarion county. "Excellence encourages us about life in general," says that thoughtful observer, George Eliot. This saying is true even in the case of that careful discharge of duty which leads to well-doing in worldly enterprises, but the life which reveals religious ardor and suggests the uplifting force of consecrated purpose does indeed demonstrate to humanity new and lofty possibilities. The life of Mr. Askey is a constant inspiration to those who see his zealous and self-sacrificing work in the advancement of the cause of religion

Mr. Askey was born in Rockland township, Venango county, Penn., December 21, 1865, and is a son of James H. and Mary J. (Smith) Askey, natives of the same township, where they are still residing. The father, an extensive and prominent farmer, was born in 1830, and the mother in 1834. They are earnest Christian people, and take an active part in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which they belong. In politics the father is a Prohibitionist.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, Capt. Thomas Askey, was born in England, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and on coming to America at an early date located in Philadelphia. He was an officer in the French and English wars, and married a Miss Baker, a daughter of Col. Robert Baker, who also served with distinction in that struggle. Their family consisted of six sons and four daughters. Capt. Thomas Askey lies buried at Jacksonville, Centre Co., Penn., and the old name "Thomas Erskine" is retained on his tombstone. He died in 1807. During their early married life the paternal grandparents of our subject, David and Jane (Harrison) Askey, lived in Philadelphia, whence they removed to Centre county, Penn., but spent their last years in Venango county. The maternal great-grandfather

*The original name was the old English name "Erskine," but in transcribing the records during the French and Indian wars it was changed to "Askey."

was Daniel Smith, of Centre county, and the grandfather was William Smith, who first lived in Centre county and later in Venango county.

Edwin Nelson Askey is the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Clara L., now the wife of Lawrence Stoup, an oil operator of Center View, Ohio; Mary I., who died at the age of eighteen years; William E., who is connected with the National Transit Company of Oil City, Penn.; Jennie, who died at the age of two years; James B., who is engaged in teaching, and resides at home; and Ida M., also at home.

Until twenty-five years of age, Mr. Askey made his home with his parents, but after the age of seventeen had successfully engaged in teaching through the winter months. He also attended the Grove City College, feeling called to the work of the Master, and entered the Erie Conference, and was ordained for the ministry. His first charge was at President, Venango county, where he remained for two years. In September, 1893, he was appointed pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Sligo, and also had charge of the congregation at Curllsville, Cherry Run, Monroe Chapel and Pine Grove, where he remained four years. In September, 1897, he was appointed by Bishop Fowler to his present pastorate—New Bethlehem, Penn., which includes the congregation at Oak Ridge, Penn. In this connection he is president of the Camp Meeting Association located at Cherry Run, one of the most noted camp meeting grounds in this section of the State.

On October 1, 1891, at Rockland, Venango county, Mr. Askey was married to Miss Pauline Williams, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. K. Adams, a Methodist Episcopal minister. They now have two children: Harrison L. and Edwin V. Mrs. Askey is a native of Venango county, and a daughter of Perry and Nancy (McMillin) Williams. Socially, Mr. Askey is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees at Rockland, and, politically, is identified with the Prohibition party. He is a man of scholarly tastes, is an able speaker, and is a very popular minister, being held in high regard by all religious denominations as well as by his own Church. He has exerted a great power for good in the community, and is a most devoted laborer in the Master's cause.

ADAM MONROE MOHNEY, M. D., an eminent physician and surgeon of Rimersburg, was born December 13, 1850, in Red Bank township, Armstrong county, Penn., and is a son of Lewis S. and Rebecca (Shick) Mohney, natives of Clarion and Armstrong counties, respectively. His paternal grandfather, Adam Mohney, was born east of the mountains, in this State, and in the latter part of the eighteenth century came to Clarion county, where he spent his remaining years engaged in farming. In Red Bank township he took up a large tract of land, including the present sites of New Bethlehem and Maysville, and a part of the place is still owned by the Doctor's uncle, John Mohney, who is now eighty-four years of age. Jacob Shick, the maternal grandfather, was also born east of the mountains, and became a pioneer settler of Armstrong county, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death.

The Doctor's parents were married in Armstrong county, where they continued to make their home until 1862, when they removed to West Millville, Clarion county. There the mother died in April, 1894, aged sixty-six years, and was buried at the White Church, in Clarion county. Throughout his active business life the father engaged in farming and merchandising at both New Salem and West Millville, but since 1894 has lived retired, and now makes his home with our subject. He was born July 24, 1824. He has acceptably filled several local offices, and is a prominent member of the Reformed Church, to which his estimable wife also belonged.

Dr. Mohney is the second in order of birth in the family of seven children, of whom the others are as follows: Jacob, a resident of Kittanning, Penn.; William, who has never been heard from since he left home in 1877; Frederick, a carpenter of Kittanning; Christian, a physician of Callensburg, Penn.; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Jud McMillen, who is engaged in the express business in Punxsutawney, Penn.; and Charles, an electrician of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Doctor remained under the parental roof until he attained the age of twenty-four, but eight years previous he commenced teaching school—a profession he successfully followed for one decade during the winter seasons, while during the summer months he attended the Corsica and West Millville Normals. At the age of twenty-six he began reading medicine with Dr. Henry, of West Millville, and subsequently was a student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Md., from which noted institution he graduated in 1882 with the degree of M. D. From 1881 until 1887 he engaged in practice in Leatherwood, Clarion county, and then came to Rimersburg, where he soon succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice. Both professionally and financially he has met with success,

and, besides his elegant home and office in Rimersburg, he owns a farm and other valuable property.

In May, 1875, at Squirrel Hill, Clarion county, occurred the marriage of Dr. Mohney and Miss Elsie Armagost, Rev. Dotterer officiating. The children born of this union are Blanda F., an accomplished young lady; Branard T., Ruth B. and Florence B., all at home. Mrs. Mohney was born at Squirrel Hill, February 11, 1857, a daughter of Thomas and Susan (Hepler) Armagost, also natives of Clarion county, the former born January 22, 1825, the latter October 18, 1827. The father was a blacksmith by trade, but during the last year of his life ill health prevented him from actively engaging in business. He died July 31, 1897, and was buried at Squirrel Hill, but his wife still resides at that place. Both held membership in the Reformed Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. Mrs. Mohney's paternal great-grandfather was a native of Berks county, Penn., and was among the earliest settlers of Limestone township, Clarion county. The grandparents, Stoffel and Mary (Schuck) Armagost, were also natives of Berks county, and became honored pioneers of Clarion county. Her maternal grandparents, Jacob and Sallie (Hamm) Hepler, came to the county at an early day.

Mrs. Mohney is one of a large family of children, who in order of birth are as follows: Emily and Eliza, who both died in childhood; Mary, wife of Frank Doverspike, a farmer of Kansas; Agnes, widow of A. J. Reichard, living with her mother; Martha, widow of J. Dallas Lochlin, a lumber merchant of Wald, Penn., who died August 13, 1897; Elsie, wife of our subject; Alice, wife of J. B. Krotzer, an oil-driller of Butler county, Penn.; Crissie, wife of Philip Fox, a farmer of Curllsville, Penn.; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. C. S. Mohney, of Callensburg, the brother of our subject; William M., a blacksmith of Rimersburg; Ada, wife of Dr. G. B. Woods, of Curllsville; Nettie, wife of James B. Slougenhaupt, a farmer of Piollett, Penn.; and Harry S., a blacksmith of Pitcairn, Pennsylvania.

Fraternally the Doctor is a Royal Arch Mason, belonging to the Chapter in Clarion, and is also a member of the Odd Fellows Society and the Knights of Pythias in Rimersburg. For the past three years he has served as elder in the Reformed Church, with which he is connected. Although an ardent Democrat in politics he has never aspired to office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his professional duties. The prominent place he has won in the profession is accorded him in recognition of his skill and ability, and the place which he occupies in the social world is a tribute to that genuine worth and true nobleness of character which are universally recognized and honored.

JESSE KIEHL, ex-sheriff of Clarion county, and an oil operator of Clarion, was born in Jefferson county, Penn., September 7, 1853.

His parents, who are now both deceased, were good and industrious people, who led ememplary lives and made the world better by their presence in it. John Kiehl, the father, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Northumberland county, in 1814. He was by trade a stonemason, and followed it as an occupation until threescore years of age. He married Catherine Shunkwiler, who, too, was a native of Northumberland county, born in 1818, and to them were born children as follows: Peter (deceased), William, Anna (Mrs. George J. Reitz, of New Salem, Penn.), Jacob, Henry, Sarah (Mrs. M. Henderliter), John, Susanna (Mrs. S. J. Coleman), Solomon, Jesse (our subject), Catherine (Mrs. Simon Ferringer), Daniel (deceased), David, Elizabeth (Mrs. John Stormer). The early lives of the parents were passed in their native county, but later they moved to Jefferson county, where they resided until the close of their lives. The father died in 1891, and the mother passed away in 1894.

Jesse Kiehl, until sixteen years of age, resided on a farm and received the usual country-school education. At that age he left the parental roof and was employed in the woods, scoring square timber in the lumbering camps, until he reached his majority, at which time he was married From that time until 1891, he was occupied through the summer seasons in farming, and during the winters he followed lumbering. In 1891 he was elected sheriff of Clarion county, and removed to that borough, where he has since continued to reside. In this relation he served the people of the county very acceptably during three years. Since his retirement from that office he has been engaged in the oil business in Pennsylvania and Ohio. He made a good officer, and as a business man stands high. As a citizen he is esteemed by all and commands their respect. He is a director in the Second National Bank, and is largely interested in the oil fields of the locality. His marriage to Miss Martha McKellup, a daughter of William McKellup, of Clarion county, occurred in 1873, and, of the children born to them, six survive, namely: Maggie, Harriet, Ina, Bert and Bertha

(twins), and Maude. The parents of these are members of the Presbyterian Church. Socially, the father is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a Past Grand and Past Commander of the K. of P.; he is also Senior Mechanic, and has passed all the chairs. Mr. Kiehl in politics is a Democrat, is active in party affairs, and has held a number of local offices.

SIMON KNIGHT is a man who has been very useful in his community, and ever taken an active interest in the enterprises tending to the enlightenment of the people, the friend of education and active in all good works.

On the old homestead in Clarion county, Mr. Knight was born December 10, 1840, a son of Peter and Mary (Fisher) Knight, who were natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., and representatives of prominent and highly-respected families. Soon after their marriage the parents came to Clarion county, where, in the midst of the dense forest, the father cleared and improved a farm of 184 acres. Upon the place he erected a good brick residence, and soon converted the wild land into a highly-cultivated and valuable farm. Throughout his entire life he followed agricultural pursuits, always gave his political support to the Democratic party, and was a faithful member of the Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon. He died on the old homestead at the age of sixty-two, and his wife, who was also an earnest Christian and active member of the Reformed Church, passed away in the fall of 1896, at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. In the family of this worthy couple were the following named: John; William; Asa, who now owns and operates the old home farm; George, who died in 1865; Clara, deceased; Simon; Mary, wife of Adam Brinker, of Salem township, Clarion county, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war; and Mrs. Rebecca Smith, a resident of Ohio.

On the home farm Simon Knight early became familiar with the arduous task of clearing and developing wild land, and in the common schools of the neighborhood he acquired his education. For twenty years he gave considerable attention to the oil business, either as a pumper or operator; but since locating upon his present farm, in Beaver township, Clarion county, in 1893, he has devoted his energies principally to agricultural pursuits. The place comprises 130 acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with an elegant residence, built at a cost of $2,200, a barn at a cost of $1,700, and a smaller barn at a cost of $500. All the conveniences and accessories of a model farm are there to be found. During the Rebellion Mr. Knight was for a time a member of Company G, 56th P. V. I.

On May 15, 1894, Mr. Knight was united in marriage with Miss Flora Cupples, who was born October 9, 1854, and was for over twenty years a successful and popular teacher in the graded and ungraded schools of Clarion county, and one term in Butler county. She received her early education in the common schools at home; then attended the Clarion Seminary, at Clarion; then the Edinboro Normal, Erie county, Penn.; then the Rimersburg and West Freedom Academies; then the National Normal at Lebanon, Ohio, and graduated from the Valparaiso Normal School in 1884. Her mother died over a quarter of a century ago, and her father, William Cupples, passed away June 17, 1884. He was a son of James Cupples, who was educated in Edinburgh, Scotland, and he and his wife came to Providence, R. I., where William was born November 20, 1814. From there they moved to Pittsburg, Penn., when William was a child, and there the lad received his education. James Cupples was a teacher by profession, and he followed same up to the time of his death, after which event William left home, and also taught school, teaching and attending school alternately until November 8, 1845, when he married Maria Bell. They then settled on a farm, whereon he passed the rest of his days, He had a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, seven of whom were teachers until choosing other professions.

In his political affiliations Mr. Knight is an inflexible adherent of the doctrines and principles of the Democratic party. He is a public-spirited, enterprising man, taking an active interest in everything that seems to promise a benefit to the community. In the Reformed Church he holds membership, while his estimable wife belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

HIRAM BEALS, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a leading citizen of Richland township, Clarion county, was born July 31, 1840, in Venango county, Penn., and is a son of Jacob Beals, a native of Berks county, of German descent. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Bry, was born in Lehigh county, and was a daughter of Michael Bry. In 1839 the parents took up their residence in Venango county, where the father died at the age of eighty-three years, but the mother is still living at

Simon Knight

Flora Knight

the advanced age of ninety. He was a farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious belief. The mother is also a consistent member of the Church. Their family numbered eight children, namely: Flora Anna; Samuel; Benjamin; Jacob, who was a Union soldier during the Rebellion; William; Hiram; Levi; and James.

Hiram Beals was reared to the honest and honorable pursuits of farm life, and acquired his literary education in the public schools. When President Lincoln issued his call for 300,000 more volunteers, he enlisted August 28, 1862, in Company G, 155th P. V. I., for three years, and with his command participated in the following battles: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, the Wilderness, Laurel Hill, North Anna River, Tolopotomy, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Hatcher's Run, Quaker River, Five Forks, Sailor's Creek and Appomattox. Although he was struck by a spent ball, he was never seriously wounded, and was always found at his post of duty—a gallant and fearless soldier fighting bravely for the preservation of the Union. Near Washington, D. C., he was honorably discharged, and then returned home. Since the war Mr. Beals has engaged in the oil business, farming, huckstering and butchering, successfully following the last occupation for sixteen years. He now owns thirteen acres of land conveniently located near Petersburg and improved with good buildings. Upon the place are oil wells, and to the oil business and agricultural pursuits he now devotes the greater part of his attention.

In 1866 Mr. Beals married Miss Sarah Eddinger, who has been to him a true and faithful helpmeet on life's journey. Her parents, Samuel and Sarah (Wagner) Eddinger, were natives of Lehigh county, Penn., and became residents of Clarion county, in 1848, first locating in Beaver township and later in Richland township, where both died at the age of eighty-three years. The father was a farmer and stone-mason by occupation; in political sentiment he was a stanch Democrat; in religious belief he was a Lutheran, serving as a deacon of his Church for many years. He had ten children, namely: Andrew (who was a member of the 155th P. V. I., during the war, and died in 1896), Lucy, George (who was a member of the same regiment as his brother), Henry, Elizabeth, Sarah, Samuel, Maria, Franklin and Charles.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Beals are as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Toy (of St. Petersburg, Clarion county), Alice (deceased), Mrs. Sarah Ann Freeman, Pearl, Harry, William, Leroy, Ralph and Wearne. The parents and children are connected with the Lutheran Church and Mr. Beals is now serving as deacon. He is an ardent adherent of Democratic principles, and is an honored member of the Grand Army Post No. 425, of St. Petersburg.

DR. LOUIS W. RAISON, of Foxburg, Clarion county, was born at Cannonsburg, Ky., May 9, 1853. Since 1891 he has held the responsible position of physician and surgeon for the Pittsburg & Western Railroad Company, where he seems to be the right man in the right place. He is a Southerner by birth and education.

His parents were Charles Louis Raison and Amanda K. Raison. His father was born in Greenup county, Ky., and was educated for the legal profession and admitted to the Bar, but, having a preference for the mercantile life, did not engage in the practice of law, but was for many years a successful merchant and prominent citizen of Greenup, Ky. He moved to Ashland, Ky., where he also engaged in mercantile pursuits, taking an active interest in political affairs, and was elected judge of Boyd county, and subsequently was elected mayor of the city of Ashland. He was a Republican of strong convictions, and a man of unusual force of character.

The Doctor's family history is one of unusual interest, showing his relation to the nobility of France. His great-grandfather's name was Louis Modesta Raison de la Geneste, who married Lady Marie Theresa Clotilda Langier. At his death his wife survived him, with two children, Louis Napoleon Raison de la Geneste and Lady Marie Theresa Clotilda Raison de la Geneste. His widow married Phillip Ridore, a planter, and owner of large estates on the Island of St. Domingo. At the time of the insurrection of the negroes and massacre of the white inhabitants of the Island of St. Domingo, Louis Napoleon Raison de la Geneste was the owner of large estates and many slaves. He and his sister, who owned a vessel, made their escape from the Island and came to America, Greenup county, Ky., where he lived and died. He married Aramatha Young, daughter of John Y. Young, of Revolutionary fame. He was a man of large means, and high social standing, a resident of Virginia. Lady Marie Louise Antonette Raison de la Geneste, sister of Louis Modesta Raison de la Geneste, married Pierre Antoine de Chausenell, and they came to America and located in New Orleans, where their descendants still live. Louis

Napoleon Raison de la Geneste was an educated French nobleman, and the family is one of the oldest and strongest of the French nobility, and the title, crest, a boar's head, and coat of arms, a lion, is a matter of record in France. The parents of the Doctor's mother were from Sussex, N. C., in which State many of the relatives still live. Mrs. Raison, the Doctor's mother, is the authoress of quite a number of different books on the subject of history and romance, and is now living with her son, Charles Louis Raison, in Newport, Kentucky.

Dr. Raison has one brother and one sister. Charles Louis Raison, Jr. (the brother), born October 20, 1849, at Greenup, Ky., is now a resident of Newport, Ky. He followed the example of his ancestors, was carefully educated under the helpful instructions of his talented father, and after leaving school at the age of seventeen he began to study law under D. K. Wise, of Ashland, Ky. He took the law course at the University of Ann Arbor, Mich., and returning to Kentucky was admitted to the Bar. He practiced in partnership with Hon. B. F. Bennett, of Greenup, Ky., until 1878, when he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and engaged in the practice of his profession in that city, taking up his residence in Newport, Ky., preferring his native State. He is one of the leading lawyers of the Ohio metropolis. He was married to Georgeanna Wrightson, daughter of Hon. Thomas Wrightson, ex-State Senator of Campbell county. They have two children: Lizzie and Thomas Raison.

Dr. Louis W. Raison, the subject of this sketch, is thoroughly American. He never uses his title, preferring to be simply American. His school days over and the choice of life's work made, young Raison at the age of eighteen began the study of medicine and surgery under the instructions of Dr. F. L. Tiernan, of Ashland, Ky., and remained under his tuition for two years. He then attended a course of medical lectures at Louisville, Ky., during the years of 1872 and 1873, and on the completion of his course he began the practice of his profession before reaching the age of twenty-one years. From that time to the present he has been actively engaged in professional work in Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania. In 1884 he was graduated from the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio. He then practiced medicine and surgery at Marion, Ohio, until 1886, when he moved his family to Foxburg, Penn. Having cast his lot with the people of the Keystone State, he became a member of the Clarion County Medical Association, and since that time he has been actively and earnestly following the practice of medicine and surgery with that zeal and energy that is so characteristic of the man. Both in his professional and business life he keeps abreast of the times, which makes his usefulness as a citizen the greater. He is master of his profession, and therefore is a successful practitioner. The Doctor is a genial fellow of a sunny disposition, which makes him popular in society and welcome in the sick chamber.

On August 3, 1873, he was married to Josephene Carr, daughter of S. J. Carr, of Ashland, Ky., and to this union there have been born four boys and one girl, namely: Charles, Royden, Lillian, Bertie, and Carr.

P. M. YEANEY, assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Clarion, and for many years a well-known educator of this section, is a native of the vicinity of Shannondale, Clarion county, where he was born February 23, 1856.

The venerable John Yeaney, of Shannondale, Clarion county, his father, was born December 5, 1809, in Lancaster county, Penn. His father, too, was named John, and resided in Clarion county many years, living to the advanced age of ninety-three years. John Yeaney (2), whose long life of nearly eighty-nine years, spanning a most eventful period in the history of our country, has been a most active and successful business man, and linked his name in the great chain of enterprises which have developed this part of the State. He has been largely engaged in farming, lumbering and in speculations of various kinds in the county, and is one of the solid men of the community in which he has so long figured. For several years he was president of the Second National Bank, of which he is still a large stockholder. He is public-spirited and enterprising, and, as indicated above, he has contributed of his talents and means in lines which have developed the resources of his town and county, giving largely to all worthy enterprises. Since early manhood he has been a member of the F. & A. M. Politically, he is a Democrat of the Samuel Randall type, and has been repeatedly solicited to become the standard bearer of the party for office, but has as often declined. In 1837 he was married to Elizabeth Swartz. Seven children survive to this marriage, namely: C. W., John H., A. J., W. W., Mrs. I. M. Shannon, P. M., and Mrs. A. E. Smathers, of Worthville, Penn. The mother of these died in January, 1874, and Mr. Yeaney was again married, this time to Mrs. Susanna Edder, to which marriage have come five children, namely: Nettie, Dora, Belle, Emma (deceased), Charles Emery and Alda.

The parents of these are members of the German Reformed Church.

P. M. Yeaney was educated in the common schools and at the Corsica Academy. He was partially reared on a farm, leaving it at the age of thirteen years. He prepared himself for a teacher, and followed the profession of school teaching for fifteen years. Near the close of that period he applied for a position in the U. S. mail service, and was fortunate in receiving the appointment in just seven days after he sent in his application. His first run was on the mail route between Buffalo aud Pittsburg. He remained in the postal service three and one-half years, during which time he was in several wrecks, and was so disabled in the last one as to necessitate his resigning his position. After having sufficiently recovered he took a business course of study in the Iron City Business College, Pittsburg, from which institution he was graduated in 1893. After this event he was made assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Clarion, and has since been engaged in the performance of the duties of this position, which he has intelligently and most acceptably filled. He is an affable and genial fellow, and an accommodating and obliging officer, popular with the customers of the bank.

On February 23, 1876, Mr. Yeaney was married to Miss Nannie J. Cummings, who was born August 11, 1856, near Corsica, Jefferson Co., Penn., and is a daughter of Washington Cummings, of Clarion county. One child, Gillespie Blaine, has blessed the union. Both parents and the son are members of the Presbyterian Church. Socially the father is affiliated with the K. of P. Politically he is a stanch Republican, but has never aspired to public office, preferring to follow other lines more in keeping with his taste.

R A. WALKER, M. D., is one of the most prominent representatives of the medical profession in Clarion county, and has for over twenty years successfully engaged in practice in West Monterey. He was born in South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Penn., January 8, 1854, and is descended from an old and distinguished Scotch-Irish family. Among his ancestors were Scottish chiefs at the head of the clan Walker, in the Highlands of Scotland.

Robert Walker, the Doctor's father, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and at the age of sixteen crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of the United States. Here he married Miss Jane Porter, a native of Pennsylvania, who was also of Scotch extraction and belonged to a family noted for its integrity and honesty. The Doctor is one of twelve children born of this union, of whom six are still living. (1) Joseph was a member of Company C, 139th P. V. I., during the Civil war, and lost a leg at the battle of Winchester; he is now living in Allegheny City, Penn. (2) J. L. is a resident of West Millville, Penn. (3) John, of Armstrong county. (4) Reed and (5) Mrs. Barr, both of Apollo, Penn. The father became one of the prominent and highly respected citizens of Armstrong county, where he died at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. He was a farmer by occupation, and a Democrat in politics. His wife died at the age of eighty; she was all that a mother possibly could be, and lived to see her children filling honorable and useful positions in life as the result of her teachings.

Dr. Walker passed his boyhood and youth at work upon the home farm, and received his mental training in the public schools and the Elderton Academy. At the age of eighteen he became a successful and popular teacher, and continued to follow that profession for some time. In 1874 he began the study of medicine under Drs. Park and Kelly, of Armstrong county, and subsequently, for three years, attended the Wooster University, of Cleveland, Ohio, graduating in 1877 at that institution with the degree of M. D. He at once opened an office in West Monterey, where he rapidly acquired the large and distinctive patronage which he now enjoys. He has met with most excellent success in his chosen calling, and has thereby gained a reputation second to no physician in the county. Outside of his practice, he is interested to some extent in the oil business, and is a member of the West Monterey Building Association and the Miners Supply Company (mercantile).

In 1880 Dr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Ella Carson, a lady of culture and refinement, who was born at Red Bank, Clarion county, and is a daughter of Robert Carson, who was a member of the 69th P. V. I. during the Civil war, and died in front of Petersburg, Va., July 4, 1864. Mrs. Carson now finds a pleasant home with our subject. Three children were born to the Doctor and his wife: Byron Porter, now thirteen years of age; Donald Wilson, aged sixteen months; and one who died in infancy.

Dr. Walker is one of the leading Republicans in his district, and when a candidate for the Legislature in 1884, he ran 700 votes ahead of his ticket, receiving the largest vote ever given a member of his party for that office in the county. The district, however, is strongly Democratic,

and he failed of election, but the support he received plainly indicated his popularity. For six years he was a member of the board of pension examiners at Clarion, Penn., and Parker's Landing Board, which is now located at East Brady, and he has also been identified with the post office, as his wife's sister, Miss Addie Carson, served as postmistress four years. He is a prominent member of the Clarion County Medical Society, and the Allegheny Clinical Association; and belongs to Tent No. 250, K. O. T. M., of West Monterey, and the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 884, in which he has passed all the chairs. He is also an honored and distinguished member of the Order of American Mechanics, and besides belonging to the local council he is also connected with the State and National organization. He represented the State Council in Boston in 1896, and at Baltimore the following year, and has also served as a State officer. The Doctor is a man of fine physique, six feet in height, and well proportioned. Wherever he goes he wins friends, and has the happy faculty of being able to retain them.

D B. WATSON, of Farmington township, has for many years been one of the most active and enterprising business men of Clarion county, his name being inseparably connected with its industrial and agricultural interests. He was born on his present farm August 16, 1827, and belongs to one of the pioneer families of this region.

David Watson, father of our subject, was born in 1780, near Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Penn., whence, during his youth, he accompanied his father, John Watson, on his removal to Westmoreland county, locating near Greensburg, where they resided for several years. The latter, however, spent his last days near Apollo, Armstrong county. His children were as follows: (1) Jane became the wife of a Mr. McLaughlin, of Armstrong county. (2) Elizabeth, who never married, died near Leechburg, Penn., at the age of ninety years. (3) Mary wedded John Martin, of Armstrong county, where she died some years ago. (4) William, born in Franklin county, married a Miss Johnson, of Armstrong county, where both died some years ago; their children were John, who was drowned when a young man; Adam J., who died in the oil regions some years ago; William G., who married a Miss Brown, of Armstrong county, and died on the old homestead in that county, leaving a son, who was a member of the 105th P. V. I. during the Civil war, and died from the effect of wounds received at the battle of Gettysburg; David, a farmer by occupation, who died a few years ago in Pittsburg; Matilda, who married Robert Kilgore, of Armstrong county, and died at McKeesport; Susanna, who married Thomas Ford, of Armstrong county, but both died some years ago; Mary, who died unmarried in 1870; Nancy, who married John Brown, of Armstrong county; Elizabeth, who married Jesse James, of the same county; and Margaret, who married a Mr. Gallaher, of Armstrong county.

David Watson, our subject's father, married a Miss Guthrie, of Armstrong county, by whom he had four children, all of whom died in childhood with the exception of John, who spent the most of his life in Kentucky. For his second wife the father wedded Margaret Boyd, of Venango county, Penn., a daughter of James and Hannah Boyd, natives of Ireland, who spent their last days in Clarion county, Penn. After his second marriage, in 1824, Mr. Watson located at Scotch Hill, Clarion county, where he secured 365 acres of State land, from which he developed a small farm, erecting thereon a log house and barn. There he died in December, 1863, having long survived his second wife, who passed away in 1830. Four children were born to them, our subject being the only one to reach years of maturity. Eliza, born on the old homestead at Scotch Hill, where our subject now resides, died in childhood. The second child died in infancy. Elizabeth, born in 1830, died at the age of twenty-four.

On his present farm D. B. Watson spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and his education was limited to about a year's attendance in the district schools. At the age of eighteen he began lumbering for A. J. Porter, building boats for the Pittsburg and Allegheny markets, some four years, and on his own account he embarked in the same line at Gravel Lick, in 1849, successfully following that business for some years. In June, 1851, he married Miss Helen Rutherford, of Clarion county, and located on the old homestead in order to care for his father during his declining years.

In 1852 Mr. Watson purchased land at Gravel Lick, on the Clarion river, where he erected a boat yard, and continued to successfully engage in the building of coal-boat bottoms until 1885. In 1878, in connection with Messrs. Stiner and Heffnon, he built a portable sawmill, which they operated, sawing boat fittings for a number of years, but in 1877 he sold his boat yard to James Howe, of Scotch Hill. He had not confined his attention exclusively to this business, for in 1864, in partnership with McConnell & Baker, he had

started a general store at Scotch Hill, and three years later purchased the interests of the others, for some time carrying on the business alone. Later, however, he admitted J. W. Bartlett to a partnership, and in 1873 he closed out his stock. In 1883 he again embarked in general merchandising at Scotch Hill, with Michael Kempf, but in the fall of 1885 he sold his interest to Charles Leeper, of Clarion, and has since devoted his time and attention to lumbering and farming. On the death of his father, in 1863, he came into possession of the old homestead, and has since cleared and placed under cultivation about sixty acres. His home and household goods were destroyed by fire in 1887, but soon a large two-story frame residence was erected, and many other improvements have been made, so that it is now one of the most desirable farms in the locality.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Watson, namely: (1) Jemima H., born on the old homestead, in April, 1852, was married in 1869 to Clinton Fitzgerald, of Clarion county, and they now live in Marionville, Forest Co., Penn., where he is engaged in the lumbering business. Their children are—Edward W., Harrison W., Clyde, Leroy, Caroline, James, Helen, Jane, Bertha, and Julia and Junie (twins). (2) Henrietta, born in 1854, married Dr. John M. Fitzgerald, of Clarion county, who is now engaged in practice in the city of Clarion, and they have eight children—Guy H., Mildred, Jay, Myrna L., Rachel Irene, Fred F., Alice and Charles K. (3) W. S., born in 1859, is a carpenter, residing in Scotch Hill, Farmington township; he married Bell Kerr, of Clarion county, by whom he has six children—Myrna, Frank, James K., D. B., Willis B. and Olive B. (4) Rachel, born in 1864, was married in 1894 to William Baltzer, of Clarion county, who is engaged in merchandising in Knox, Penn.; they have one daughter, Helen. (5) Mary L., born in 1867, was educated in the Clarion Normal School, and for five years successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion county; in 1894 she married Ross P. Kerr, of Clarion county, who is a lumberman residing at Scotch Hill; two children bless their union—James W. and Raymond R. (6) David H., born in 1862, was educated in the common schools of Clarion county, and resides with his parents. (7) Alice, born in 1856, died in 1862. (8) Jane, born in 1861, died the same year. (9) Thomas F., born in 1869, died in 1873.

Mr. Watson was one or the first men at Scotch Hill to join the ranks of the Republican party, and has since been one of its most earnest advocates and supporters. He has faithfully served his fellow citizens as school director, auditor and supervisor, and in 1867 was first elected justice of the peace for a term of five years. In 1883 he was re-elected to the same office, which he has since continuously held, and when his present term expires he will have held the office some twenty years. His rulings have always been fair and impartial, winning the commendation of the general public. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian Church of Scotch Hill, and both have the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. As a business man Mr. Watson is straightforward and reliable, and as a citizen he does all in his power to advance the interests of his native county.

JOHN F. HOSTERMAN, who is now engaged in the oil business in Shippenville, has spent his entire life in Clarion county, his birth having occurred in Edinburg, Beaver township, in 1833. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Hosterman, was born in Wilmington, N. C., of German ancestry, from that place removed to Hagerstown, Md., and came to Centre county, Penn., in 1795, since which time members of the family have been prominently identified with the growth and development of this section of the State.

David Hosterman, our subject's father, was born in Haines township, Centre county, in 1803, and in that county was married about 1829 to Miss Susan Reeser, a native of Berks county, Penn. Having previously learned the tanner's trade, he removed, in 1831, to what is now Knox, Beaver township, Clarion county (then Edinburg, Venango county), where he leased a tannery and operated the same for five years. In 1835, he came to Shippenville, and after erecting a tannery of his own, he conducted it for several years. His death occurred at this place in 1875, and his wife also died in Shippenville, in 1871. They were widely and favorably known, and had many friends in their adopted county. The children born to them were: Henry, who died in Shippenville; Jacob, who died at Blair's Corners, Beaver township, Clarion county; John F., of this sketch; Mrs. Mary Jane Wilson, of Shippenville; and David, of Springfield, Ohio.

During his boyhood and youth John F. Hosterman pursued his studies in the schools of Shippenville. In October, 1861, he enlisted at Kittanning, Penn., for three years, in Company M, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was a member of the Army of the Potomac. His term of service having expired, he was honorably discharged in October, 1864. Returning to his

William Ferguson, and died in Clarion county; Hannah, who married William Manteer, and died in Armstrong county; and Fannie, who married Joseph Rankin, and died in Clarion county.

John Summerville, our subject's grandfather, was born in Armstrong county, and in 1826 was married at Catfish, by Rev. John Dickey, a Seceder minister, to Miss Catherine Ferguson, a native of Adams county, Penn. Her parents, William and Emily (Conover) Ferguson, were natives of County Down, Ireland, and Holland, respectively. When a young man Mr. Ferguson came to America and first located in Adams county, Penn., whence he removed to Catfish, Armstrong county, where he took up a large tract of land. He traded this property for land near Brookville, in Jefferson county, where he died in 1831, at the age of seventy-three years, his remains being interred at Bellevue. His children were: John, who died in Jackson county, Iowa, where he had engaged in merchandising; Ebenezer, a farmer who died in Jefferson county, Penn.; William, a merchant and farmer, who died in the same county; Catherine, the grandmother of our subject; Ruth, wife of John Saires, a farmer, of Clarion county; and Rachel, wife of Alexander Campbell, a cabinet maker of Keokuk, Iowa. The children born to John and Catherine (Ferguson) Summerville are: James H., a farmer of Clarion county; William, a merchant, of Chillicothe, Mo.; Joseph Addison, our subject's father, who is an attorney and farmer, of Clarion county, and has served as county surveyor; and John, who died in 1867, at Red Bank furnace in Clarion county.

The subject of this sketch is the fourth in order of birth in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: John, a physician, of Monroe, Penn.; William J., a carpenter and contractor, of Apollo, Penn.; Thompson B., who is a contractor, engaged in rig building in the oil fields of Madison township, Clarion county; Samuel (deceased); Mary, wife of Elmer Conner, who is an engineer on the Allegheny Valley railroad, and lives in East Brady, Penn.; Maggie, wife of Harry Shaffer, of Madison township, Clarion county; and Elizabeth (deceased).

Joel Elmer Summerville remained upon the home farm until his marriage, which important event in his life was celebrated at Rimersburg, March 26, 1880, Miss Hannah Flick becoming his wife. Rev. Robert Bruce, a minister of the Associate Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony. Five children bless this union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Charles Addison, August 3, 1881; Ila, July 21, 1883; Jessie Pearl, July 13, 1885; Elmer Merrill, August 3, 1887; and Carl Craig, April 19, 1893. The mother of these was born on the old Flick homestead, in Madison township, Clarion county, November 30, 1871, a daughter of Charles and Mary J. (Mortimer) Flick. The birth of her mother occurred in the same township, July 28, 1824, but her grandparents, Daniel and Hannah (Wilson) Mortimer, were natives of Ireland, and came to the United States at an early day.

For three years after his marriage Mr. Summerville rented and operated the home farm, and then worked in the oil fields for six years, after which he purchased the "Bar House" in Lawsonham, Clarion county, paying $1,000 for the same. He successfully conducted that hotel until March, 1897, when he purchased the "City Hotel," at Rimersburg from G. W. Stewart. He is now successfully carrying on that popular hostelry, and from the public receives a liberal patronage. He is an honored member of the Odd Fellows Society, Lodge No. 485, of Rimersburg, and is an active and prominent worker in the ranks of the Democratic party. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen, who does all in his power to promote the public welfare, and he is also one of the leading and representative business men of Rimersburg.

MISS SADIE E. RITTS.

"To our God shall we now bring
Earliest tribute of our lays;
Let us first His glory sing
Who with bliss our toil repays."

The above from the pen of a noted writer is a fitting introduction to the biography of one of America's finest singers, Miss Sadie E. Ritts, of St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Penn., a daughter of Elias Ritts, a well-known banker of that town. She was born at the Ritts homestead, where the family still resides, and received her early literary training in the public schools of her native town. In 1884 she enrolled as a student at the Pittsburg Female College, where she began the study of the art which to-day makes her famous not only in Pennsylvania, but in Ohio and New York as well. In 1885 Miss Ritts was the youngest contestant for the Hamilton Gold Medal. Her competitors were from Ohio and Pennsylvania. At the close of the annual contest, while special mention was made by the judges of one of the other contestants, they unanimously awarded the medal to Miss Ritts. Concerning the contest, the *Pittsburg Post*, of June 16, 1885, says:

"One of the most brilliant concerts in the

Sadie E. Pitts

history of the Pittsburg Female College took place in the chapel of the institution last night. Several of the contestants were known to possess more than ordinary school girl talent, and a close contest for the beautiful gold medal was the result. Samuel Hamilton, of this city (Pittsburg), furnished the medal and it bears his name.

"Miss Sadie E. Ritts, of St. Petersburg, Penn., has a remarkable voice, and rendered in fine style 'He of all the best the noblest,' by Schumann, and 'If thou didst love me.'

"The medal was easily awarded to Miss Ritts, and the contest the finest ever held in the college."

Subsequently Miss Ritts visited New York City and sang for the director of music in the National Conservatory. That gentleman was so well pleased with the quality of her voice that he insisted that she should enter the National School of Opera. In this connection a Pittsburg paper says:

"When it is taken into account that every year the applicants for an opportunity to enter the school are numbered by the hundreds, the merits of Miss Ritts' voice can be duly appreciated by her Pittsburg friends. It is hardly probable that Miss Ritts will adopt the stage as a profession, but it is at least a satisfaction to know that she is the possessor of a voice that, did she so desire, she could win an independent fortune, and all the honors of an operatic singer."

Miss Ritts is in constant demand for local concerts and for special musical events throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio. She was for two years the soloist at Ridgway Institute, and in 1891 was soprano soloist of the Pennsylvania Normal Musical Institute, at Butler, Penn. In 1892 she completed a special course of study in the Duquesne Conservatory of Music, and, on the advice of her preceptor, she entered the examination for scholarship at the National Conservatory of Music of America, in New York City. She passed the examination successfully and Signor Romualdo Sapio, the leading teacher of vocal art in the National Conservatory, directed her studies in opera and oratorio during the next year. The main object of Miss Ritts visiting the metropolis was to gain a broader comprehension of the higher lines of musical work, and to gain this opportunity she resigned her position as soprano soloist in the South Side Presbyterian Church, in Pittsburg.

As stated above, the services of Miss Ritts are in constant demand, and on the most prominent occasions. The *Chautauqua Assembly Record*, published at Chautauqua, N. Y., in an editorial in the issue of July 30, 1895, says:

"Dr. Palmer treated the Chautauqua people last night in the amphitheatre to a concert at once popular and unusually interesting. Among the best numbers was Miss Sadie Ritts, of New York, who made her first appearance here and sang a song of sentiment entitled "Sognia" by Schira, with good voice and in a finished and tasteful manner."

The following press notices concerning Miss Ritts prove her ability as a singer. The following is from a Pittsburg paper:

"Miss Sadie Ritts, the well-known soprano, has returned from New York, where she sang before the directors of the National Opera School and was tendered a free scholarship in that school for a course of operatic study."

"Miss Ritts, of St. Petersburg, Clarion county, has been in the city for the past two weeks on her way from New York where she has taken a year's course in the National Conservatory of Music and sang at two Sunday services in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, of that city, to the delight of the congregation."

The Jamestown (N. Y.) *Journal*, speaking of Miss Ritts at Chautauqua, says: "It will not be improper to call special attention to the solo by Miss Sadie Ritts, of St. Petersburg, Penn. As an artist in voice and execution she was all that her most sensitive and critical friends would have desired. The applause elicited was tremendous in the extreme. The desire is general that she may appear again."

The *Pittsburg Dispatch* of August 4, 1895, gives the following: "A letter of recent date from the great summer gathering at Chautauqua says that music is receiving special attention at this meeting of the assembly, at the front of which is Dr. Palmer's chorus of 400 voices. For Wednesday evening's concert solo singers were lacking, but a telegram to Miss Sadie Ritts, of St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Penn., brought that lady to the rescue. Miss Ritts, who studied in this city (Pittsburg) for some time, and is well known in musical circles here, has spent two years in New York under able instruction in the National Conservatory, and has developed into an artist of rare accomplishments. Her voice easily filled the vast amphitheatre, in which there were over 5,000 people, and she has it under perfect control."

The *Pittsburg Times* of March 28, 1885, says: "Miss Sadie Ritts is rapidly ascending the ladder of fame. In a comparatively short time she has become one of our most favored songstresses."

The *Pittsburg Leader* of March 14, 1886, says: "Standard Council, No. 62, O. U. A. M.,

held an anniversary entertainment in the hall of the Sixth Ward School, Allegheny, Penn., last evening. Miss Sadie Ritts was the prima donna of the occasion, and carried off the lion's share of the honors."

Press notices from various cities might be added in praise of Miss Ritts, as a truly accomplished singer, and the above not only shows her training to have been in the best schools of the country, but also shows that she has risen to the top round in the ladder of fame in the musical world. On October 1, 1895, Miss Ritts was engaged as soprano soloist in the First Baptist Church of Franklin, Penn., which position she is still filling. It should also be mentioned in this connection that Miss Ritts' abilities are not limited to vocal music. She is a fine pianist and literary student, and in her social life is an able conversationalist and a genial lady.

DAVID U. KLINE, a well-known oil producer, is one of the energetic, progressive and prosperous business men of Beaver township, Clarion county. He is thoroughly informed on every branch of the business, and has successfully engaged in operations along that line since 1883.

Born December 13, 1858, on the Kline homestead in Porter township, Clarion county, Mr. Kline is one of a family of eleven children. At an early age he left home, and in 1876 came to the oil fields, being for seven years in the employ of Israel Neely, now deceased, who was a well-known and prominent citizen of this region. Since then he has successfully engaged in business on his own account as an oil producer, and at the present time is interested in fourteen oil wells, all in Clarion county, some of which he is part owner of, while others are leased.

In October, 1883, Mr. Kline was married to Miss Sarah S. Neely, a lady of intelligence and refinement, who is a representative of a prominent family, her father being Cyrus Neely. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kline hold membership in the Reformed Church of Beaver township. Mr. Kline is unwavering in his support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and always takes a deep and commendable interest in political affairs. He eminently deserves classification among the purely self-made men of the county, who have distinguished themselves for their ability to master opposing forces of life, and to wrest from fate a large measure of success and an honorable name. Of a jovial, genial disposition, he makes friends wherever he goes, and both in business and social circles occupies an enviable position.

C. S. MOHNEY, M. D. Among the representatives of the medical profession, whose skill and ability have gained them prestige in Clarion county, is this gentleman, a well-known and successful practitioner of Callensburg. He was born in Armstrong county, Penn., April 23, 1860, a son of L. S. and Rebecca (Shick) Mohney, also natives of that county. Both his paternal grandfather, Adam Mohney, and his maternal grandfather, Jacob Shick, were of German descent and honored pioneers of Armstrong county, where they followed the occupation of farming. They were highly respected citizens of the community, and devoted Christians, being faithful members of the Reformed Church.

The Doctor is fifth in the order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being Jacob; Adam M., a practicing physician of Rimersburg, Penn.; William, who is living in the West; Frederick C., who is engaged in the planing-mill business; Elizabeth, who married A. J. McMillen, and died in 1895, and Charles L., an employee in the electric light works of Cleveland, Ohio. The mother died in 1891, but the father is still living at the ripe old age of seventy-three, and has made his home with his children since her death. For fifteen years he was successfully engaged in merchandising at different places, and conducted a hotel for the same length of time. He was also a stock-drover, selling his horses and cattle in Eastern cities, but has now laid aside business cares and is enjoying a well-earned rest.

Reared in Millville, Dr. Mohney began his education in the common schools of that place, and later attended the West Millville Seminary for four terms. He was also a student in the seminary at Bellview, Jefferson county, for one term, and, having thus obtained a good education, he began teaching at the age of sixteen years—a profession he successfully followed for ten consecutive terms. During the last two he read medicine with Dr. A. M. Mohney, his brother, who was engaged in practice in Leatherwood, Penn. In 1885 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., where he graduated two years later, and he at once opened an office in Putneyville. After a year and a half spent in that place he came to Callensburg, where he soon succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice. He has met with excellent success in his chosen calling, and merits the confidence so freely accorded him. For four years he has served as secretary of the County Medical Society, and is also an honored member of the State and National Medical Associations.

On June 1, 1887, in Clarion county, Dr.

Mohney was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Armagost, a daughter of Thomas and Susannah Armagost, who are of German descent, and have traveled life's journey together for over half a century. The father, who died July 31, 1897, was a blacksmith by trade, and was one of the leading and prominent members of the Reformed Church, in which he faithfully served as elder or deacon for many years. His life had ever been in harmony with his profession, and he was always found in the house of worship at every service. In his family are eleven children, namely: Mrs. Mary Doverspike; Agnes, wife of Mr. Richard; Mrs. Mattie Laughlin; Elsie, wife of Dr. A. M. Mohney, brother of our subject; Mrs. Alice Krotzer; Mrs. Crissie Fox; Elizabeth, wife of our subject; Adda, wife of Dr. Woods; Mrs. Nettie Slaughenhoupt, and William M. and Harry B., both blacksmiths by occupation. Dr. and Mrs. Mohney have two daughters—Nettie B., born in October, 1888; and Rebecca M., born in December, 1891.

Our subject and his wife are both members of the Reformed Church. The Doctor is a Master Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the American Mechanics and the Knights of the Maccabees. Deeply interested in his profession, he is a close student of medical journals, and does all in his power to perfect himself in his chosen calling. He is not only one of the leading physicians of the county, but is also one of its representative and highly-respected citizens.

JOHN R. BANGERT, M. D., who is now successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Shippenville, Clarion county, is a worthy representative of a family that has attained distinction in that profession. He was born in 1866, in Ashland township, a son of Dr. J. R. and Almeda (Newland) Bangert, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Buffalo, N. Y. The paternal grandfather, also a native of the Fatherland, crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Pittsburg, Penn., at an early day, spending his remaining years at that place.

The father of our subject obtained his literary education in the schools of Pittsburg, and after completing his medical studies he engaged in practice in that city for a time. There he married Almeda Newland, a daughter of Dr. William and Almira (Lovell) Newland. Her father was born in Massachusetts, at an early day removed to Buffalo, N. Y., from there to Pittsburg, Penn., and finally took up his residence near the stone house in Ashland township, Clarion county. Here he soon built up a large practice which extended all over the county, but later removed to Oil City, and from there returned to Pittsburg, where his death occurred April 16, 1892, and where his second wife is still living. His first wife, the grandmother of our subject, died in Utica, Mich., in 1884.

For some time after his marriage Dr. Bangert, Sr., continued to engage in practice in Pittsburg, and also in speculating. Coming to Ashland township, Clarion county, he built a sawmill, engaged in the manufacture of lumber, and also became interested in the oil business. Subsequently he removed to Oil City, where he conducted a boot and shoe store for a number of years, and then returned to Ashland township, where he successfully engaged in practice until called to his final rest in November, 1889. He was a man of prominence in business and professional circles, and was wide and favorably known throughout many portions of the State. The mother of our subject is now the wife of J. J. Jameson, of Pittsburg. Of the first union there were six sons and one daughter, namely: Lewis and Mary, who both died in childhood; William, a resident of Ohio; Francis M., who is now living in the West; John R. and George (twins), the latter having died in Oil City, Penn., and Charles Jacob, a resident of Pittsburg.

Dr. Bangert, of this review, spent the first thirteen years of his life in Oil City, and the following two years in Clarion county, after which he went to Macomb county, Mich., where he attended school for four years. Subsequently he entered a business college of Detroit, where he pursued his studies for two years, and then engaged in teaching in Macomb county for the same length of time. He matriculated at the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1887, and graduated from that college two years later with the degree M. D. Coming to Ashland township, Clarion county, he succeeded to his father's practice, and is now recognized as one of the most progressive and successful physicians of this section of the State. He has also become interested in the oil business.

In December, 1890, Dr. Bangert was married at Franklin, Ind., to Miss Georgia Ann Shreve, a native of Crawford county, Penn. He is a member of the State Medical Society and the National Eclectic Medical Society; also belongs to Shippenville Lodge No. 948, I. O. O. F. In January, 1891, he removed to Shippenville, where he has a large and lucrative practice. His thorough knowledge of medicine and skill in surgery have won him the confidence of the people with

whom he has come in contact professionally, and as a citizen he has the esteem and respect of all who know him.

JAMES F. McNUTT, who for eleven years has served as postmaster of Fairmount City, and is now filling that position, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity that wins him high commendation, was born in Porter township, Clarion county, September 12, 1840.

Collin R. McNutt, his father, was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., and was a son of Collin and Jane (McKillip) McNutt, who were natives of County Donegal, Ireland. The grandfather of our subject was a silk weaver by trade. After coming to America he resided for a time in Philadelphia, then removed to Westmoreland county, and afterward to Porter township, Clarion county, where he died at the age of ninety years. His wife also passed away when ninety years of age. They had a family of seven children—three sons and four daughters—William, Mrs. Grace Smullen, Robert, Margaret, Collin, Charlotte and Mrs. Catherine Smullen.

The father of our subject was reared on the old family homestead in Porter township, and having arrived at years of maturity was united in marriage with Miss Mary Henry, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Robert Henry, one of the prominent early settlers of Clarion county, of Scotch-Irish descent. To Mr. and Mrs. McNutt was born one son, James Frank. The mother died at his birth, and the father afterward married Jane McKillip, a daughter of Archibald McKillip. By this union there were born five children, four of whom are living: Mrs. Elza Starlzell, of Greensburg, Kans.; P. M., of New Bethlehem, Penn.; Jennie, wife of Dr. R. B. Brown, of New Kensington, Penn.; and Effie, wife of W. M. Hurdman, of New Bethlehem, Penn. Two of the family died in childhood. Collin R. McNutt died at New Bethlehem at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religious belief was a Presbyterian.

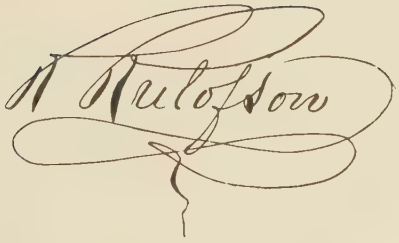
James F. McNutt was reared at his parents' home in Porter township, and early trained to habits of industry, economy and honesty. He acquired a good education, and for some time was a successful and popular teacher. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in his country's service July 3, 1863, and became second lieutenant of Company K, 57th P. V. I., under command of Col. Porter. He was a loyal and valiant soldier, who had the regard of his superior officers and the confidence and respect of those who served under him.

After the war Mr. McNutt resided in Pittsburg for a time, and was employed as clerk and bookkeeper. He also engaged in business for himself there, and later came to Fairmont City, where he was employed in the capacity of salesman and bookkeeper for nine years for Jones & Brinker, and the Fairmont Coal & Iron Co. He is now filling the office of postmaster, and his administration of affairs is acceptable to the public and creditable to himself. He had formerly filled the same office, in New Bethlehem, under Andrew Johnson, and has twice been appointed to the position here by President Cleveland.

On June 23, 1863, Mr. McNutt was married in Armstrong county, Penn., to Margaret E. Hamilton, daughter of Capt. J. K. Hamilton, an officer of the 103rd P. V. I., now deceased. They have two children: Maud F. and Frank H. The parents and children hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. McNutt belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Masonic fraternity, having attained the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Jefferson Chapter No. 221, of Brookville. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat. He was a candidate for the office of prothonotary, but was defeated for the nomination by a small majority. For ten years he filled the office of justice of the peace in New Bethlehem, Penn., and his promptness and impartiality made him a very capable official. Every duty of citizenship he discharges with the same loyalty to the best interests of the country that marked his course during all his past life.

RULOF ISAAC ALLEN RULOFSON, a successful lumberman of Strattonville, Clarion county, has through his own exertions attained an honorable position and marked prestige among the representative business men of the county. Looking back through the vista of the past, we see a boy who started out unaided in search of a home and fortune, the struggles for a foothold, the hopes and fears, the disappointments and successes, until at present we see his ambitious dreams realized, and an honored old age crowned with the respect and veneration which is accorded a well-spent life.

Mr. Rulofson was born in Kings county, New Brunswick, October 18, 1822, and is a son of William H. and Priscilla Amelia (Howard) Rulofson, also natives of that country. The father was a very ingenious man, who engaged in farming, and also in importing blooded horses from Europe. He died in 1827, his wife passing away



some years later. After the death of his parents our subject's paternal grandfather offered to give him his farm if he would live with him upon the old homestead. For two years an aunt, who is still living at the advanced age of ninety-four years, cared for him, and after a short interval spent with his grandfather he went to St. Johns, New Brunswick, making his home with another aunt until able to make his own way in the world. She is still living at the advanced age of ninety-six years.

At the age of twenty Mr. Rulofson spent one month in learning the millwright's trade on the St. Croix river, and then accepted the foremanship over eight men at St. Stephen. Although he received only one month's instruction in the work, he thoroughly understood the business, and in 1843, at Milltown, Calais, Maine, he built the first gang sawmill in the United States. He then entered into a contract to build mills, for five years, and later was superintendent for a lumber company at Saccarappa, Maine, for a year and a half.

Coming to Pennsylvania, in 1851, Mr. Rulofson located in Elk county, where he constructed a mill for a Mr. Blake, having brought the machinery with him. Later he formed a partnership with John Cobb, and under the name of Cobb & Rulofson they engaged in the manufacture of lumber until 1857. In the following year our subject came to Strattonville, Clarion county, where he has since made his home. During the thirty-nine years he has engaged in the lumber business at this place, he has seen nine of his partners buried. He is one of the most extensive lumbermen in western Pennsylvania, has at different times been interested in about ten thousand acres of timber land, and to-day still owns and operates a mill at the mouth of Mill creek, where he is doing a large and profitable business.

In 1843 Mr. Rulofson married Miss Amanda Jane Emerson, of St. Stephen, New Brunswick, and to them were born eight children, five of whom are still living, namely: Priscilla Jane, wife of Samuel R. Stratton, of Washington, D. C.; Jeannette, wife of George W. McCaslin, of New York City; Elizabeth, wife of David Clover, of Strattonville, Penn.; William R., who married Etta Smathers; and Merta, wife of T. H. Hoover.

In April, 1851, Mr. Rulofson's wife and family were on board the steamer "Admiral" when the Minot Lodge lighthouse at Boston was blown down, and the steamer was driven out to sea for twenty-four hours owing to the storm. Mr. Rulofson met with a very unpleasant experience in 1893. On the 13th of March, that year, he went to Pittsburg to meet a party of capitalists on business. Stopping at the "Seventh Avenue Hotel," he retired at eleven P. M., and for thirty-three hours thereafter was unconscious, having been asphyxiated by gas. He was sent to the hospital on the morning of the 14th, as an "unknown." His friends, after learning of his whereabouts, through persistent efforts finally saved him.

Mr. and Mrs. Rulofson are earnest, consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and take quite a prominent part in all Church work. Socially, he has for fifty-three years belonged to the Ancient York Masons, and for four consecutive years was master of the Clarion lodge; he has also been for over fifty years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which order he is past grand, and was district deputy grand master for fifteen consecutive years. In his community he is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Republican party, and has served as chairman of the county committee, but has never aspired to official honors, preferring to give his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. Mr. Rulofson is a man to which the most envious can scarcely grudge success, so well has he earned it, so admirably does he use it, so entirely does he lack pride of purse.

PHILIP BITTENBENDER, one of the prominent and well-to-do farmers of Clarion county, where his nearly seventy years of well-directed effort in life have been passed, was born December 19, 1827, in Redbank township, Armstrong (now Clarion) county, Pennsylvania.

It has now been three-quarters of a century since Philip and Magdalena (Good) Bittenbender, his parents, settled in this locality. They were both born in Northampton county, Penn., were married in Columbia county, and in 1822 came to Armstrong county. In 1839, on the formation of Clarion, that portion of Armstrong in which they had located became Clarion county. They were honest, upright and well-to-do people, who passed their lives amid agricultural pursuits. Their good deeds were many, and their lives were spared to advanced years. She died in September, 1861, at the age of seventy-six years. He lived to be ninety-two, passing away in October, 1872. Their children were: Sarah A. married Adam Mooney; Elizabeth married Jacob Ober; Hannah married Rev. George Wolf; Mary married A. Fox, and resides in Monroe township; Catherine is the widow of Edward Lurch, and resides in Monroe township; Jacob resides on the

old homestead in Porter township; and Philip is our subject. Sarah A., Elizabeth and Hannah, and their husbands, are deceased.

Philip Bittenbender was raised on the old homestead, his early years being passed in a manner not unlike the general farmer's son, assisting in doing the chores, working on the farm, and attending the district schools during the winters. Residing in the country and staying at home rather closely, naturally he has not had a very eventful life, yet it has been a busy one.

On March 15, 1858, he was married at Curllsville to Miss Sarah B. Curll, the Rev. Meteer, a Presbyterian minister, officiating. This marriage was blessed with the following children: Mary E. (Mrs. E. H. Wilshire) is a resident of California; William is at home; Maggie died October 5, 1878, and is buried at Churchville; Anna Bell died December 4, 1878, and is buried at Churchville; Philip W. is living on the home farm in Porter township; Lizzie J. died November 20, 1878, and is buried at Churchville; and Horace H. is at home. The parents, until 1896, resided on the homestead in Porter township, this being the old farm of his parents (the name of Redbank township was changed to Porter when Clarion county was formed). The parents are members of the Reformed Church, and have been active in its affairs; the father has been a deacon and elder in the Church three and nine years respectively. He has been prominent in the affairs of the county, and useful in the community in which he has so long resided. He is a genial and pleasant gentleman, residing now on a farm of some seventy odd acres within the limits of the borough of Curllsville. Their home is one in keeping with the times and the good taste of its occupants. Mr. Bittenbender is one of the successful agriculturists and substantial citizens of Clarion county. In politics he is a Democrat.

Sarah B. (Curll) Bittenbender, was born November 26, 1834, in a log cabin at Curllsville, Clarion county, the daughter of William D. and Eliza J. (Frampton) Curll, natives of Chester and Armstrong counties respectively. John Curll, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Bittenbender, a native of Ireland, came to America in 1795, locating in Chester county, Penn., where he and a son James died of yellow fever contracted *en route* on the vessel. This left William Curll his only heir in America. William was born in Antrim, Ireland, in 1781. He was reared in Chester county, and married Sarah Van Lier. In 1801 he located on the site of Curllsville, then in Armstrong county, and from the family came the name given to the place. He became a man of prominence and influence throughout this section. He was one of the commissioners of Armstrong county, was a justice of the peace in Redbank and Clarion townships; his commission which is now in the possession of Mr. Bittenbender, reads: "To have and to hold this commission and the office hereby granted unto you, the said William Curll, so long as you shall behave yourself well." It was signed by Gov. Andrew Schultz. On February 28, 1842, he was appointed postmaster of Curllsville by Charles A. Wickliffe, then postmaster-general of the United States. On the second Tuesday of October, 1851, he was commissioned associate judge of Clarion county for five years. He had farmed some and taught school in Clarion county, and for several years resided in Centre county, where he was similarly occupied. His death occured in June, 1862, and his remains were interred at Churchville. His wife was a daughter of George VanLier, a native of Holland. David and Hannah (Lowball) Frampton, the maternal grandparents of Mrs. Bittenbender, were natives of Western Maryland and Juniata county, respectively. They came to what is now Clarion county in 1802, locating near Reedsburg. They had six daughters and one son—David. The father was a large land owner. He was the son of William Frampton, of England.

In the immediate family of William D. Curll and wife were: Sarah R. (Mrs. Philip Bittenbender); William T. (deceased); David R., who was born on the farm at Curllsville, upon which he now resides; George V., and Emily Jane.

ALEXANDER STEWART, who is now successfully conducting the "Sligo Hotel," at Sligo, has throughout life been actively identified with the business interests of Clarion county, and through his own efforts has secured a handsome competence. The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual, and is the means of bringing to man success when he has no advantages of wealth or influence to aid him. It illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote to a man's character.

Mr. Stewart was born May 20, 1837, in Perry township, Clarion county, of which township his parents, William and Eliza (McCall) Stewart, were also natives. The birth of the grandfather, William Stewart, Sr., occurred in Ireland, but at an early day he immigrated to the United States and took up his residence in Perry township, Clarion county, where he owned and operated a large tract of land. He wedded Miss Mary

McCibben, and to them were born the following children: Thomas; Robert; John; William; Polly, who married William McCall; and Margaret, wife of Alexander McCall, a brother of her sister's husband. All are now deceased except Margaret, who lives on the old homestead in Perry township. After the death of the mother of these children, William Stewart, Sr., married a Miss Parker. While they were out walking he became ill, and they sat down on the roots of an old tree, where he died, in 1821, at a ripe old age. His remains were interred at the Concord Church, in Perry township.

Robert McCall, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was also born in Ireland, and on coming to the New World located in Perry township, Clarion county, on the banks of the Allegheny river, where he secured a large tract of land. He first married a Miss Thompson, who bore him the following children: Esther, who died unmarried; William; John; Thomas; Alexander; Sallie, wife of Robert Stewart; Eliza, mother of our subject; and Margaret, who died unmarried. For his second wife, Robert McCall chose Hannah McGarrah, and the children born to them were as follows: James, deceased; Mathew, a resident of Perry township; Eleanor, who married John McCibben, and both are now deceased; Jane, widow of William Stewart, is a resident of Toby township, Clarion county; Harriette, wife of Samuel Logan, a farmer of Perry township; Robert, an agriculturist of Butler county, Penn.; Allen, a farmer of Perry township; and Lavina, wife of Isaac Latchaw, who is also engaged in farming in that township.

William Stewart, Jr., our subject's father, was a farmer by occupation, and became quite well-to-do. Becoming blind, he spent the last twenty years of his life in retirement from active labor. In politics he was a lifelong Democrat, and he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. In October, 1892, he was called to his final rest at the age of eighty years and two months, and his estimable wife died in March, 1867, at the age of sixty-one, both being buried at the Concord Church in Clarion county. Their children were: David, a farmer of Perry township, Clarion county; Alexander, of this sketch; Robert, an extensive farmer of Porter township, Clarion county; Amos, an agriculturist of Perry township; William, who died on the old homestead, where his widow and family still reside; and Roslinda, wife of Israel Butler, a farmer of Madison township, Clarion county.

On the home farm Alexander Stewart grew to manhood, was married in Callensburg, January 28, 1858, to Miss Sarah J. Livermore, the ceremony being performed by Joseph Reynolds, Esq. The following children blessed this union: George W., a traveling salesman for an implement house of Johnson & Company, who married Vira Henry, and resides in Pittsburg; William I., who married Jennie Sloan, and is a contractor living in New Kensington, Penn.; Boartley B., who married Anna Craig, and is engaged in the hardware business in Rimersburg, Penn.; Amos, who married Laura Altman, and follows farming in Licking township, Clarion county; Lizzie, wife of W. J. Reichert, a farmer of Piney township, Clarion county; Maggie, wife of Jesse Wyman, of Sligo; Maud, Elzora, Walter and Nora, all at home; Dalla A., who died at the age of four years; and Carrie E., who died at the age of nineteen months.

Mrs. Sarah J. Stewart was born in Mercer county, Penn., March 20, 1837, a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Livermore, who spent their entire lives in that county, where the father followed farming as a life work. He died January 20, 1881, aged eighty years, and his wife passed away in 1875, aged sixty-one. The remains of both were interred in the Cottage Church cemetery of Mercer county. They were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and politically the father was a stalwart Democrat. His parents were Jeremiah and Barbara (Keitlinger) Livermore, who were of English extraction. Hearing that he had inherited a fortune, Jeremiah Livermore started after the same, and was never again heard from, having probably been murdered. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Stewart were Obediah and———(Fisher) Shaffer, of New Jersey, where the former engaged in farming and carpentering.

In the family of Abraham and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Livermore were the following children: Rebecca, the widow of Patrick Gallagher, is a resident of Dutch Hill, Clarion county; Jeremiah and William (both deceased); Wilson died in California; George is a farmer of Mercer county, Penn.; Sarah is the wife of our subject; James and Joseph both died in childhood; John is an agriculturist of Iowa; Watson was a Union soldier during the Civil war and is now a resident of Clarksville, Penn.; Nancy is the wife of William Cook, a farmer of Mercer county; Catherine is the wife of W. A. Laughlin, a merchant of Leatherwood, Clarion county; and Samuel is deceased.

After his marriage our subject purchased ninety-six acres of land in Porter township, Clarion county, for $1,600, to which he later added a tract of fifty acres, paying $1,600 for that amount. As he prospered and his financial re-

sources increased, he bought more land until he owned four good farms in that township. Much of his land he has given to his sons, and also established one son in the hardware business. Coming to Sligo in April, 1881, Mr. Stewart purchased a farm of 104 acres within the corporation limits, which place he still owns, and which has principally been operated by hired help. Two years after locating here he purchased his present hotel, which contains thirty large and comfortable rooms, and he has since successfully conducted the same in a most approved manner. For some years he devoted considerable attention to buying and shipping cattle, but discontinued that business in 1893. In his business enterprises he has ever met with a well-deserved success, and is to-day numbered among the prosperous and wealthy citizens of his community.

Alexander Stewart has been called upon to serve in a number of local offices of honor and trust. In the spring of 1884 he was appointed to fill an unexpired term of three years as mail agent between Clarion and Parker, under President Garfield, and made a daily trip twenty-five miles each way. Later he served in the same position for eleven months after the death of the regular mail agent, and in 1893 was appointed to carry the mail between Clarion and Sligo, his term expiring June 30, 1897. In politics he is a pronounced Democrat, and is one of the leading members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has served as trustee. Two years previous to this writing (in 1897), Mr. Stewart was in very poor health, in fact the doctors gave him no hope of recovery, but to-day he weighs about 200 pounds and enjoys excellent health. He is always courteous, kindly and affable, and those who know him personally have for him high regard. A man of great natural ability, his success in business from the start was uniform and rapid, and he is looked upon as a model of honor and an example of a truly honest business man.

JACOB BLACK (2), a worthy citizen of the borough of Clarion, and bookkeeper of the Second National Bank, was born at Shippenville Furnace, Clarion county, August 13, 1846, descending from an ancestry which has been most prominent in business enterprise in this locality.

Jacob Black (1), his father, was born in Maryland in 1809, the second child of Frederick and Mary (Rupert) Black, who came to Pennsylvania early in this century, stopping first at Waynesburg, Greene county, for a year or two, thence to Beaver township, Venango (now Clarion) county. William Rupert, the maternal grandfather of Jacob Black (1), was the owner of the land on which the Shippenville Furnace was afterward built, and which on his death became the property of Jacob Black (1), who was his favorite grandson. In 1832 the latter, in connection with John and Richard Shippen, formed a partnership for the purpose of manufacturing pig iron. In 1833 the furnace at that point was built, made metal, and it was hauled to the Clarion river above the turnpike bridge and boated to Pittsburg. Some years later John Shippen dropped out of the firm and the business was for years carried on by the other members. The firm built the forge located a mile below the furnace on the creek where they made blooms and ore iron. These men were active and enterprising in their business and were successful. Mr. Black resided at the furnace, and was the active partner and manager of the business. He was recognized as one of the most successful and able iron-masters in this section. The poor and unfortunate had no better friend than he, ever kind and thoughtful for their welfare, even to great personal inconvenience. Through his assistance and liberality many of his employees became property holders and farmers. The business of the firm was large and many men were given employment in its various branches, and in this way it was a great boon to those living near it. In addition to their iron interests these men had several thousand acres of timber land. This partnership lasted until 1859, when the furnace was blown out and the firm dissolved, both men having accumulated a handsome competence. They owned large tracts of land in the adjoining townships, and so amicably had all their affairs been carried on that the division of the lands was left to be made by Mr. Shippen, who gave the choice of the two parts to his partner. On retiring from this firm Mr. Black became engaged in the real-estate business. On the organization of the First National Bank of Clarion he became a stockholder, and was for years its president. On the breaking out of the oil excitement in Clarion county he became an extensive operator and producer in the vicinity of Edenburg and Shippenville, and was interested in this business up to the time of his death, which occurred April 20, 1888, he being an octogenarian. His wife, who was Margaret Shippen, was born in June, 1809, at Little Britton, Lancaster Co., Penn., a daughter of Robert Shippen, and died February 16, 1874.

Jacob Black (2) received a common-school education, also attended the Paradise Academy,

Jacob Black

in Lancaster county, Penn., and later took a business course in Duff's College, Pittsburg, graduating in 1866. He remained at home until twenty years of age, and then went to Sligo furnace, where he was occupied as storekeeper for three years. In 1870 he went to Kittanning, Penn., and was for three years deputy sheriff of Armstrong county. In 1875 he located at Clarion, and until 1883 was engaged in the oil business. He was one of the promoters of what is now the P. & W. R. R., and became one of its first directors. For seven years he was connected with the First National Bank of Clarion, first as teller, and then as assistant cashier. About the time of his father's death he went to Newcastle, Penn., and for a year was engaged in merchandising, then he went to Oil City, where he was engaged in the tobacco business some three years. In February, 1894, he returned to Clarion, and has since been bookkeeper in the Second National Bank.

On January 4, 1877, Mr. Black was married to Miss Mary E. Wilson, who was born August 8, 1858, in Rimersburg, and is the daughter of Johnson Wilson, of Clarion county, and to the marriage has been born two daughters: Margaret Shippen, and Ada May (deceased). The mother of these children is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Black is a Knight Templar F. & A. M.; he also belongs to the A. O. U. W. Politically he is a Republican, and is active in party work. In 1878 he received the nomination for county treasurer, and made the race, but his party being greatly in the minority in the county, he was defeated, but by only comparatively a few votes. In 1880 he was the nominee for the General Assembly. On January 11, 1898, Mr. Black was elected to the position of teller in the Second National Bank of Clarion, still retaining his position as bookkeeper. He is one of the substantial citizens and well-to-do men of Clarion; is a member of the town council and board of trade.

JOHN PETER GREER, a popular miller and farmer as well as one of the leading and influential citizens of Washington township, Clarion county, was one of the boys in blue who valiantly aided in the struggle to preserve the Union. An adopted son of America, his loyalty is above question, and his labors in the interests of the county have been most effective and beneficial.

Mr. Greer was born March 5, 1839, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. His parents, John Adam, and Elizabeth (Dasch) Greer, were natives of the same province, where the father was employed as a shepherd for many years. When our subject was eighteen months old the family sailed for the United States, and on landing came direct to Clarion county, Penn. They first located in Beaver township, and later in Elk township, two miles from Venus, where the mother is still living at the age of eighty-four. In this country the father followed the occupation of farming, and died when aged eighty-six years. He merited and received the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His children were: Margaret, John P., Elizabeth, Mary, Frederick, Anna, Matilda, and Henry, who died at the age of nine months.

On the home farm, John Peter Greer early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, and his literary education was obtained in the district schools of the neighborhood. When President Lincoln called for 300,000 more men to help put down the Rebellion, he enlisted July 25, 1862, in Company G, 155th P. V. I., and with his command took part in the battles of Antietiam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Aldie, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, the Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania C. H., Talopotomy, Bethseda Church, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Peebles Farm, Hatcher's Run, Quaker Road, Dabney's Mill, Boydon Road, White Oak Road, Five Forks, Sailor's Creek and Appomattox. He served with the Army of the Potomac. When his term of service expired he was honorably discharged and returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

In 1872, Mr. Greer purchased his present farm and mill in Washington township, and has since greatly improved his property. He is a practical miller, and is meeting with excellent success in that line of business, and as an agriculturist ranks among the best of the community. His farm comprises thirty acres of rich and arable land, improved with a comfortable residence and good outbuildings. The mill is run with water power, and the products turned out are first-class in every particular.

In 1866, in Fryburg, Mr. Greer was married to Miss Clara Amsler, a representative of one of the most highly respected families of Clarion county. Her father, Henry Amsler, was a native of Switzerland, and a pioneer of this region. Twelve children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Greer, of whom the following are still living: Eva, Lotta, William, Gerdella, Charles, Grace, John and Callie. Those deceased are: Maggie, who died at the age of twenty-seven; Arminta, who died at the age of twenty-five; Warren, and Orris.

Our subject is one of the most valued citizens that Germany has furnished to the New World; he is a man of sterling worth in all the relations of life, and his name is honorably and inseparably connected with the history of his adopted county. He is an Independent in politics, and has served as auditor of his township, and as a member of the school board. He is an elder in the Lutheran Church, and is an honored member of Amos Kizer Post, No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville.

W. A. LAUGHLIN, postmaster and general merchant of Leatherwood, is numbered among the most enterprising and energetic business men of Clarion county. This is a progressive age, and he who does not advance is soon left far behind. Mr. Laughlin, by the improvement of the opportunities by which all are surrounded, has steadily and honorably worked his way upward, and has attained a fair degree of prosperity. He was born on the old homestead in Porter township, Clarion county, in 1851, and is a son of James Laughlin, whose birth occurred in 1813, in Centre county, where he was reared. When a young man he came to Clarion county and first located at Strattonville, but later purchased a partially improved farm in Porter township—the site of his log house is now occupied by the store and hall at Leatherwood. He embarked in merchandising at that place in 1839, and the same year succeeded in having a post office established, to which he gave the name of Leatherwood, it being the name of a forest tree very common in the vicinity. He also bought a grist-mill erected by Mr. Wilson, and in connection with mercantile pursuits successfully engaged in farming and milling. His farm comprised 300 acres of valuable land, upon which he erected, in 1856, one of the best residences in the county, and made many other valuable and useful improvements. He was also interested in other works, and was for many years in partnership with Manasseh Arnold. One night this firm was robbed of $10,000.

In 1846 James Laughlin was married in Porter township to Miss Susan McKinney, a native of that township and a daughter of John McKinney, one of the pioneers of Clarion county. They became the parents of thirteen children, as follows: Samuel Porter, who died when young; Mary Jane, wife of J. Z. Brown, of Porter township; Jasper, who died in that township; W. A., of this sketch; Clarissa, wife of James Gourley, of Porter township; Clarissa's twin brother, who died in infancy; Calvin, Eva and an infant, all deceased; S. S., who is now serving his second term as register and recorder of Clarion county; D. E. and J. F., who reside on the old home farm; and Mrs. Edna Campbell, a widow living in Porter township. The father died on the old homestead in 1871 and the mother in 1892, honored and esteemed by all who knew them. He was a liberal contributor to the erection of all the churches in the township, and never withheld his support from any object calculated to prove of public benefit. He was a recognized leader in the Democratic party in his community, and for thirty-two years acceptably served as postmaster of Leatherwood.

W. A. Laughlin acquired his literary education in the public schools of the county, while his business training was obtained in his father's store. Since 1876 he has successfully engaged in merchandising on his own account, and with the exception of the year 1896 has also served as postmaster, while for four years previous he filled the position of assistant. He, too, is a pronounced Democrat in politics, and has been called upon to serve as a member of the school board and as treasurer of his township. Fraternally he is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

In 1878, in Porter township, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Laughlin and Miss Catherine Livermore, a native of Mercer county, Penn., by whom he has three children—Eva, Harry and Samuel Grover Cleveland. The family is one of prominence, occupying a high social position, and in business circles Mr. Laughlin is equally popular—an honest, upright man and an up-to-date merchant.

JOSEPH FASENMYER, senior member of the well-known firm of Fasenmyer & Fasenmyer, proprietors of the "Commercial Hotel," New Bethlehem, Clarion county, is a native of the county, born in Fryburg, Washington township, August 19, 1837, and is a representative of one of its honored pioneer families.

Balthaser Fasenmyer, father of our subject, was born, reared and educated in Baden, Germany, and for seven years was a soldier in Napoleon's army, during which time he took part in a number of great battles. He witnessed the burning of Moscow, Russia, and was with the army on their retreat from that city. He participated in one battle where 32,000 were taken prisoners, and being among the number he was sent to the island of Cabrera, where he enlisted in the English navy. However, he soon deserted, and after many hardships he at last reached his

native village. Although he endured all the privations and sufferings in common with the soldiers of Napoleon's army, he greatly admired and loved that general for his great qualities as a soldier and commander. In Baden, Germany, Mr. Fasenmyer married Miss Agatha Beerer, also a native of that country, and in 1828, with their four children, they sailed for the New World. After a long and tedious voyage they reached New York in safety, and there purchased a horse, which they hitched to the little German wagon brought with them and proceeded on their journey. Arriving in Clarion county, they located in the woods near Fryburg, where a log cabin was erected in true pioneer style. They comprised one of the six families then living in Washington township. Most of the land was yet in its primitive condition, and wild animals of several kinds were still quite numerous.

The four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fasenmyer before leaving Germany, were Felix; Catherine, wife of Lambert Eineman; Agatha; and Casper. Here the family circle was increased by the birth of three others, namely: Magdalena; Jacob, a prominent merchant of Fryburg; and Joseph. The mother died at the age of sixty-six, and the father when eighty-two years of age. He was a man of fine physique, strong and robust, honest and industrious. A devout Catholic, he assisted in the erection of the first church of that denomination in his locality, and served as trustee of the same for a number of years. He could relate many interesting incidents connected with his service in the Napoleonic wars, and was one of the most highly respected citizens of his adopted county.

On the home farm Joseph Fasenmyer was reared to habits of industry and thrift, and was educated in the common schools of the locality. In 1859 he married Miss Francisco, daughter of Ignatius Speigel, an honored old settler of Clarion county. She passed away in early life, leaving one son, James, who died at the age of twenty-seven. For his second wife, Mr. Fasenmyer wedded Miss Philomena Ditz, who was born, reared and educated in Fryburg, of which place her father, Andrew Ditz, was one of the prominent citizens. He was a native of Germany, which country he left May 28, 1825, and after a voyage of seven weeks on a sailing vessel he reached the shores of the United States. On the 4th of October, same year, he located in Fryburg, where for many years he successfully operated a brewery. In 1872 he visited Rome and other European cities. He was married July 4, 1840, to Miss Margaret Buchner, who died in September, 1884, and his death occurred June 14, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Fasenmyer have twelve children, namely: Helen (now the wife of Thomas Fleckenstine, a prominent hotel man of Clarion county), John C. (in partnership with his father in the hotel business), Ada, Lizzie, A. H. (the popular clerk of the "Coulter House," of Clarion), Catherine, Minnie and Tenie (twins), Andrew, Ambrose, Willie (deceased), and Coletta.

Erecting the "Jamestown Hotel" in 1875, Mr. Fasenmyer successfully conducted that hostelry for eighteen years. He was one of the first promoters of the Jamestown Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Jamestown, Penn., now one of the strongest insurance companies in the State, its assets amounting to $3,000,000. For some years he also served as assistant postmaster at Fryburg, and engaged in the sale of machinery at that place. He and his son, however, are now successfully conducting the "Commercial Hotel" at New Bethlelem, which is one of the most popular hotels of the county. It contains thirty sleeping rooms besides the office, parlors, dining room, kitchen and bar room, and under the able management of the present proprietors it is doing a flourishing business. The tables are supplied with the best that the market affords, and the service in every respect is well worthy of commendation.

Mr. Fasenmyer is one of the most prominent members of the Democratic party in his community, and has been called upon to serve as assessor, collector for three years, a member of the school board for the same length of time, and in other official positions of honor and trust. He is one of the stockholders of the County Fair Association, has served on many of its committees, and has been prominently identified with all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit. He was a member of the building committee at the time of the erection of St. Michael's Catholic Church, to which he contributed liberally.

JOHN C. FASENMYER, the junior member of the firm of Fasenmyer and Fasenmyer, was born in 1866, and acquired a good education in the schools of Jamestown and Fryburg. He served as postmaster at the latter place for four years, and since boyhood has been interested in the hotel business, being therefore well qualified to assist his father in carrying on the "Commercial Hotel." On coming to New Bethlehem in 1892, he was first engaged in business with Thomas Fleckenstine, but later he and his father formed their present partnership. He, too, is an ardent Democrat in politics, and is a young man of more than average business ability. On May 12, 1891, he married Miss Clara Rapp, who was born,

reared and educated in Fryburg, and died August 13, 1892, leaving one son, Edward. Her father, Jacob Rapp, is a well-known citizen of Fryburg.

F. SLOAN McCOMB, who for a decade has been prominent in the business circles of Clarion, Clarion Co., Penn., where he is conducting a first-class undertaking and furniture establishment, is a native of Jefferson county, Penn., where he was born November 27, 1854.

John C. McComb, his father, and Nancy P. (Sloan) McComb, his mother, were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born September 12, 1819, in Armstrong county, and the latter August 25, 1824, in Clarion county. John McComb resided for thirty years in his native county, then he moved to Jefferson county and engaged in the tanning business and in harness making, which occupation he pursued for many years. He now resides with a daughter at Marionville, Penn., a respected citizen of that place. His estimable wife passed away October 6, 1889, a good and kind woman, respected by every one who knew her.

F. Sloan McComb in early youth attended the public schools of the vicinity in which he lived, and when quite young learned the carpenter's trade, following his trade as a means of livelihood for many years. In 1870 he started out in the world for himself, and for some years he worked at various places in the oil fields of western Pennsylvania, and was master builder of bridges for the Pittsburg, Cleveland & Toledo railroad for nine years. In 1855 he established himself in the furniture business at Tarentum, Penn., where he remained two years, and in 1887 engaged in the same business in connection with undertaking, at Clarion, and since that time he has conducted the business here with success, carrying at the time probably the largest and most complete stock in his line in Clarion county. His process of embalming is modern, and being a skillful operator he has a large share of the business in this section. As a citizen and business man he is popular and stands high in the community.

In 1890, our subject was married to Miss Lettie B. Berlin, daughter of George N. and Susan C. Berlin, who have long been known as old and prominent residents of Clarion county, Penn. Mr. Berlin is now quite old, and is one of the most respected citizens of the county, long identified with her active business interests; through his industry and business acumen he has acquired a comfortable competence. To Mr. and Mrs. McComb has been born a son, George B. McComb. In religious belief they are strong adherents of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Socially, Mr. McComb is a member of the F. & A. M., of Pittsburg Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar. He is also identified with the I. O. O. F., and the Maccabees. In politics he is a straight Republican and an ardent admirer of President McKinley. In addition to his business, Mr. McComb is actively identified with other business interests, being a director in the Second National Bank of Clarion, Penn., and also having extensive oil and gas interests in the county.

COL. G. W. STOVER, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a representative farmer and lumberman of Licking township, Clarion county, has demonstrated the true meaning of the word success as the full accomplishment of an honorable purpose. Energy, close application, perseverance and good management—these are the elements which have entered into his business career and crowned his efforts with prosperity.

The Colonel was born January 18, 1833, in Venango county, Penn., of which his parents, Samuel and Sarah (Houser) Stover, were also natives. The grandfather, John Stover, was born in Maryland of German ancestry, but at an early day located on the Allegheny river in Venango county, Penn., where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred during the Civil war. By trade he was a cooper, and he also engaged to some extent in boating on the river. In religious belief he was a Methodist, and in politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, casting his last vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was twice married, and had eleven children: David, Samuel, George, John, Peter, Hannah, Susan, Tena, Sarah, Mary and Rebecca.

Samuel Stover, father of our subject, was born in 1812, and as soon as large enough began working in the lumber woods and running rafts on the river. Later he was employed at different iron works, and after his marriage purchased a farm in Venango county, which he operated for a time, but in 1844 sold and came to Licking township, Clarion county, where he was again employed in an iron furnace until 1852. Subsequently he engaged in the manufacture of lumber, boat building and freighting on the river until 1872, and then devoted his time to carpentering until his death, which occurred in 1892. His last years were spent in Callensburg. His estimable wife, who was of Swedish descent, died in 1891. Both were earnest members of the Methodist Church, and highly respected by all who knew them.

Their children were: G. W.; Susan, wife of J. M. Neely; Catherine, wife of William Logue; Mary, wife of H. C. Heeter; John, a farmer and carpenter by occupation; Thomas, deceased; Isabel, wife of O. E. Fox; Sarah and Samuel, both deceased; Anna, wife of H. Shoup; and David, an oil driller.

Colonel Stover was eleven years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Clarion county, and in the public schools he acquired a limited education. During his youth he assisted his father in lumbering and boating, and after his marriage, which was celebrated in 1857, he located in Licking township and engaged in the former occupation on his own account. Feeling his country needed his services, he enlisted in August, 1861, for three years, in Company A, 103d P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, under Gen. McClellan. He saw much hard service, was in many skirmishes, and fourteen hotly contested battles. In 1862 he was promoted to the rank of corporal, in which capacity he was serving at the battle of Plymouth, N. C., where his brigade surrendered, and he was taken to Andersonville prison, where he was incarcerated until the following December, when he was transferred to the stockades at Charleston. He suffered all the tortures of hunger and sickness during his imprisonment, and was not paroled until about the first of January, 1865, when he was sent to Annapolis, Md., remaining there until he had sufficiently recovered to return home on a thirty-days' furlough. On rejoining his command he was sent to Roanoke Island, where he did guard duty until after the surrender of General Lee. On January 1, 1864, he had re-enlisted, and was finally mustered out at Moorehead City, N. C., in June, 1865, being honorably discharged and paid off at Harrisburg, Penn., in July.

Returning to his home in Licking township, Clarion county, Colonel Stover was for a time engaged in building bridges with his father, and later was employed in the sawmill of G. W. Elder. From the spring of 1869 until 1885 he rented the mill, which he then purchased and has since successfully operated; and in connection with the manufacture of lumber he is engaged in building boats for the Pittsburg markets. For many years he was also a pilot on the river, and has devoted some time to the cultivation and improvement of his fine farm, which is pleasantly situated on the Clarion river two miles from Callensburg. Upon the place he has erected good, substantial buildings, making it a most attractive country home.

In 1857 Col. Stover married Miss Rebecca Cox, a lady of intelligence and refinement, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in that faith May 11, 1873. Her father, Jacob Cox, came to Clarion county from Chester county, Penn., and, being an agriculturist, he first operated rented land, and then purchased a farm, on which his death occurred in 1895. He was a strong Republican and an earnest advocate of the principles of his party. To the Colonel and his wife were born six children, namely: Warren, now engaged in the milling business; Thomas, who was accidentally killed in 1890; Lotta, wife of J. Mong; George W. and Nelson, at home, and Rebecca A., wife of A. Garis.

Col. Stover was again married, February 18, 1875, his second union being with Miss Mary E. Kiester, a daughter of Adam Kiester, of Centre county, Penn., who was of German descent, and for some time served as foreman in a furnace. He died about 1892. Both he and his wife held membership with the Methodist Church, and their children were: Simeon, Wilson, Almira, Jane, Tamar, Allie and Mary E. By his second marriage Col. Stover has five children: Grace, Waldo, Mary, Samuel and Maud, all at home.

Although not a member of any religious organization, the Colonel contributes to the support of the Evangelical Church, to which his wife belongs, and socially, he is a member of the United Workmen. Although he takes a deep interest in public affairs and is an ardent Republican, he has never aspired to office. His genial, pleasant manner has made him quite popular in both business and social circles, and as a public-spirited, enterprising man he is recognized as a valued citizen of the community.

G W. WALTERS, a leading agriculturist of Madison township, Clarion county, was born in 1855, in that township.

George Walters, his father, was born in the same county in 1820. During his youth the father learned the trade of a carpenter, which he has since successfully followed, being employed most of the time in said county; he and his wife now make their home in Rimersburg. He was married, in 1846, in Toby township, Clarion county, to Miss Harriet Arner, who was born in eastern Pennsylvania, and when a child of seven years was brought by her parents, John and Elizabeth Arner, to what is now Toby township, Clarion county, but which at that time formed a part of Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Arner died in Madison township. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walters, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Flick, of Madison township; Calvin,

of West Virginia; Mrs. Mary Shawl, of Allegheny, Penn.; G. W., of this sketch; John Leslie, who died at the age of two years; Harriet; and William Addison. In his political affiliations the father is an ardent Democrat, and has been called upon to serve as assessor of Madison township, and tax collector of Rimersburg.

Under the parental roof G. W. Walters grew to manhood, acquiring his education in the local schools, and since starting out in life for himself has successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. Besides his home farm of ninety-six acres of valuable land adjoining the village of Rimersburg, he also has twenty-three acres in Toby township, Clarion county. His place is improved with good and substantial buildings, and the well-tilled fields attest the careful management, skill and industry of the owner, who is acknowledged to be one of the best farmers of his community. The Acme coal mines are located upon his farm.

In 1880, in Madison township, Mr. Walters was married to Miss Clara V. Stephens, who was born in Porter township, Clarion county, a daughter of John W. and Lavina Stephens, now living in Madison township. Six children blessed this union, as follows: Flora Dell, Lydia Belle, Frank Roy, Charles Leslie, Orbic Gillmore and Harriet Lavina.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Rimersburg, and he belongs to Iron County Lodge No. 485, I. O. O. F. His political support is given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has acceptably served as a member of the school board.

ROBERT FOWLER, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Madison township, Clarion county, was born February 6, 1837, near Sandy Lake, in Mercer county, Penn., and belongs to a highly respected old Pennsylvania family. His grandfather, Robert Fowler, was born in Ireland of Scotch-Irish descent, and at an early day emigrated to the New World, becoming a resident of this State. Here he married a Miss Reardon, a native of Pennsylvania, and both spent their last years in Mercer county. In their family were four children: Samuel, William, John and Mrs. Leach.

John Fowler, the father of our subject, was a native of Mercer county, where he was reared on the home farm, and obtained his literary education in the public schools of the locality. On reaching manhood he married Miss Margaret Gibson, who was also born in Mercer county, and was a daughter of Charles Gibson, who was of Irish descent and a soldier of the war of 1812. The children born of this union were: Charles G.; Samuel R.; Elizabeth, wife of N. Hile; Robert; Anna, wife of William Holly, of Meadville, Penn.; and Margaret J., who married Jackson Armstrong, of Armstrong county, Penn., but is now deceased. The father died at the age of forty-three, and his wife, who long survived him, passed away at the age of eighty-four years. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew them. By occupation the father was a farmer, and in political sentiment was a Democrat.

During his boyhood and youth Robert Fowler attended the public schools, and obtained an excellent knowledge of farm work under the direction of his father. Before coming to Clarion county he resided for some time in Mercer, Armstrong and Butler counties, where he was employed at various occupations. By experience, reading and observation he has become a well informed man on all topics of general interest, although his early educational privileges were limited. In September, 1864, he joined the 6th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, also known as 212th P. V. I., and with that command was stationed near Washington, D. C., at Fort Ethan Allen and Fort Ward, until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged and returned home. In June, 1865, he purchased the old Miller farm in Madison township, Clarion county, and now has a valuable place of 120 acres under a high state of cultivation and improved with excellent buildings. Underlying his land are two good coal veins, one four feet in thickness and the other three and a quarter. He is a progressive, enterprising business man and a thorough and systematic farmer, whose success in life has been worthily achieved.

On May 3, 1862, Mr. Fowler married Miss Christina Hile, a native of Armstrong county, and a daughter of John and Mary (Snow) Hile, both now deceased. In the Hile family were twelve children, namely: Homiston, Jacob, Peter, Henry, John, Nicholas, Peggy, Simon, William, Kate, Fanny and Christina. Two of the sons were in the Union service during the Civil war—John, who was a member of the 103d P. V. I., and died in Andersonville prison; and Simon, who was a member of the same regiment, and is now a resident of East Brady, Clarion county. The father was a Republican in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church, while his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died at the age of sixty-one, and he

at the age of seventy-one. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have become the parents of the following children, nine of whom are living: Sarah Alice, now the wife of Robert Guinnea; Margaret Frances, wife of W. E. Walls; John H.; William C.; James G.; Mary E., wife of C. B. Mohney; R. E.; Harry N.; Fred N.; Ella May, deceased; and one child who died at birth.

Mr. Fowler is one of the prominent Republicans in his community, and has been honored with a number of local offices—being school director, township clerk and auditor, the duties of which positions he discharged in a most creditable manner. He is a member of the Grand Army Post No. 267, of Rimersburg, of which he is past commander, and with his wife and some of their children he holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, in which he is now serving as trustee. The family is one of the highest respectability, and socially occupies an enviable position.

DAVID HUGH NEIL, the popular postmaster of Sligo, Clarion county, needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume, but the work would be incomplete without the record of his life. No man in his community has been more prominently identified with its commercial and political history, or has taken a more active part in the upbuilding and progress of the town. He is now successfully engaged in business as a furniture dealer and undertaker.

Mr. Neil first opened his eyes to the light of day in Greenville, Clarion county, May 17, 1851, and is a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of the county. His paternal grandfather, Hugh Neil, was a native of Ireland, and at an early day emigrated to America and took up his residence near Greenville, in Clarion county, when it formed a part of Armstrong county. There he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He married a Miss Smith, and to them were born six children—John D., Jane, William, James, Nancy and Robert; Jane, who was the widow of James McClure, died January 30, 1898, aged eighty-nine years and three months, was the last of the family, the others having passed away sometime previously.

The parents of our subject were James and Sarah Ann (Parsons) Neil, who were born in Centre county and were married in Greenville, September 28, 1846. David Parsons, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Scotland and was also an honored pioneer of Clarion county. His death occurred in Greenville, at the home of our subject's parents. James Neil having learned the blacksmith's trade at an early age with his brother John, continued to follow that occupation in Greenville until his removal to Sligo in 1879. Here he purchased the furniture and undertaking establishment of Charles McCafferty, but after conducting it for two years he was forced to sell to our subject on account of failing health. He was born March 6, 1816, and died October 11, 1883, while his wife was born May 22, 1824, and died May 27, 1891, the remains of both being interred in the cemetery at Greenville. They were widely and favorably known and had a host of friends throughout their native county. Their children were Alvira J., who was born September 9, 1848, and died September 14, 1863; David H., of this sketch: and John T. P., who was born September 6, 1855, and died February 19, 1863.

As soon as he had attained a sufficient age David H. Neil entered the schools of his native village, where he pursued his studies until fifteen. He then accepted a position in a mercantile establishment in Greenville, where he worked the greater part of the time for five years, and also engaged in teaching to some extent. Learning the blacksmith's trade, he worked for his father until the latter's removal to Sligo in 1879, and then conducted the shop on his own account for two years, at the end of which time he purchased his present business in Sligo. He is one of the most reliable and enterprising business men of the place, and has met with a fair degree of success.

On February 1, 1875, near Corsica, in Clarion county, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Neil and Miss Tillie M. Lucas, Rev. O. E. Elliott officiating. To them have been born seven children, namely: James J., at home; Thomas F., a student of Grove City College, Penn.; Elvira E., Anna L. and D. H. P., all at home; Carrie L., deceased; and Mary B. M., at home.

Mrs. Neil was born near Corsica, in Clarion county, October 4, 1850, and is a daughter of William J. and Sidney (McHenry) Lucas, both natives of Indiana county, Penn., the former born in Indiana, and the latter two miles above that city, where their marriage was celebrated. The father became a prominent farmer and tanner of Clarion county, was an active member of the Presbyterian Church of Corsica, and was an ardent supporter of the Republican party. He died April 20, 1890, at the age of seventy-one, his wife April 28, 1880, aged sixty-two years, and both were laid to rest in the Pisgah Church cemetery of Corsica. Their family consisted of the following children: William, deceased; James

F., who resides on the old homestead in Clarion county; Hannah A., postmistress on the old pike at Day, Penn.; Tillie M., wife of our subject; Sarah J., who married John Lewis, but both are now deceased; Margarette, wife of Wilson Russell, who conducts a sawmill in Marionville, Penn.; and Clara B., wife of Joseph Russell, who is a brother of Wilson, and is superintendent of a gas line in Marionville. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Neil was William Lucas, a tanner by trade, who died in Indiana, Penn. James McHenry, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and after coming to the New World spent the remainder of his life on a farm near Indiana.

In May, 1884, Mr. Neil, was commissioned justice of the peace, and acceptably served as such until June 30, 1897, when he resigned in order to accept the position of postmaster of Sligo. He also filled the office of tax collector for eleven years, and then declined to become a candidate for re-election. He has discharged the duties of his official positions to the utmost satisfaction of the public, and, as is his wont in all things he undertakes, he gives every detail his most careful consideration. The Republican party has always found in him an earnest advocate and stanch supporter, and in his social relations he is identified with the Odd Fellows Lodge, of Sligo, and the Junior Order of American Mechanics and Knights of the Maccabees. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian. He has ever cheerfully given his support to those enterprises that tend to public development and, with hardly an exception, he has been connected with every interest that has promoted general welfare. His name is a synonym for honorable business dealing, and he is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of the community.

CHARLES O. DUVÉ, the efficient and popular bookkeeper and confidential clerk for the well-known, extensive mercantile establishment of H. Collner & Brothers, St. Petersburg, Penn., was born in the city of Allegheny, Penn., on February 26, 1863.

Mr. Duvé is a son of Capt. J. J. Duvé, who was born at Lyons, France, August 26, 1832, and in early boyhood removed with his parents to near Anheim, Germany, where the latter engaged in the paper manufacturing business. At their hands he received a careful education in French, German and English, and was a gentleman of scholarly taste, an excellent linguist and of good business qualifications. Being imbued with a military desire, he entered the German army, served faithfully, and was honorably discharged at Steinberg March 28, 1853. Considering that there were far greater chances for a successful business career in America, he shortly afterward started for the United States, arriving in the City of New York, November 2, 1853. Locating at Allegheny, Penn., he engaged in business as a merchant, and on May 10, 1857, married Miss Anna M. Kaiser. In April, 1863, he removed with his family to Baltimore, Md., entered the army, and afterward obtained command of a company in a Maryland regiment. Returning at the close of the civil strife, he took up active business, selecting that of general fire and marine insurance, with offices on Holliday street. Success crowned his efforts until death overtook him at his comfortable residence, No. 230 E. Fayette street, January 25, 1871. He was interred in the Baltimore cemetery with Masonic honors January 29, following. His estimable wife, who was of German descent, passed away in the same city June 25, 1873, and was interred in the same place, leaving to survive three children: George J., born February 2, 1858, now of Allegheny, Penn., and for the past seventeen years connected with the heavy repair department of the P. F. W. & C. railway; William Daniel, born July 17, 1860, at present residing in the City of New York; and Charles O., the subject of this review.

Thus at an early age was the subject of this review left an orphan without the guidance of a loving father and the care of an affectionate mother. He spent the days of his boyhood in Baltimore, Md., and those of his youth in Pittsburg, Penn., and by diligence secured a good education in both English and German, by attending public and private schools in said cities. He was fitted for business life in Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburg, graduating therefrom in the spring of 1882. On March 27, 1882, he accepted, at the hands of Messrs. H. Collner & Brothers, the present responsible position, and by energy, honesty and integrity, has commanded the high esteem, entire confidence and respect of his courteous employers. He fully appreciates their many acts of kindness, and does all in his power to advance their business and social interests.

On September 5, 1885, Mr. Duvé was united in marriage with Miss Hattie A. Thompson, a daughter of David Thompson, of Sheakleyville, Penn. She died January 14, 1890, leaving to survive one daughter, Hallie I., born October 28, 1886. On July 15, 1896, Mr. Duvé was again united in marriage, his second union being with Miss Evalina Abigail Tulloch, born Novem-

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ber 11, 1873, a daughter of George E. and Lutitia (Flanigan) Tulloch, of St. Petersburg, Penn., a lineal descendant of John and Priscilla Alden, a prominent member, a signer of the Compact, and last male survivor of the Mayflower colony, whose historic voyage terminated at Plymouth, Mass., December, 1620; the result of this union is one son, Justice Darlington, born November 26, 1897.

Mr. Duvé gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party, and since March 30, 1886, has continuously held the office of notary public; for six years was a prominent member of the city council, serving as its secretary for five years. He is an active and honored member of Canby Lodge No. 520, F. & A. M., of St. Petersburg, serving two years as worshipful master, and continuously as its secretary since 1893. He is also a member of Eden Chapter No. 259, R. A. M., of Clarion, Penn. Since coming to St. Petersburg, in 1882, he has made a host of warm friends among the best people of the place and throughout this and surrounding counties. In a delightful location on Main street is situated the comfortable residence of Mr. Duvé, where, with his family, peace, happiness and hospitality abound.

ADAM HETRICK, one of the leading citizens and the present supervisor of Red Bank township, Clarion county, was born September 19, 1836, in Armstrong county, Penn., of which his father, Peter Hetrick, was an early settler. His paternal grandparents, Adam and Hannah Hetrick, died in that county when past the age of one hundred years. They were Lutherans in religious belief. They reared a family of fourteen children. The grandfather was a native of Germany.

Peter Hetrick spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Armstrong county, conning his lessons in a primitive log school house and assisting in the labors of the farm. On reaching manhood he married Phœbe Smith, a native of that county, a daughter of Adam Smith. They became the parents of several children, namely: Isaac, now a resident of Taylor county, Iowa; Daniel, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war and is now living in Nebraska; Christina, wife of James Barrett, of Kansas; and Adam, of this sketch.

Amid rural scenes Adam Hetrick grew to manhood, and he early became familiar with the work of the farm, while his literary education was obtained in the neighboring schools. Feeling that his country needed his services he enlisted October 18, 1861, in the 78th P. V. I. He belonged to Capt. John Brinker's Company, McCook Division, Army of the Cumberland, and with his command took part in the engagements at Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Tullahoma, and Chickamauga under Gen. Thomas, who became known as the Rock of Chickamauga. He was later in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge and Buzzards Roost, where the Rebels rolled stones down upon the Union forces. These engagements were followed by the battles of Dallas, Ga., New Hope Church, Burnt Hickory, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Allentown Hills, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, siege of Atlanta, and the battles of Pulaski and Franklin, Tenn. Mr. Hetrick had his right eye injured at New Hope Church, was wounded by buckshot in the right hand at Stone River, and while on guard duty at Chickamauga had the hearing of his right ear impaired, and received a rupture while on guard duty at Nashville, Tenn. When his term of service had expired he was honorably discharged; he has never fully recovered from the effects of his army service. For some years he lived in Pike county, Mo., after the war, and on his return to Pennsylvania located upon the old homestead of his father-in-law, in Red Bank township, Clarion county, where he is now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits.

In 1859 Mr. Hetrick was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Silvis, who was born, reared and educated in Clarion county, and is a daughter of Daniel Silvis, one of the first settlers of Red Bank township. Both he and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Magdalene Nulph, were natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., and came here about 1808, when most of the land was still in its primitive condition, covered with a heavy growth of timber, and deer, bears, wolves, foxes, rattlesnakes and copperhead snakes were still very plentiful. The family endured all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, materially assisted in the growth and development of this region, and were classed among the valued and honored citizens. The two log houses which Mr. Silvis erected upon his farm are still standing—landmarks of early pioneer days. He died at the age of eighty-one, and his wife at the advanced age of ninety-four. In their family were four children, namely: Mrs. Catherine Best; Solomon, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war, and is now living in Red Bank township; Mary E., wife of our subject; and John, a resident of Brockport, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hetrick have three children: George W. is married and lives in Fair-

mount City, Penn., in a home of his own; W. T., a successful teacher; and U. Grant. The father is now most capably and satisfactorily serving as supervisor of his township, and his duties, both public and private, are always most faithfully performed. He gives a cordial and generous support to the various measures inaugurated for the good of the community, and is therefore recognized as one of the most public-spirited and progressive citizens.

SIMON J. SHANAFELT, a popular and highly respected citizen of Porter township, Clarion county, was born May 29, 1838, in Blair county, Penn., a son of Abram and Nancy (Hafford) Shanafelt, the former a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., and the latter of Maryland. The mother died in Blair county at the age of forty-six, leaving four children: Jacob; Samuel; Simon J.; and Joseph, who was a member of the Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Rebellion, and is now deceased. For his second wife the father chose Christina Gotleib, a German lady, by whom he had two daughters: Nancy Elizabeth and Abigail. The father was a blacksmith and farmer by occupation, and was a member of the Lutheran Church. In 1848 he came to Clarion county, where he died at the ripe old age of eighty-three years.

The subject of this sketch was ten years of age when he accompanied the family on their removal from Blair to Clarion county, and as soon as old enough he began learning the carpenter's trade, and also became familiar with agricultural pursuits. At Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., he enlisted July 4, 1861, in Company I, 62nd P. V. I., under Col. Samuel Black. The company was first commanded by Capt. Means, and after his death by Capt. Little, who was killed in the service and was succeeded by Capt. Bell. During his three years of arduous and faithful service, Mr. Shanafelt took part in the battle of Yorktown, siege of Yorktown, battles of Hanover C. H., Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, Malvern Hill, Harrisonburg, Gainesville, Antietam, Black Ford, Kearney's Ford, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Funkstown, Rappahannock Station, New Hope Church, Mine Run, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North and South Anna River, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. At the siege of Yorktown the drum of his right ear was broken by the explosion of a shell a few inches from his head, and resulted in the total loss of hearing in that ear. He was in the regimental hospital for three weeks, and was later in a hospital at Baltimore for one month. On the expiration of his term of enlistment he was discharged at Pittsburg, Penn., July 13, 1864, and returned home, but has never regained his former health.

On December 21, 1867, Mr. Shanafelt was married to Mrs. Matilda Brown, widow of Henry M. Brown, who was a member of Company C, 97th P. V. I., and died at the age of twenty-seven years, on David's Island, N. Y., from wounds received in battle. He left three children: Margaret J., Sarah Catherine and Florence A. Mrs. Shanafelt is a daughter of J. and Catherine (Seaman) Kitchen, both now deceased, the former dying in Venango county, Penn., and the latter in Jefferson county. They had one son, Philip Kitchen, who was also a Union soldier and was killed at the battle of the Wilderness in May, 1862. To Mr. and Mrs. Shanafelt have been born five children: Mrs. Mary Alice Shankle, Mrs. Arvilla J. Sanford, Mrs. Anna B. Pollier, John G. and William W.

Our subject uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and, socially, is identified with Capt. Carr Post No. 239, G. A. R. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Baptist Church, and are distinguished for their earnest religious character and firm faith. He is a man of remarkably good judgment, sound common sense and ability, which traits have made him prosperous and influential.

WILLIAM F. KNIGHT, one of the wealthy and highly respected citizens of Ashland township, has spent his entire life in Clarion county, his birth occurring in Beaver township, in 1831. His parents, Peter and Mary (Fisher) Knight, were born, reared and married in Westmoreland county, Penn., and subsequently removed to Clarion county, when it still formed a part of Venango county. Here the father engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life; he was a quiet, unassuming man, but was held in high regard by all who knew him. His death occurred in 1865, and his estimable wife closed her eyes in death in July, 1896. They had six children who are still living: John; William F., Asa; Mary, wife of Adam Brinker; Simon and Rebecca, wife of John A. Smith, of Ohio.

The opportunities afforded our subject of obtaining an education were very limited as he never attended school at all until twelve years of age, and then only for a short time. His training at farm work, however, was not so meager, and he early became familiar with every branch of that business, which he has principally followed throughout life. He is, however, also in-

terested in oil producing and distilling. His farm comprises nearly 300 acres of valuable and highly cultivated land, and is supplied with all of the conveniences and accessories which go to make up a model farm of the nineteenth century. His elegant residence is among the handsomest in Clarion county, and the barns and outbuildings are all in keeping with their surroundings.

In 1862, Mr. Knight was united in marriage to Miss Levina Gilbert, a daughter of Abraham Gilbert, of Beaver township, Clarion county, and they have become the parents of nine children, all yet living: John Calvin, Elmer E., Francis, Samuel, James, Harvey, Florence, William W. and George. The mother is a Lutheran in religious belief, while Mr. Knight holds membership in the German Reformed Church. Although a staunch Democrat in politics he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He stands to-day in his matured years a strong man, strong in the consciousness of well-spent years, strong to plan and perform, strong in his credit and good name, and a worthy example for young men to emulate. Though his school privileges were limited, in the school of experience he has learned lessons that have made him a well-informed man, broad-minded and liberal in his views, and with a charity that reaches out to all humanity.

JACOB E. HUGUS, the well-known postmaster of Turnip Hole, Clarion county, is an important factor in business circles, and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabated energy and industry that never flags. He is a leading merchant of the village, and as a public-spirited citizen is thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community.

Mr. Hugus was born in Beaver township, Clarion township, December 4, 1866, was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. His parents, Jacob and Sarah (Taylor) Hugus, were natives of the same county, while his paternal grandparents, Powell and Katie (Wyan) Hugus, were born in Westmoreland county, Penn., the former of French and the latter of German descent. They were married in that county, and came to Clarion county about 1816, located in Beaver township, when the country was all wild and unimproved and wild beasts still roamed through the forests. Indians were also numerous but friendly. The grandfather experienced all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and from the wild land developed a good farm, making it his home until called from this life July 10, 1882, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a consistent member of the Reformed Church, and the father of eight children: Jacob, Henry, Paul, Caroline, Susanna, Mary, Liddia and Rachel.

Jacob Hugus, Sr., has spent his entire life upon his present farm in Beaver township, Clarion county, and to agricultural pursuits has devoted the greater part of his attention, although in younger years he followed distilling to some extent. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been honored with a number of local offices. He is a man of the strictest integrity, is widely and favorably known, and is a consistent member of the Reformed Church, to which his wife also belongs. She, too, belongs to a prominent pioneer family, her parents being Robert and Margaret (Griffo) Taylor. Her father was of Irish and German descent, and came from eastern Pennsylvania to Clarion county about 1835. He purchased land in Beaver township, and improved two or three farms. His death occurred in 1877. In religious belief he was a Methodist, while his wife was a member of the Society of Friends. Their children were Samuel, William, James, Milton, Thomas, Robert, John, Elizabeth and Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Hugus have eight children: Robert P. (a prominent and influential member of the Democratic party in Clarion county), William (a mechanic), Jacob E. (of this sketch), Calvin (an oil driller), Mrs. Maggie Gobbs, Mrs. Mary Sterner, Mrs. Lidda Haust, and Cora.

During his boyhood and youth, Jacob E. Hugus engaged in farming, continuing to follow that pursuit until June, 1889, when he purchased a half interest in a general store at Turnip Hole, and in December, 1892, he became sole proprietor. He is a progressive, energetic business man, and is meeting with a well deserved success, receiving a liberal share of the public patronage.

In 1891 Mr. Hugus was married to Miss Martha E. Wentling, a daughter of Eli Wentling. The father was born in Beaver township, Clarion county, of German ancestry, is a mechanic by trade, but is now engaged in the oil business, and in farming on a small scale. He is a frail man, having contracted disease from exposure during service in the Civil war, and he now receives a small pension from the government. In the Reformed Church, he holds membership. By his first marriage he has four children: Edward H., Martha E., Mrs. Elizabeth Barlett, and Anna, now in Ohio; and by the sec-

ond, two sons: John and Charles, both at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hugus have a daughter, Grace, born January 4, 1892.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hugus is a a Democrat, and, in 1894, under President Cleveland's administration was appointed postmaster of Turnip Hole. He is a man of recognized ability, and with his amiable wife stands high in the community where they make their home. Those who know them best are numbered among their warmest friends, and no citizens in Clarion county are more highly respected. They are members of the Reformed Church.

R W. SHOTTS, a well-known lumberman and merchant of Farmington township, has done much to promote the commercial activity, advance the general welfare and secure the material development of Clarion county. As a business man he is wide-awake, reliable and energetic, and a well-deserved success has crowned his labors.

Mr. Shotts was born in Clarion county, June 11, 1845, a son of Henry and Sarah (Steelsmith) Shotts, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of German parentage. Henry Shotts cleared and improved a farm in Farmington township, near Tylersburg, where his death occurred in 1847, when our subject was but two years old. He left a wife, who had proved a true helpmeet to him during early pioneer days, and eight children whose gladdening presence had completed the household: (1) Israel, born in Clarion county, married (first) Catherine Ohler, (second) Rachel Steelsmith, and died in Parkersburg, W. Va., where he was engaged in business. (2) Hezekiah married Kate Knicely, of Clarion county, by whom he has sixteen children, and lives on his farm near Tylersburg. (3) Mahala married Stephen Smith, of Forest county, where she died leaving five children. (4) Mary A., married Joseph Weber, of Clarion county, and moved to Albion, Neb., where he died, leaving a wife and family who still reside in that State. (5) Lucinda married Thomas Porter, of Clarion county, and died some years ago, leaving a family. (6) Henry married Lizzie Walters, of Clarion county, who died leaving one daughter, Sarah; later he married Jane Hagan, by whom he has seven children, and for some years he has resided in Ringgold county, Iowa. (7) Caroline married Jerry Keely, and during his life time they resided in Clarion county; he enlisted in the army and was killed there, and after his death she married Conrad Myers, of Clarion county, who is also deceased. She has three children, and now resides in Du Bois, Clearfield Co., Penn. (8) is our subject. After the death of the father, Mrs. Shotts married Robert Killen.

During his boyhood and youth R. W. Shotts attended the common schools, and remained with his mother until fourteen years of age, when he started out in life for himself, working one and one-half years for Judge Proper, of Forest county, for $5 per month. He then went to Golinza Mills, Forest Co., Penn., where he helped to haul the first logs ever sawed in that mill. At this time he was not large enough to yoke his team of oxen, but for eighteen months he toiled here for $5 a month. Fortune smiled on the industrious boy, and his next position was with the David Gill mills in the same county, where for a year he received $10 per month for his services, and the second year double that amount. He then returned to Clarion county, and engaged in cutting stave bolts at $20 per month, remaining one year, thence going to Golinza Mills, where he teamed for $1 a day. A Clarion county farm was the next scene of his labors, after which he formed a copartnership with Colwell Hoover, and for six months they worked as jobbers in Golinza Mills. His next occupation was teaming for his brother at $2 per day. At the end of two years he settled on a farm in Clarion county, near Tylersburg, later moving to Porter Haskell's Mill, where for two years he put in logs on contract. He next returned to Forest county, where he put in square timber, running it to Pittsburg. From here he went to Lucinda Furnace, Clarion county, where he continued logging for C. Leeper & Co. The West had some attraction for Mr. Shotts, and he passed a year and a half in Decatur county, Iowa, but returned to Clarion county and resumed logging for C. Leeper & Co. After ten years at this he purchased a farm, but remained on it only a year, thence moving to Leeper, where he built a part of his present store, and also his flouring-mill. He now carries a complete line of hardware, dry goods and groceries, conducts a flouring-mill, and also is engaged in lumbering in Lewis county, Washington.

On February 17, 1866, Mr. Shotts was united in marriage with Mary C. De Walt, who was born November 25, 1850, a daughter of Michael and Susan (Walters) De Walt, pioneers of Westmoreland county. To Mr. and Mrs. Shotts have been born eleven children, nine of whom are yet living: Lillie, Burl, Aola, Sylvester, Andrew, Jennie, Susie, Blanche and Howard. Politically our subject is a Republican; religiously he adheres to no denomination, but his estimable

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wife is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., which order he joined twenty-six years ago.

EMANUEL SLOUGHENHAUPT. Laying aside the cares and responsibilities of business life, this gentleman is now enjoying a well-earned rest. He is a native of Clarion county, born July 9, 1835, in Beaver township, and is a representative of one of its old and prominent pioneer families.

His paternal grandfather was a native of Germany, and was the founder of this branch of the family in America. Philip Sloughenhaupt, the father, was born east of the mountains in Pennsylvania, and was a soldier of the Mexican war. He was a tailor by trade, a Democrat in politics, and a Lutheran in religious belief. In early manhood he was married to Mary Peters, who was born near Queenstown, Penn., a daughter of Adam Peters, a hero of the Revolutionary war. Mr. Sloughenhaupt and wife were among the pioneers of Clarion county, and here both died in the same year, at the age of sixty, honored and respected by all who knew them.

The subject of this sketch is the oldest in their family of six children—two sons and four daughters—the others being as follows: Barbara married H. Kline, and is now deceased; Ellen is the deceased wife of Henry Kearns, who for three years served as a member of the 62nd P. V. I. during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Oil City, Penn.; Joshua lives on the old homestead in Salem township, Clarion county; Margaret is the wife of Reed Say, of Delaware; and Mary is the wife of Henry Lee, of Colorado.

Emanuel Sloughenhaupt passed the days of his childhood on the home farm, and received his education in the schools of the neighborhood. His patriotism and courage were manifested by his enlistment, July 9, 1862, at the time President Lincoln called for 300,000 more volunteers. He was a member of Company G, 155th P. V. I., under command of Capt. Klotz and Col. Allen, and with his regiment he took part in the following engagements: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Williamsport, the Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania, North Ann River, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and the mine explosion, where the regiment charged on the front. Later followed the battles of Hatcher's Run, Preble's Farm, Five Forks and Appomattox, where Longstreet's corps was taken by the Pennsylvania troops. Although three times wounded, Mr. Sloughenhaupt was never off duty, and on many a Southern battle-field displayed remarkable courage. When hostilities ceased, he was honorably discharged June 9, 1865, and returned to his home in Clarion county. He successfully engaged in farming until 1894, but since that time has lived retired in St. Petersburg.

At the age of thirty-eight, Mr. Sloughenhaupt was united in marriage with Miss Susanna Kline, a daughter of Jacob Kline, but he has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who was a member of the Lutheran Church, and died in that faith in April, 1890. Since the war Mr. Sloughenhaupt has suffered greatly from rheumatism contracted in the service, and also from disease of the heart and spinal trouble. He spent seven years in Reno county, Kans., and while there was a member of Joe Hooker Post No. 17, G. A. R., but now holds membership in Lookout Post No. 425. He is an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and does all in his power to promote those measures which he believes calculated to advance the general welfare. His life has been actuated by unselfish motives, prompted by patriotism and guided by truth and justice, and he has thereby won the friendship and high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

FREDERICK CRISMAN, a representative agriculturist, of Elk township, Clarion county, was born in June 1838, in Armstrong county, Penn., where also his father, John Crisman, was born in 1801.

The grandfather, Frederick Crisman, Sr., was a native of Germany, and on coming to the United States located in that county, where he spent his remaining days. In his native county the father married Miss Catharine John, who was also born in Armstrong county, where they continued to make their home for many years. She died at the age of seventy-four, and Mr. Crisman at the advanced age of ninety-one. His last days were passed in Lawsonham, Clarion county. They were good, honest, industrious and frugal German people, who had the respect and confidence of all who knew them. They held membership in the Dunkard Church, and, politically, Mr. Crisman affiliated with the Republican party. Their children were: Lavina, Philip, Oscar, Eliza, Frederick, John, Hamilton, Cassius, Adam, Henry, and Theresa. Of this number, John and Hamilton were members of the State Guard during the Rebellion.

Frederick Crisman (our subject) was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, assisting in the work of the fields and attending the common schools when his services

were not needed at home. He enlisted March 17, 1865, in Company G, 78th P. V. I., and when the war was over he was honorably discharged in June, of the same year. For some time he made his home in Lawsonham, and has always engaged in farming and lumbering. In 1881, in partnership with his sons, he purchased 174 acres of valuable land in Elk township, Clarion county, pleasantly located and only a mile and a quarter from Shippenville. He is a progressive and energetic farmer, who keeps thoroughly abreast with the times in every particular, and is meeting with excellent success in his operations.

In 1858 Mr. Crisman was married to Miss Catharine, daughter of Henry Chrisman, now deceased. They now have thirteen children: Levi Ferman, Sarah Jane, Addison Summerville, John Walter, Melissa May, Henry Clure, Frederick Ross, Laura Luella, Charley Calvin, Edward Alvin, William Harrison, James Bert, and Jesse M. The father and sons all cast their ballots with the Republican party, and the family is one of prominence in the community. Religiously Mr. Crisman is a member of the Lutheran Church, and socially he is identified with Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R.

W. R. SHIPPEN, one of the leading citizens of Shippenville, was born April 11, 1830, in the town where he still makes his home, and he is a worthy representative of one of the most honored and distinguished families of Clarion county. His ancestors came to America about 1639 from England and first located in Boston, but later removed to Philadelphia, and the family has since been prominently identified with the interests of the Keystone State. Most of its early representatives belonged to the Society of Friends, and were engaged in mercantile pursuits. Robert Shippen, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Philadelphia, and was a cousin of Chief Justice Shippen, whose daughter married General Arnold, the traitor.

Richard Shippen, our subject's father, was born in Chester county, Penn., and was reared and educated in Philadelphia. On attaining to man's estate, he was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Ann Black, by whom he had five children, namely: W. R.; Harriette G.; Mary Ann; Robert B., who died at the age of thirty-eight; and Margaret. The Shippen family owned large tracts of land in Clarion county, whither Richard Shippen removed in 1828, becoming the founder of Shippenville, which was named in his honor. In connection with John and Jacob Black, he was extensively engaged in the manufacture of charcoal and in operating iron furnaces, and in this way gave employment to as many as one hundred men. Mr. Shippen also conducted a general store, and was one of the most successful, reliable and prominent business men in the county. His name is inseparably and honorably connected with the history of this locality and his memory will long be enshrined in the hearts of his many friends. Politically he was a Republican. He departed this life in 1872, at the age of seventy-four, and his estimable wife passed away at the age of thirty-nine.

W. R. Shippen grew to manhood under the parental roof, and obtained an excellent education in select schools of Meadville, Penn. On starting out in life for himself, he clerked for some years in his father's store. Being an earnest, progressive man, he has met with good success in his undertakings, and now devotes his time to looking after his large land and oil interests in Clarion county. He has made for himself an honorable record as a business man, and as a citizen merits the confidence and esteem so freely accorded him. In 1861 he donned the blue and went forth to fight for the old flag and the cause it represented, being for three years a member of the Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves. During the greater part of the time he acted as quartermaster, and is now an honored member of the Grand Army Post of Shippenville. In religious belief he is a Lutheran, and as an officer of the Church he takes an active part in its work.

JAMES IRWIN, one of the representative citizens of East Brady, Clarion county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born June 15, 1837, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

James Irwin, Sr., his father, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born, reared and married in Westmoreland county, Miss Dorcas Decker, who was of English and Scotch extraction, becoming his wife. To them were born eight children, namely: Frances; Alexander, who was a member of the Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Derry Station, Westmoreland county, Penn.; Martha; Mary Ann; John, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Edward, a soldier of the 206th P. V. I., who died in Johnstown, Penn.; James; and Sarah. Only three of the children are now living. The father was a stonemason by trade, but also followed the occupation of farming. He

was an ardent Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious belief, while his wife was reared a Methodist, and always adhered to that faith. Their circle of friends and acquaintances was indeed extensive.

Reared in Westmoreland county, James Irwin, of this sketch, there learned the trade of a cabinet-maker, which he followed until fourteen years old, then engaged in mining until 1861. Hardly had the echoes from Fort Sumter's guns died away when he enlisted in Company H, 41st P. V. I., for three years, under Capt. A. J. Bolar, and later became a member of the 12th Pennsylvania Reserves, which made such a gallant record. He took part in the battle of Drainsville, the seven-days' fight of the Peninsular campaign, the second battle of Bull Run, under Pope, and the engagements at Antietam, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Robison's Tavern, the Wilderness and Cold Harbor. He was wounded in the hand at the battle of Fredericksburg, and at Harrisburg, Penn., was honorably discharged in 1864, with the rank of sergeant.

In 1870, Mr. Irwin came to East Brady, where for twenty-two years he was successfully engaged in the grocery business, but is now practically living retired upon a place of twenty-seven acres adjoining that village. In a railroad accident in 1873 he had the misfortune to lose his left arm; but notwithstanding he has been handicapped in this way, he has steadily and honorably worked his way upward, and has attained a fair degree of prosperity.

In August, 1864, Mr. Irwin was married to Miss Elizabeth Lorden, who died in Johnstown, Penn., in 1870. Later he wedded Angeline Engle, by whom he had two children: Edward, who died at the age of two years; and Frank E., who died when only three months old. After the death of his wife he married Charlotte Carson, who passed away in August, in 1894. In May, 1895, he was again married, this time to Miss Sarah Beneger, of East Brady.

In his political affiliations Mr. Irwin is a Republican, and has been called upon to serve as overseer of the poor, and in other local positions of honor and trust. For many years he has been an earnest, consistent Christian, a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has served as steward several years, class leader for twenty years, teacher in the Sunday-school twelve years, and has been one of the most successful Sunday-school superintendents in Clarion county. Socially he is a member of Thomas M. Sedgwick Post, G. A. R., in which he has passed all the chairs, and also belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men. His life has ever been in harmony with his profession and is well worthy of emulation.

JOHN L. FOX, a general merchant of Pollock, was born in Monroe township, Clarion county, September 8, 1839. His father, John Fox, came to this section of the State from Huntingdon county, Penn., where he was born in 1803, a son of Jacob Fox, a native of the Keystone State, and of English and German extraction. The father of our subject was married in Mifflin county, Penn., to Eliza Redline, who was born in 1811, at Reeds Mills, Mifflin county, and was of English lineage. In 1836 they removed from Huntingdon county to Clarion county, locating first in Strattonville. The father was a shoemaker by trade. He spent his last years in Perry township, and died at the home of our subject at the age of eighty-two. His wife passed away at the age of sixty-two. They had a family of thirteen children: William, who resides in Perry township; Sarah; Nancy; Jacob; Harriet; John L.; James; Willoughby; Emma; Abner; Frank; Albert; and Lydia. Four of the sons gave their services to the Union during the Civil war, William going to the front as a member of the 105th P. V. I.; Jacob, a member of the 8th Pennsylvania Reserves, died in consequence of service; James, who was in a three-months' regiment, is now living at Freeport, Pennsylvania.

John L. Fox was reared in Clarion county, and acquired his education in the common schools. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, but in the early part of the war he put aside all personal considerations and enlisted at President Lincoln's first call for 300,000 volunteers, becoming a member of Company E, 78th P. V. I. He served for more than three years, and participated in the battles of Stone River, Murfreesboro, Chattanooga and Nashville, where he was under fire thirty days. He then went on to Atlanta, and after participating in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, the regiment was mounted and participated in the battle of Peach Tree Creek. When his term of service had ended he was honorably discharged and returned to his home with a war record of which he may well be proud. He was always at his post of duty, faithfully defending the old flag and the cause it represented, and well deserves to be numbered among those to whom the Union owes its preservation. After his return home Mr. Fox followed farming for some time and also worked at the carpenter's trade until 1877, being connected with the indus-

trial interests of the community for a considerable period. He then turned his attention to merchandising, and has since carried on business either in Pollock or Perrysville, having now a well conducted store in the former place.

In 1865 Mr. Fox was married to Miss Mary Slaughenhaupt, who was born in Illinois, a daughter of Daniel and Esther (Wilson) Slaughenhaupt, who were natives of the Keystone State, and died in Clarion county. She had one brother, James Alvin, of Venango county, Penn., who served as one of the boys in blue in Company E, 78th P. V. I. Mr. and Mrs. Fox have three children: Frank, who is employed in a wholesale grocery house in Pittsburg; James, who for a number of years has been engaged in business in Allegheny county, Penn.; and Bertha, wife of W. E. Pollock, of Allegheny county. Mr. Fox is a prominent and leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as steward for a number of years, as class leader and as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum, and is highly esteemed by all.

IRVIN M. SHANNON, ex-sheriff of Clarion county, and the present efficient cashier of the Second National Bank of Clarion, is one of the prominent and influential men of the county, where he was born March 6, 1845.

Christopher S. Shannon, his father, was born in Northumberland county, Penn., December 4, 1812, but when a child came with his parents to Armstrong county, and thence to Clarion county. He was engaged in mercantile lines of business throughout life. His death occurred May 13, 1896. He was a man of broad business ideas, a good manager, and was one of the active and prominent business men of this section for years. His wife, whom he married March 17, 1842, was Martha McFarland, who was born in Mifflin county, Penn., March 31, 1825, and was the daughter of Robert McFarland. She died June 23, 1891; a most estimable woman. Their children were: A. J. (deceased), I. M., P. M., Sarah C. (Mrs. I. J. Keck), Robert T. (deceased), Nancy E. (deceased), and G. Luke (deceased).

Irvin M. Shannon had but meager educational advantages, going to school but a brief period after his thirteenth year. His father, in addition to being largely engaged in merchandising, was also in the lumber business, and young Shannon was taken from school to assist his father in the business. He clerked in the store until 1860, then was employed on the farm (his father also at that time carrying on farming operations). In the spring of 1861 he made a trip to the eastern part of the State, taking a drove of horses which he disposed of to a Mr. Cake, of Pottsville, Penn., who had a government contract to furnish horses for the U. S. army. He was from home some seven weeks, and on returning resumed farm work until in January, 1862, when he could no longer resist his country's call, so enlisted in Company C, 62nd P. V. I., and at once started to the front, going into winter quarters in front of Washington, D. C. In the spring they broke camp and started on the Peninsula campaign, participating in most of its engagements prior to the battle of Gaines' Mills, Va., June 27, 1862, where he was wounded and taken prisoner. He was held a prisoner of war for upwards of one month, and was confined at Libby prison. He was then exchanged, and in December, 1862, was discharged. His brother, P. M., was wounded in the same engagement. On returning home Mr. Shannon accepted a clerkship in a store at Shannondale which later was purchased by his uncle. Soon afterward our subject became a partner, and the business was carried on two years by the new firm. At the close of this period he sold his interest to his uncle and joined his brother, P. M. Shannon (now a prominent oil operator in Pittsburg), in merchandising at Shannondale. The two conducted the business until 1868, when our subject became the proprietor and conducted a general store at the same point until in 1883. In the fall of 1882 he was elected sheriff of the county, and moved to Clarion. After having served one term of three years in this office he engaged in the hotel business, keeping the "Loomis House" until in 1890. Then for a period, 1891–1892, he was speculating in lumber. In January, 1893, he became the assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Clarion, and one year later the cashier. He still holds this position, to which he is admirably adapted. Aside from the sheriffalty, Mr. Shannon has served in other local offices, and was for seven years president of the school board. For some years he was interested in the *Jacksonian*, a newspaper of Clarion. Mr. Shannon is prominent in a number of the secret societies; he is a member of the F. & A. M. and is serving as trustee of the lodge at Clarion, and was one of the building committee that erected the building belonging to the lodge at that point. He is president of the Clarion Athletic Association; is identified with the I. O. O. F., and with the G. A. R.; and in politics he is a Democrat.

On June 1, 1871, Mr. Shannon was married to Miss Elvira Yeany, who was born October 1,

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1853, in Clarion county, and to them have been born: Milo C., who in 1893 graduated from the Iron City Business College, of Pittsburg, and Prof. Porter's School of Shorthand, is the vice-president of the Second National Bank, of Clarion; and Pearl, who is unmarried and at home. Mrs. Shannon, who is a woman of refinement and culture, is identified with the Presbyterian Church, and is now serving as president of the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 36, Department of Pennsylvania. Her father (who is still living at the remarkable age of eighty-eight years) is John Yeany, a highly-respected and esteemed citizen of Shannondale, Pennsylvania.

P. M. Shannon, of Pittsburg, alluded to in the foregoing, the brother of our subject, is president and general manager of the Pennsylvania Oil & Gas Company, of Wyoming. He is probably one of the most prominent oil men in the country. He opened the "Economy Field" near Pittsburg, in which he is drilling his eighteenth well.

J P. DIVINS, who is now serving as justice of the peace, has always made his home in Porter township, Clarion county, his birth having occurred there March 29, 1838. His father, Hon. William Divins, who represented the county in the General Assembly, was born in 1808, in Centre county, Penn., and was a son of James Divins, a native of Ireland, who came to Pennsylvania when a young man. In Centre county William Divins married Miss Mary McKinney, a lady of intelligence and refinement, who was born in that county, a daughter of John McKinney, a Scotchman by birth. She died May 15, 1882, at the age of seventy years, having survived her husband for some time. He was called to his final rest in March, 1863, at the age of fifty-six years. For twenty years he was one of the most successful teachers of this section of the State, and also engaged in farming. His fellow citizens recognizing his worth and ability often called him to public office, and he most acceptably served as justice of the peace for a quarter of a century, county auditor for three years, county commissioner for the same length of time, and State representative for two terms. He was a prominent member and deacon of the Baptist Church, and never withheld his support from any enterprise calculated to promote the moral, educational, or material welfare of the community, and was therefore numbered among the honored and valued citizens of the county.

To William and Mary Divins were born eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, namely: John, deceased; William, who was a member of the 148th P. V. I. during the Civil war, and died in Monroe township, Clarion county, in January, 1886; David, who was a member of the same regiment, and died at Bells Island, N. Y., from fever contracted in the service; James P.; Anthony, who also belonged to the 148th P. V. I., and is now a resident of Jefferson county; Martin, who died at the age of four years; Thomas, a Union soldier now living in Porter township, Clarion county; Calvin, who lives in Clearfield county; Curtis, a resident of Elk county, Penn.; Sarah Ann, wife of J. C. Henry, of Jefferson county; and Mary E., wife of G. W. Stewart, of Porter township.

The subject of this sketch spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, and the knowledge he acquired in the local schools has been supplemented by reading and study in later years, so that he has become a well informed man. During early life he was employed about the furnaces, and later worked in mills. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, Mr. Divins enlisted in February, 1864, in Company K, 148th P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and with that command he participated in sixteen important battles and many skirmishes, including those in front of Petersburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna River (Va.), Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Strawberry Plains, Deep Bottom, Ream's Station, Hatcher's Run, South Side Railroad, Farmville, and Appomattox Court House. He had many narrow escapes but was never seriously wounded, being hit on the arm at one time by a spent ball, while bullets pierced his cap and coat and his canteen was shot off. For a short time, however, he was ill in the hospital. His regiment lost heavily, there being thirteen officers and 190 men among those killed or who died of wounds received; four officers and 170 men who died from disease; 28 officers and 512 men wounded; and four officers and 168 men captured or missing, making a total loss of 1,089.

On July 15, 1866, Mr. Divins married Miss Catherine, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Buzzard) Phillips, who died in Porter township, Clarion county, the latter at the extreme old age of ninety-eight. One brother, Michael Phillips, was a soldier of the 148th P. V. I., and was wounded at Ream's Station. Mr. and Mrs. Divins had four children: Cora, David Merrill and Thomas Ellsworth, all living; and Frank, deceased.

Since attaining his majority, Mr. Divins has never failed to vote at every election with the exception of those held while he was in the serv-

ice of his country. For the past decade he as faithfully served as justice of the peace, and his rulings have ever been fair and impartial. He is an honored member of Capt. Case Post No. 239, G. A. R., and belongs to the Baptist Church, in which he is serving as clerk. He takes an active and prominent part in all Church and Sunday-school work, and his hand is never withheld from doing good. As a citizen he is worthy the high respect and confidence ceded to him by the entire community. He owns a good farm of forty-five acres, and in its operation is meeting with a fair degree of success.

JOHN F. BROWN, who for many years in his younger life was associated with the press of western Pennsylvania, and since engaged largely in general insurance in the same section, being a member of the firm of John F. & G. E. Brown, of Clarion and Brookville, is a native of Waterstreet, Huntingdon Co., Penn., born March 22, 1850.

Benjamin F. Brown, his father, now living in retirement with his estimable wife at McVeytown, Mifflin county, this State, was for nearly a third of a century one of the well-known educators of that part of the State. He was born in April, 1825, in Huntingdon county, and lived there many years. His wife, who was Martha J. Stewart, was also a native of Huntingdon county, born March 5, 1833. They were married in 1849, and to them were born six sons and five daughters, all yet living. The parents are now passing the evening of their lives together at McVeytown, aged, the father, seventy-three, and the mother, sixty-four, both being well preserved and in the enjoyment of good health.

John F. Brown received his primary education in the district schools of Huntingdon county. At the age of nine years he went to live with an uncle in Fayette county, Penn., who was the publisher of a newspaper there. For two years he was a newsboy on a line of steamboats from Pittsburg to Brownsville, on the Monongahela river. In December, 1863, he came with his uncle (R. B. Brown) to Clarion, the uncle purchasing the Clarion *Democrat*. Here in the office of that paper young Brown learned the printer's trade and the newspaper business. R. B. Brown was elected a member of the State Legislature from Clarion county, and during his service in that body the paper was conducted by our subject. After the uncle's return John F. Brown went to New Castle, Penn., and for two years was the editorial and local writer of the New Castle *Gazette and Democrat*. He then returned to Clarion and became a partner with his uncle, in publishing the Clarion *Democrat*, which for some years following made somewhat of a reputation among the journals of the State for its activity in politics and in the early oil development of that section. For four years he followed the fortunes of this paper, when in 1876 he sold his interest and engaged in the business of fire and life insurance. Subsequently he associated with him in the business his brother G. F. Brown. Under their good management and direction the business has been enlarged and increased until at this time the firm carries probably two-thirds of all the insurance in Clarion and Jefferson counties. They also do a large business in the counties of Forest and Elk, and have offices in Clarion, Brookville and Punxsutawney, all being connected by a private telephone. Our subject, the senior member of the firm, resides at Clarion, while G. E. Brown lives at Brookville. These gentlemen have in their employ two other brothers, Walter S., who is in charge of the office in Punxsutawney, and P. S. Brown is a traveling solicitor. This firm represents some fifteen of the very best fire insurance companies, and have been most successful in conducting their business for all parties concerned. They have placed large lines of insurance for large manufacturing companies, particularly in the line of sawmills, lumber companies, coal works, etc. These gentlemen have made for themselves and the companies they represent a great reputation for honorable and square dealing in all of their business. They do not lose sight of their patrons' interests, as has been evinced in the satisfactory adjustments of their losses. In addition to a fire insurance business of upwards of $50,000 per year, the firm represents the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Philadelphia, and have built up a remarkably large business in that line, having more policies in force in this district than all other life insurance companies combined.

On September 20, 1876, our subject was married to Miss Effie K. Burns, who was born May 4, 1859, at Clarion, Penn., and is the daughter of the late James T. Burns, of Clarion, a man of considerable prominence in the county, having served as county treasurer and was three times elected county commissioner. To this marriage were born four children, namely: Alice, who is attending Wilson College at Chambersburg; Fred V., who is attending a preparatory school; Katherine J., and Marie C. The parents of these are members of the Presbyterian Church, the father being president of the board of trus-

tees. He is a member of the F. & A. M., K. T. degree; also of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat. While active in party work Mr. Brown has not aspired to office, he never having sought official position, but on the other hand has declined it, refusing at one time the appointment of chief deputy revenue collector for the district. He has been a trustee of the Clarion State Normal School since its organization, and is prominent in public enterprises of his town and county.

JOHN W. KNAPP, an estimable citizen of Clarion, Clarion county, where he is widely known as a merchant and business man, was born at Huntsburg, Ohio, August 18, 1854.

The Knapp family of this section were originally from Connecticut, moving to Ohio in an early day, then coming to Pennsylvania. The parents of our subject, who are now among the respected citizens of Clarion, were born, the father, Rev. Ezra R. Knapp, in Delaware county, N. Y., September 14, 1820, and the mother, Minerva C. (Starkey) Knapp, at Huntsburg, Ohio, January 22, 1825. They were married at Montville, Ohio, in 1841, and the children born to them are: Lizzie M., John W., Charles H. and Frederick R. now living, four children having died in infancy. The father of these is a minister of the M. E. Church, but owing to his age has retired from active work.

John W. Knapp received a good English education. He began teaching school at the early age of eighteen years, following the profession for a number of terms at Arthurs, Scotch Hill, and Turkey City, all points in Pennsylvania. While engaged in teaching, the summers he usually passed in working at the printing business. Subsequently, in 1880, he entered the Eastman National Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and after his graduation he taught one term of school. In March, 1881, he became engaged in merchandising at Clarion, and has since been so occupied. He is well and favorably known in this section as an upright business man and Christian gentleman. He deals largely in normal text books and school supplies. In 1895 he began the erection of what is styled the "Clarion Telephone," and has since gradually made extensions until he now has some seventy odd boxes in the borough of Clarion. He has been measurably successful, and has about him the comforts of life.

On May 10, 1881, Mr. Knapp was married to Miss Kate C. Underwood, a teacher of ability in the Clarion county schools. She is the daughter of Alexander Underwood, born December 25, 1859, at Ironton, Ohio, and came to Clarion county in childhood. Both Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are members of the M. E. Church, he being a steward in same. Socially, he is identified with the I. O. O. F., being a past grand and past patriarch of the Encampment. Politically he is a Republican.

J W. HORTON, a well-known boot and shoe maker, of East Brady, Clarion county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred June 25, 1845, in Allegheny county, near the Butler county line.

Russell Horton, father of our subject, was born in New York, of English and German ancestry, while the mother, who bore the maiden name of Frances Brown, was a native of Allegheny county, Penn., and was of French origin. Of their seven children, only three reached the age of maturity, namely: Joseph W., of this review; Albert G., now residing in Potter county, Penn., and Cynthia. The mother died at the age of thirty-six, and the father was again married, having four children by his second union: James A., Oliver P., Alzina and George R. The father was sixty-three years of age when he was called to his final rest. He was a farmer by occupation, a Republican in political sentiment, and a sincere member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In Butler county Joseph W. Horton was reared and educated, and before the Civil war was a boatman on the river for about nine years. In March, 1864, he enlisted in Company L, 11th P. V. C., under Capt. John B. Loomis, who was killed in the Wilson raid, and Col. Samuel P. Speers. Our subject participated in the engagements in front of Petersburg, and on the Weldon railroad; he was injured by his horse falling upon his knee, and as the injury never healed he was obliged to have the leg amputated in 1876. The war having ended, he was honorably discharged August 13, 1865, and returned home. In 1865 Mr. Horton came to Clarion county, locating first near Millers Eddy in Toby township, and later he lived in West Freedom and near Parkers Landing until coming to East Brady in 1887. Here he has since successfully worked at his trade, receiving from the public a liberal patronage.

On May 20, 1869, Mr. Horton was married to Miss Mary L. Miller, who was born near Rimersburg, Clarion county, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Baker) Miller, both now deceased. Six children blessed this union: Lydia May; Myrtle, wife of T. W. Ostins, of

East Brady; Olive Gertrude; and William C.; the others died in infancy. Mr. Horton is a prominent member of G. A. R. Post No. 294, of East Brady, in which he served as commander for two terms, and is now adjutant. His political support is unswervingly given to the men and measures of the Republican party. Loyal to truth, honor and right, he occupies an enviable position in the esteem of his fellow men, and no one in Clarion county is more deserving the high regard in which he is held.

HENRY B. WHITEHILL is numbered among the representative and prosperous agriculturists of Elk township, Clarion county. He owns and operates the old Whitehill homestead, which comprises 163 acres of rich and arable land, under a high state of cultivation, and improved with commodious and substantial buildings, good fences and a fine orchard. Upon the place are eleven oil-producing wells, which add materially to his income, and in connection with general farming Mr. Whitehill was for twenty years successfully engaged in the oil and lumber business.

On the farm, where he is still living, Mr. Whitehill was born June 29, 1843, a son of David Whitehill, and a grandson of James C. Whitehill. James C. Whitehill was a native of Pennsylvania, of Scotch extraction; in 1816 he settled in Clarion county, and became one of the prominent pioneers of that section, playing an important part in the early development of the country, and passing his last years on the present homestead of the family. David Whitehill was born in Centre county in 1805, and came with his parents to Clarion county at the age of eleven years. He grew to manhood here, and married Miss Esther Packer, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Job and Orpha (Wilson) Packer, who for many years lived at the mouth of Deer creek. David Whitehill died July 11, 1881. Ten children blessed this union, namely: Joseph M., Elmira J. (deceased), Henry B., James C., Emma, Orpha, Job, Mary and Maggie (twins), and David B.

Under the able direction of his father, Henry B. Whitehill early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, and is to-day one of the most capable farmers of Elk township. His literary training was obtained in the public schools. On July 7, 1864, he enlisted in the one-hundred-days' service, becoming a member of the 2nd P. V. I., and he later served until the close of the war in Company K, 56th P. V. I.

On January 13, 1870, Mr. Whitehill was married to Miss Mary E. Maxwell, who was born July 11, 1851, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Black) Maxwell, the former born in 1820 in Centre county (a son of Samuel Maxwell, Sr., a native of Ireland), and died in 1852; the latter born March 1, 1826, and died May 17, 1884. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitehill: Orr D., born February 24, 1872, is now married and living on the home farm; Clyde M., born October 26, 1877, died at the age of ten months; and Ray C., born April 9, 1885. Mrs. Whitehill is a highly educated lady, and at the time of her marriage was a successful teacher in Clarion county.

In his political affiliations Mr. Whitehill is a Republican, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, though he has served as a member of the school board. He belongs to Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville. Mrs. Whitehill is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps No. 55, Shippenville, also a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their sterling worth and many excellent traits of character have won for this honored couple the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

HENRY SHRUM, a well-known lumberman and farmer, of Highland township, has spent his entire life in Clarion county, his birth occurring in 1832, on the Kathers farm, near the city of Clarion. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Kuntz) Shrum. The father, a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., located in Beaver township on first coming to Clarion county, and was for some time employed at the Long & Blackford furnace. Subsequently he purchased a farm, on which he spent his remaining days. His wife died in 1889.

Our subject is one of a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Margaret, now Mrs. Joseph McCleain, of Highland township; Elizabeth, who married George Troutner, but both are now deceased: Martha wedded Jacob Whitmer, of Clarion county; Mary, who wedded John Boyd, both deceased, leaving a large family; one son, Jackson, was killed at Goldsboro during the Civil war; Sarah, wife of Samuel Whitmer, of Callensburg, Clarion county, who was also one of the brave boys in blue; Christopher, who died when a young man; John, who married a Miss Breman, and with his family now resides at Sligo Furnace, Clarion county.

Henry Shrum spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Licking township, Clarion county, and in its common schools he acquired his educa-

tion. On attaining to man's estate he married Miss Margaret A. Reed, of Highland township, who died in 1875. To them were born four children: Elizabeth, the eldest, was born in Callensburg, married Isaac Harger, of Marion, Penn., and died some years ago. Rosanna E. died when a young lady. Wilhelmina F. is the wife of William Ricard, of Highland township, and they have eight children—Maggie (deceased), James, Grover, Merrell, Charles, Bernice, Sylvie, and Mabel. William H., born in Jefferson county, is now employed in Empire, Elk Co., Penn. For his second wife Mr. Shrum chose Miss Elizabeth A. Lamb, a daughter of James and Margaret Lamb, and four children grace this union—Homer, David, Maggie and L. G., all at home.

After his first marriage Mr. Shrum purchased his present farm of fifty acres in Highland township, Clarion county, which at that time was all wild land, but he has converted the tract into one of the most highly cultivated farms of the locality, and has erected thereon a pleasant residence and good barn and other outbuildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry.

Responding to the country's call for aid during the Civil war, Mr. Shrum enlisted in 1862, in Company H, 149th P. V. I., under Capt. Stratton, and was with the First Army Corps, also the Fifth Army Corps. He was detailed as regimental teamster, and subsequently was made teamster in the ammunition train. He remained in the service until the war was ended and his services were no longer needed, and he was never off duty for a single day on account of sickness or for any other cause. He was honorably discharged in 1865 and returned to his home and family.

Reared as an Old-line Whig, Mr. Shrum joined the Republican party on its organization, and has since been one of its most earnest advocates. Although he has never aspired to office, he creditably served as school director for one term, and has always faithfully discharged every duty that has devolved upon him, whether public or private. He and his wife are both earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Protestant Church at Mr. Carmel, give liberally to its support, and are numbered among the best citizens of Highland township.

JAMES MILTON MARSH, residing in Sligo, Clarion county, is one of the most popular conductors on the Low Grade Division of the Allegheny Valley railroad, and now runs between Sligo, Red Bank and Oak Ridge.

Born August 23, 1856, two miles from Smicksburg, in Indiana county, Penn., Mr. Marsh is a son of Harrison and Mary (Repine) Marsh, and grandson of Graves Marsh, of Pittsburg, Penn., who was employed on the river. Harrison Marsh was born February 14, 1814, in Pittsburg, and throughout his active business life engaged in farming, and he conducted hotels at Perrysville and Big Run, Penn., but was living retired at the time of his death, which occurred at Reynoldsville, Penn., in July, 1876. He had removed to Jefferson county in 1858. During the Civil war he served as a member of Company D, 206th P. V. I., but was never wounded. His wife, who was born in 1817, near Blairsville, in Indiana county, died in January, 1889, and was laid by his side in the cemetery at Reynoldsville. She held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Elizabeth, now the wife of Squire W. M. Blouse, of Big Run, Penn.; Robert H., who was a member of Company A, 105th P. V. I., and died of typhoid fever while in the service, his remains being brought home for burial; Israel W., who died from the effects of wounds received in battle, and was buried at Green Spring Run, Va.; Caroline, wife of Thomas Postleweights, a farmer of Dixon county, Neb.; John, a contractor living in Punxsutawney, Penn.; William H., who left home in 1866, since which time nothing has been heard from him; Nancy, wife of Patrick Foley, a railroad engineer living in Reynoldsville; James Milton, of this sketch; and Alice, wife of John Stevenson, also a railroad engineer living in Reynoldsville.

At the age of two years James Milton Marsh was taken by his parents to Jefferson county, and with them he remained until sixteen years of age, when he began work on the Low Grade railroad, between Reynoldsville and Brookville, remaining with that company for three years. He then engaged in teaming in Reynoldsville for two years, after which he came to Edinburg, Clarion county, where the following three years were passed in teaming, pumping, etc. On his return to Reynoldsville, he was employed for a year and three months as brakeman on the railroad, later was flagman for a year and a half, and afterward was promoted to conductor. He served as such for four years, then came to Sligo, where he has since made his home.

On December 24, 1883, at Reynoldsville, Mr. Marsh was married to Miss Mary Carey, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. Brady, a Catholic priest, and they have become the parents of three children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Harry T., August 24, 1885;

James W., October 2, 1887; and John C., July 19, 1890.

Mrs. Marsh was born, June 26, 1861, in Columbus, Penn., a daughter of Michael and Ellen (Foley) Carey, natives of Ireland, who emigrated to America in early life, and in Clyde, N. Y., met and were married. They remained at that place for some time and then removed to Columbus, Penn., where the father served as foreman in a tannery, having previously learned that trade. After his removal to Jefferson county, in 1870, he engaged in mining, but the last year of his life was spent in retirement. He died May 24, 1894, at the age of fifty-six, his wife in November, 1895, at the age of fifty-five, and both were buried at Reynoldsville. They were devout members of the Catholic Church, and he was a stalwart Democrat in politics. Their children were: Michael, a railroad engineer living in Myersdale, Penn.; Mary, wife of our subject; Ellen, a resident of Reynoldsville; Catherine (deceased); Johanna, wife of Frank Bracken, a tanner, of Reynoldsville; John, who is a railroad fireman and lives with our subject; and Thomas, assistant agent for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Myersdale.

Our subject is interested in a number of civic societies, belonging to the Masonic Lodge at New Bethlehem; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Sligo; the Knights of Pythias at Reynoldsville, and the Order of Railway Conductors at East Brady, Penn. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he is well-posted on all the leading questions and issues of the day. Of a pleasant, genial nature, he makes friends wherever he goes, and is now numbered among the leading and representative citizens of Sligo.

MRS. CATHARINE P. DITZ is the owner of the "Agey Hotel" in Leeper, which she is now successfully conducting in connection with her brother, A. J. Seth, who serves as manager. They belong to one of the most highly-respected families of Clarion county, their parents being John and Mary (Fogelbacher) Seth. The father was born in 1816, in Snydersburg, and amid frontier scenes grew to manhood. The county was then covered with a dense forest, in which many wild animals still roamed, and the scattered inhabitants were forced to endure all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. The mother of our subject was a native of Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Penn., where her father, John Fogelbacher, lived for some years, and then came to Clarion county, making it his home until his death.

After his marriage, John Seth purchased a tract of land in Knox township, Clarion county, which was still in its primitive condition. After he had cleared away the trees, he plowed the land and before his death had converted the wild tract into a highly-cultivated and valuable farm of 100 acres, improved with good and substantial buildings. Upon that place his wife died in 1885, and he passed away in 1897. Their children were as follows: (1) Lena, born in Knox township, was educated in the common schools, and is now the wife of Edward Eisenman, who resides on the old homestead in Fryburg, Clarion county. They have eight children: Agnes; Clara, wife of Jacob Lieght, of Clarion county; Cressence, wife of Henry Forestburg, of Harrisburg, Penn.; Albert; Frank; Joseph; Anna M. and Christina. (2) Lizzie died when a young lady. (3) Anna M. is the wife of Martin Ditz, and they live on the old Ditz homestead in Washington township, Clarion county. Their children are—Agnes; Lizzie; Lena; Nina; Albert and Amelia (twins); Geneveive; and James. (4) Catharine P. is next in order of birth. (5) Agnes married Augustin Ditz, and lived in Fryburg, where her husband engaged in the hotel business, and where she died in 1878, leaving two children —Anthony, now a business man of Knox, Penn.; and Mary, wife of George Fletcher, a druggist of Fryburg. (6) Joseph wedded Mary Rector, of Elk county, and they now make their home in St. Mary's, that county. Their children are—Bertha, Francis, Charles, and Joseph. (7) John married Maggie Walsh, of Clarion county, and they live on the old homestead, where he was born and reared. To them have been born six children—Walter, Mary, John, Katie, Martha, and Stephen. (8) Emma lives with her brother and sister in Leeper. (9) Christina completed her education in the Young Ladies College of St. Mary's, Penn., and is now engaged in the millinery business in Pittsburg.

A. J. Seth, who completes the family, was born on the old homestead in Knox township, began his education in the public schools of the neighborhood, and later attended St. Vincent's College, at Westmoreland county, Penn. At the age of eighteen he began his business career as a lumberman, and after engaging in that occupation for three years he became interested in the oil business. Subsequently he conducted a hotel in Elk county. When his sister purchased the hotel in Leeper, he became manager, and they have since successfully carried on the business there.

Catharine P. Seth was born in Knox township, in 1855, was educated in the schools of the locality, and in early womanhood gave her hand in marriage to A. M. Ditz, of Clarion county. They began housekeeping in Titusville, Penn., where Mr. Ditz engaged in mercantile business for a number of years, and later followed the same pursuit in Lucinda until his death, which occurred in 1893. Subsequently coming to Leeper, Mrs. Ditz purchased the "Agey House." She displays excellent ability in the management of her affairs, and has made the hotel one of the most inviting and homelike hostelries in this section of the county, it having become a great favorite with the traveling public.

Religiously the Seth family is connected with the Catholic Church, while politically the sons are identified with the Democratic party, to which the father also belonged. He was one of the prominent and influential men of his community, and was called upon to serve in a number of local offices of honor and trust. His children all occupy honorable positions in life, are well educated and refined, and are numbered among the valued and useful citizens of their respective communities.

B A. KRIBBS. The city of Knox boasts of quite a number of prominent and enterprising business men who have done much to advance the interests of the place, but none are held in higher regard, or deserve greater recognition than the subject of this sketch, who has been closely identified with its material prosperity for several years, and is now the senior member of the well-known firm of B. A. Kribbs & Co.

He traces his ancestry back to Christian Kribbs, who was born near Strasburg, in Alsace, now a part of Germany, about 1775, and emigrated with his parents to this country in 1785, landing in Philadelphia. Being the oldest in the family, he was bound out to a well-to-do planter of New Jersey, while the parents with their other children proceeded to Westmoreland county, Penn. He remained with that gentleman until he had attained his majority, and although he had to work hard, he was provided with a fair education, and obtained a knowledge of the world which he could not have gathered had he accompanied his parents. On leaving his master, at the age of twenty-one, he went in search of his parents, whom he had not seen since leaving Philadelphia twelve years previous, and when found had hard work persuading them that he was their little Christian. It was finally proven by a certain birthmark. He remained in Westmoreland county, where he later married and where five of his children were born: George, Philip, John, Mary and Katy. In 1817, he brought his family to Clarion county, then Venango county, and located in Beaver township, about two miles northwest of Edenburg, or Knox, on the farm known to-day as the old Christian Kribbs farm, where his three other children—Priscilla, Jacob and Betsy—were born.

George Kribbs, grandfather of our subject, accompanied his parents on their removal to Clarion county, and remained with his father, assisting in transforming the primitive forest into one of the best farms of the neighborhood. At the age of twenty-five he married Miss Susanna Sheffer, of the same county, the daughter of a well-to-do farmer, and later purchased a farm at Beaver City, about one mile southwest of Knox, where he made his home until called from this life in 1879, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a large land owner and one of the leading and distinguished citizens of his community. In 1835 he was elected one of the commissioners of Venango county, being the first to serve in that responsible position from the district east of the Allegheny river. Later he was captain in the State Militia, and was ever afterward known by that title. In 1848 he became interested in the iron business, owning the furnace now known as the Eagle furnace, on Canoe creek, near the Clarion river. In that enterprise he was a member of the firm of Reynolds & Kribbs, but in 1860 disposed of his interest in the business and returned to his farm at Beaver City. In 1873 oil was found upon the place and a number of wells sunk, which are still in operation.

In the family of George and Susanna (Sheffer) Kribbs were the following children: Barbara is the wife of W. Bell, of East Bradford, Penn.; P. F. is the father of our subject; Kate is the wife of Dr. Ed Meeker, of West Virginia; Priscilla is the wife of Harrison Findley, now of Hennessey, Okla.; Rev. John A. is the principal of the Orphans' Home, near Zelienople, Butler Co., Penn. In 1862 he enlisted in Beaver township, Clarion county, in Company G, 155th P. V. I., for three years or during the war, was commissioned second lieutenant, and as a member of the Army of the Potomac participated in all the battles of his regiment; Harriet is the wife of Rev. J. B. Fox, of Slatington, Penn.; George F. was for about twelve years the editor and publisher of the *Clarion Democrat*, later practiced law, represented his district for two terms in Congress, and is now a resident of Narcoossee, Fla.; W. G. is a farmer living two miles north of Edinburg, Pennsylvania.

P. F. Kribbs, father of our subject, spent his boyhood on the old homestead at Beaver City, and acquired his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. At the age of sixteen he went with the family to Eagle Furnace, where he entered a store as salesman, and later served as bookkeeper and manager of the business. While at that place he was married in 1856, at the age of twenty-four, to Miss Catharine Knight, youngest daughter of Daniel Knight, a well-known farmer of Richland township, Clarion county, and there their oldest child was born: Florence, now Mrs. G. S. Karns, of Franklin, Penn., and also B. A. Kribbs, the subject of this sketch. After coming to Edenburg, or Knox, in 1861, the family circle was increased by the birth of five other children, namely: E. E.; W. W., now of Marionville, Penn.; C. C.; Susie and Mabel.

In 1859 P. F. Kribbs was elected justice of the peace, which position he most satisfactorily filled for fifteen years, and, while engaged in merchandising at Knox, also served as postmaster from 1862 until 1874. He became largely interested in real estate and also in the oil business, owning about one hundred and twenty oil wells which were in operation; but when the hard times set in in 1891, he was forced to make an assignment. However, by 1896 he had settled all claims, and in the language of one of the attorneys of Clarion a large amount of property was redeeded. He is a stanch Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Lutheran Church, to which his family also belongs. He is one of the most distinguished and influential citizens of Knox, a leader in thought and action.

B. A. Kribbs, whose name introduces this sketch, was born at Eagle Furnace, in Beaver township, Clarion county, May 29, 1859, and was reared in that township, pursuing his early studies in its public schools. Later he attended school in Edenburg, took a business course in the Iron City Commercial College of Pittsburg, and was also a student in the State Normal School at Edinboro, Erie Co., Penn., leaving the last institution in 1876. Thus well equipped for life's responsible positions, he began his business career as messenger in the Clarion County Bank, and later had charge of the books for two years. After leaving the Iron City Commercial College in 1881, Mr. Kribbs became connected with his father in mercantile pursuits, doing business under the firm name of P. F. Kribbs & Son, until February, 1895, when it was changed to B. A. Kribbs & Co., the father selling his interests to Messrs. J. C. Berlin and A. J. Smith, oil men of Edenburg. They occupy what is known as the Kribbs Block, a handsome three-story structure, sixty feet frontage, containing two store rooms, one being used as the dry-goods department, the other as the grocery department. The second floor is devoted to clothing, carpets and wall paper, the basement to heavy groceries and oil, and the third floor is used as a lodge room by the Masonic order. The firm carries a well-selected stock of general merchandise valued at $25,000—and from the public receives a liberal patronage. Mr. Kribbs is recognized as one of the most reliable, energetic and progressive business men of the place, and has ever taken a commendable interest in all enterprises calculated to benefit the community. He has engaged to some extent in the oil business, and for a time was a member of the firm of Hunter & Kribbs, furniture dealers.

On July 17, 1888, in Edenburg, Mr. Kribbs was united in marriage to Miss Annabel Hill, daughter of J. C. Hill, who located in Edenburg in 1875, coming from Freeport, Armstrong Co., Penn. Mrs. B. A. Kribbs is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Armstrong and Allegheny counties, her great-great-grandfather having come from Jersey State about 1770, locating at New Alexandria. Her great-grandfather fought through the Revolutionary war, being with the Continental army at Valley Forge during the severe winter of 1777. To Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Kribbs have been born two children: Marie Eleanor and Philip Forbes. Religiously, Mr. Kribbs is a Lutheran, and has served as deacon of his Church, superintendent of the Sunday-school, and has ever taken an active part in the work of both. He is a member of Edenburg Lodge No. 550, F. & A. M., and of Eden Chapter No. 259, R. A. M., of Clarion, Penn., in both of which he has served in all the chairs, making him a life member of the respective grand bodies. He is also a member of Pittsburg Commandery No. 1, K. T., of Pittsburg, Penn. His political support has always been given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has been called upon to serve as a delegate to county conventions, member of the city council one term, judge of the election board and auditor. He has made an untarnished record, and has an unspotted reputation as a business man. In all places and under all circumstances, he is loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame and position.

REV. J. M. McCURDY, D. D., pastor of the Licking Presbyterian Church, at Curllsville, Clarion county.

J. M. McBurdy

In the search for our progenitors of yore we are cautioned not to scratch too deep, lest we discover a Tartar. We are not unmindful of the daily conflict we are obliged to wage that this serpentine nature may not come forth into the quiet of our halcyon days. It is, however, comforting to know that in all ages of the world's history, the manifestation of that power, "which makes for right," has been more or less apparent. From the "Genealogical and Biographical Monographs" of Prof. Edward E. Salisbury, found in the Presbyterian Historical Library of Philadelphia, we derived valued information. Sir Bernard Burke wrote, "the McKirdys formerly belonged to the tribes who possessed the Western Islands of Scotland, long under the Crown of Sweden, and were the lords of the Isles." This family were the principal possessors of the Isle of Bute at a very early period. Bute is the most important of the several islands of the Firth of Clyde. It is situated about eighteen miles west of Greenock, and forty miles, by water, from Glasgow. To this picturesque and stately Isle the McCurdys look back, not without some emotion of pride, and credit the Highlanders of Scotland with a goodly offspring. The Gaelic etymology of the name indicates that they belonged to that solid Celtic race, before the earliest Anglo-Saxon times. During the English horrors and sorrows of 1666, while Charles II was busily engaged looking after the welfare of his pups and their maternal supporters, occurred the so-called "Rising" against the Scotch Presbyterians. While the Dutch and English were contending for the mastery of the sea, the King, at a banquet in London, heard the roar of Van-Tromp's cannon up the Thames, "the first and last time the sound of foreign guns has been heard in London." These native Scotch people and their wealth claimed the attention, alike, of soldiers and curates, who in vast sums fined whom they pleased, and divided the spoils among themselves. Imprisonment, persecution and violence were the reward of non-payment. This presents the clue by which we trace the genealogical pathway of our grand sires. Five McCurdy brothers escaped in an open boat in the midst of a blinding snow storm, leaving all their worldly possessions, and landed near the famous "Giant's Causeway." Twenty-three years later (1689) these five brethren were participants in the siege of Londonderry; and shared, July 1, 1690, the crowning victory of the Boyne.

These five brave men, though victims of persecutions at Arran of County Bute, became determined leaders among the Scotch Covenanters in their defense of religious liberty. While with pride we recognize our valiant ancestry, we would add to this illustrious heritage, the mark of true aristocracy—that of achievement. Gen. Patrick McCurdy, one of the notable five brothers, and grandfather of the fifth degree, married MARGARET STUART. In this union honor and wealth were combined; and the descendants were not only happy to secure their shares of such a fortune, but rejoiced exceedingly when the precious piece of Crown money was placed in their hands, in honor of Margaret Stuart. Patrick McCurdy, Jr., grandfather of the fourth degreee, and son of Patrick and Margaret, married Margaret Reynolds. But now a sad scene confronts us. While out on a fishing and pleasure expedition, a storm overturned the boat, and Patrick, Jr., was "lost at sea." Margaret, so sadly bereft of her youthful husband, offered a "stocking full of guineas" for the recovery of his body. It was found, and the money paid. With five promising boys, she mourned the loss of her dear partner. David McCurdy, grandfather of the third degree, one of the "five boys," married Enipal Brown. Two sons and three daughters were the result of this union. James McCurdy, grandfather of the second degree, one of the "two sons," married Jane McAuley. Six daughters and two boys blessed this union. David McCurdy, grandfather of the first degree, and one of the "two boys," married Molly Forgy. Four sons and two daughters lived to honor their God-fearing parents. John McCurdy, one of these "four sons," now of blessed memory, we delighted to acknowledge by the endearing name Father. Mother in her eighty-fourth year enjoys excellent health and an unfailing memory. Thanks be to God for the boys' best friend, dear mother! She is the daughter of William and Jennie (Magee) Irwin. "Seven boys and girls are we;" and two have passed to the soul's triumphant bourn. James M., one of the "seven," April 4, 1867, married Martha E. Moon, daughter of Lewis and Mary Moon, of Jackson Centre, Penn. The names of our children are: Mary J., William J., Cora L., Lillie M., Tillie M., J. H. Wilton, Martha E., and Mabel P. William J. departed this life February 5, 1871; and Mary J., September 24, 1878.

J. M. McCURDY.

The concluding words of this sketch have been formulated by the Rev. Dr. James S. Elder, now of blessed memory. The occasion calling them out being the preparation of the history by Dr. McCurdy of Licking Church, in 1895. "It is fitting that the foregoing history of Licking Church, so full of interest, should be supplemented by a sketch of the beloved pastor, who

has for so many years labored and still labors with such quiet persistence and success in advancing its interests.

"This brother was born at Valley Forge, Penn., November 2, 1844. His parents came from County Antrim, Ulster, eight years prior to his birth. He was baptized in the Presbyterian Church of Port Kennedy, and was early set apart by his parents to the work of Gospel ministry. In his childhood days this consecration was kept before his mind by the oft-repeated introduction, 'This is our preacher,' and by impressing on his mind the privilege of such a career; all this seemed to imply to his mind a fixed purpose on their part, and entrance into the ministry an object of attainment most desirable. The result was, to become a minister was his first and only ambition. His faithful and conscientious parents, remembering their consecration of the child of their love, gave him early opportunities of obtaining an education by normal, collegiate and university training. After his normal and collegiate course, he entered the Theological department of the Cumberland University, of Lebanon, Tenn., and graduated with distinction from that institution at the early age of twenty-six, and was proud of the diploma and the high expectations of his professors that he secured. While yet in his 'teens' he was taken under the care of the Presbytery of Allegheny, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and by the same Presbytery was subsequently ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry. After his seminary course was completed, on June 6, 1872, calls were presented to Presbytery for his pastoral labors from the Churches of Olive, Perrysville and Mt. Pleasant. He did not see his way clear to be installed over them, but labored as stated supply with great acceptance to the Churches, and was greatly blessed in his work amongst them. Sometime after, having decided to transfer his ecclesiastical relation to the Presbyterian body, on June 17, 1875, he presented his credentials from the Allegheny Presbytery to the Presbytery of Clarion, convened in Clarion, when he was received and his name entered on the roll. From this point onward there are several steps in his life work that we note.

"1. His examination at the time of his reception into the Presbytery of Clarion was rather unique on his part, and elicited the attention of all the members. It was the rule at that time to examine in Theology all ministers desiring admission, no matter from what body they came. This brother was dealt with quite vigorously, but acquitted himself so creditably that brother Leason said, 'He is more Calvanistic than I.' Before it all ended there was much pleasantry growing out of the crisp Socratic replies of the young man. He was very cordially welcomed to our numbers. 2. At the next meeting in Sligo, on September 29, 1875, calls were presented from West Millville and Licking, each for half time, the latter stipulating that 'one sermon on each alternate Sabbath being considered one-half of the time.' At the same meeting the Church of Oak Grove obtained permission to employ him as stated supply for so much time as he could give them; and later Troy asked for a like favor. He was installed over the Church of Licking on October 6, 1875. At this service Rev. J. S. Elder preached the sermon and presided, and Rev. J. H. Hawk delivered the charges to pastor and people. 3. For twenty-four years this servant of Christ has faithfully stood at his post, braving winter's cold and summer's heat as he wrought in his wide field. Not only in the pulpit and as a pastor did he run on the King's business, but at once took his place in the counsels and work of Presbytery. Fitted by taste and attainment, he was made chairman of the standing committee on Languages—a position he has ever since filled to the satisfaction of his brethren of the Presbytery. He has held the offices of clerk and Moderator, each for several terms, and is at present the Moderator of the Presbytery. He has twice represented his Presbytery in the General Assembly; first in 1884, and second in Saratoga, N. Y., in May, 1894, where he was appointed on the important committee on Bills and Overtures. 4. When the new pastor entered on his work in his wide field some of the Church had comfortable houses of worship, but Millville had none. This was quite a new enterprise, having been organized with seven members on May 25, 1874. The zealous leader of the flock at once threw himself into the project of erecting a house of worship, and greatly encouraged the congregation in the work. Remarkable success attended their effort, and in 1876 a neat and substantial building was completed, a great triumph for the little handful of people that were bound together. In later times, when the house at Oak Grove became too small for the congregation, and needed repairs, he earnestly instituted measures for extensive repairs, and carried the work forward, with the liberal support of the people, to a happy conclusion; and later still, when the necessity arose for something to be done with the house at Licking, he faltered not, but with earnest purpose and generous hand and stimulating word, greatly encouraged the people to the erection of a new house. He provided the plan, looked after

many of the details. After persistent labors, he and his people were permitted to rejoice in the fruition of their hopes. A church, fair in its proportions, beautiful in all its appointments, stands as a monument to the praise of the noble men and women who with loving heart and liberal hand stood shoulder to shoulder till the work was completed. Great praise was universally accorded to the faithful pastor by his people for his persistence, liberality, and bracing words that prompted them on to the completion of the work. The house was dedicated on October 12, 1890. Though outwardly the day was full of discomfort, yet within a most happy and enthusiastic band were united in praise and thanksgiving to God, who has so wonderfully blessed their toils. 5. The results of this pastor's labors are very remarkable. His labors have been signally crowned with the Divine blessing. From records he has kept he informs us the accessions to the Church through his ministry before entering the Presbyterian fold were about 300, and since that time about 700—in all about 1,000. This is a wonderful record, and indicates the fullness of Divine favor. 6. While in his pulpit ministrations he aims 'to declare the whole counsel of God,' and to preach the whole round of Christians' duty and doctrine; he nevertheless testifies that his tastes and preferences lie in the line of Science and Theology. To the former he has given no little thought, and to the latter close and careful study, consequently Cook and Hodge are favorite authorities with him. Dr. McCurdy is now in the prime and vigor of his usefulness; he has the warm affection of a devoted people. May he long be spared to preach 'The unsearchable riches of Christ.'"

J. S. ELDER,
Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Clarion.

STEPHEN BURGWIN, gauger for the Standard Oil Company, residing at Turkey City, Clarion county, was born in Venango county, Penn., in 1839.

Mr. Burgwin is a son of Edward and Sarah (Jones) Burgwin, both natives of Shropshire, England. On coming to America they took up their residence among the early settlers of Venango county, Penn., where the father engaged in farming until his death. In his native land he had followed mining. In his family were eight children, namely: William, who served for three months in the Union army with official rank, enlisting in 1863, died in Venango county, Penn.; J. C., who enlisted in 1861, becoming a lieutenant of Company L, 4th P. V. I., was discharged on account of disability, and after his return to the North took up his residence in Venango county, where he now resides; Ed, of Venango county, enlisted in 1864, in Company L, Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was wounded at Bellfield; Stephen is the next in order of birth; Wesley H., who enlisted in the 142nd P. V. I., was discharged on account of wounds received at the battle of Gettysburg, and died in Venango county, Penn.; Mrs. Sarah Lovell and Mrs. Harriet Stroup are residents of Venango county; and Ruth died in that county.

Stephen Burgwin was reared on his father's farm, and early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Prompted by the same patriotic spirit which permeated the family, he enlisted in 1864 as a member of the Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry for the remainder of the war, and with the Army of the Potomac participated in the battle of the Wilderness, the campaign in Shenandoah Valley, and the battle of Hatcher's Run. He was mustered out at Lynchburg, Va., and received an honorable discharge at Braddock, Penn. He was a loyal soldier, always found at his post of duty, and faithfully followed the old flag until it was victoriously planted in the capital of the Confederacy.

Mr. Burgwin continued his residence in Venango county until 1873, when he came to Clarion county in the employ of the Standard Oil Company. For eighteen years he has served that company in the capacity of gauger, and his long continuance in that position well indicates his close application and his trustworthiness in the performance of his duties.

In Venango county Mr. Burgwin was married to Miss Sarah J. Maitland, and to them have been born three children: C. W., H. A. and F. E. In politics the father is a stanch Republican, warmly advocating the principles of his party. Socially, he is connected with Covode Post No. 112, G. A. R. He is a man of genial disposition and kindly deportment, always courteous and affable, and wherever he has gone he has made many warm friends.

JOSIAH FILLMAN, one of the representative citizens of St. Petersburg, Clarion county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born December 13, 1839, in Richland township, Clarion county, when it still formed a part of Venango county.

His paternal grandfather spent his entire life in eastern Pennsylvania, and the father, Michael Fillman, was born and reared in Luzerne county, whence he came to Richland township, Clarion

county, at the age of twenty-seven. Being a potter by trade, he here established a pottery, which he conducted for some time, but later he opened up a farm and devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. In Richland township Michael Fillman was married to Susanna Ritts, a native of Lehigh county, Penn., and a daughter of Christian Ritts, an early settler of Clarion county, who died in Richland township. Mr. Fillman also died here in 1887, at the age of eighty-one years, and his wife departed this life in 1892. In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Mrs. Lucinda Shultz, a resident of Richland township; Henry, who died at the age of twenty-three; Mrs. Mary E. Rhupert, of Toby township, Clarion county; Jonathan and Christopher, both of Richland township; and Mrs. Thompson, who died in Clarion county.

Josiah Fillman pursued his studies in the schools near his boyhood home, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, which he successfully followed for some time. For twenty years he has been interested in the oil business, and is the owner of two good wells, which are proving quite profitable.

A loyal son of America, Mr. Fillman enlisted at Keating Furnace, Clarion county, in July, 1862, as sergeant of Company G, 155th P. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was mustered in at Pittsburg, where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Rappahannock and the Wilderness. The corps to which he belonged opened up the fight at Laurel Hill, and later participated in the engagements at Spottsylvania Court House, North Anna River and Cold Harbor. They then proceeded to Richmond, crossed the James river, and were in the battles in front of Petersburg, which were followed by the Mine Explosion, the Weldon Railroad raid and the battle of Five Forks. Mr. Fillman was also in the battle of Preble Farm and in the Apple Jack raid, and after taking part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., he was honorably discharged June 15, 1865, at Pittsburg.

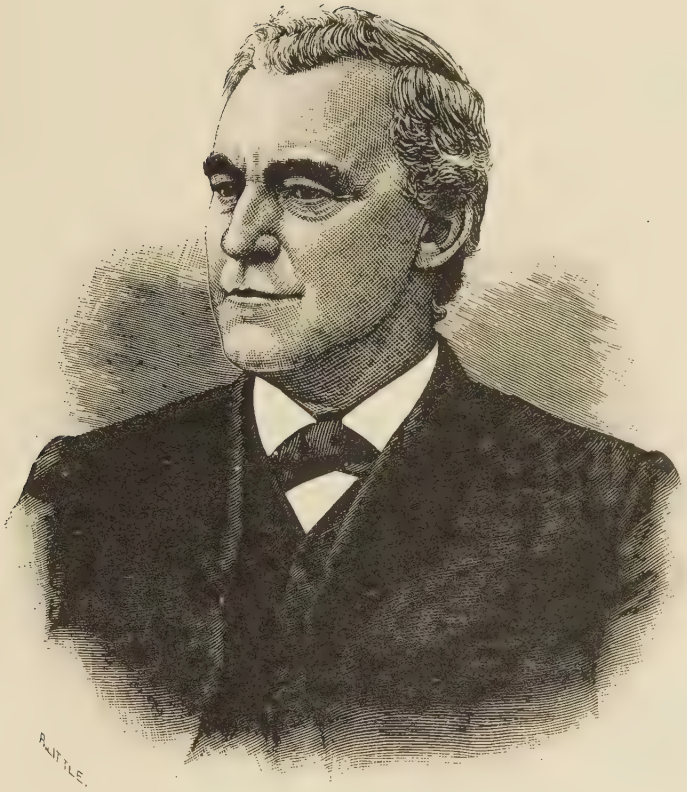
In 1866, in Richland township, Mr. Fillman was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Will, a native of Berks county, Penn., and a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Master) Will, who were also born in that county, and at an early day emigrated to Beaver township, Clarion county. Here both lived to a good old age. Mr. and Mrs. Fillman have four children: Lester B., who is inspector for the Standard Oil Company and resides in eastern Pennsylvania; and Virginia B., Orville Guy and Nevada Pearl, all at home.

Politically Mr. Fillman usually votes independent of party ties, and is at present an advocate of the free coinage of silver. He has served as a member of both the school board and the city council, and has always taken quite an active and commendable interest in public affairs, doing all in his power to advance the general welfare of the community. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees and Lookout Post No. 424, G. A. R., in which he has served as commander. In days of peace as well as in time of war he has faithfully discharged all duties of citizenship, and has gained the respect and esteem of all who know him.

MANASSEH ARNOLD, president of the Second National Bank of Clarion, Clarion county, and a man of large business affairs in this section, where he has been an influential and important factor in business circles for nearly a half century, was born in York county, Penn., September 17, 1830.

Peter Arnold, the father of our subject, was born January 12, 1794, in York county, Penn., and was a farmer throughout life. His wife, whom he married in 1820, was Susannah Klugh, born October 24, 1795, in Lancaster county, Penn. In 1836 they came to Clearfield county. Both departed this life in 1869, respected and esteemed for their many admirable qualities and exemplary lives. Their children were: G. W., Samuel, F. K., Christiana, Maria, Manasseh, Clarissa and J. R.

Manasseh Arnold was raised on a farm, and received the usual common-school education given to the farmer boy of that period. At the age of sixteen years he came to Clarion county, secured a clerkship in a country store, and received for his services the first year seventy-two dollars, which was increased to $144 the second year, and, later, to $192. His services proved so satisfactory to his employer, James Laughlin, that on October 1, 1850, when in his twenty-first year, young Arnold was tendered a proposition to become a partner of his employer, which he graciously accepted, the terms being most favorable. The style of the firm became Laughlin & Arnold, and was formed for the purpose of carrying on mercantile business, lumbering, milling, boat-building and dealing in live-stock at Leatherwood post office, near St. Charles Furnace, Clarion county. About one year later the senior member of the firm met with an accident



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in the flouring-mill, which nearly cost him his life, and for a long time incapacitated him from transacting business; however, he finally recovered sufficiently to assist in some of the minor affairs of the business, but remained an invalid up to his death, in 1870. This circumstance placed a large business and great responsibilities on the junior member of the firm, which he proved equal to, and which expanded and developed his business ideas and tact. During these twenty years our subject practically carried on the business. In 1876 he came to Clarion to assume the duties of prothonotary of the county, to which office he had been elected in 1875, he being the only Republican up to this time (1898) that has ever been elected to the office in Clarion county. In the election of 1874 the Democratic candidate carried the county by a majority of 1,300. In the following year Mr. Arnold was elected by a majority of more than 400, which is an evidence of his great popularity, and of the confidence the people of the county had in him. He had always been opposed to the practice of purchasing of votes, and of the trading of votes so often resorted to in elections. He used neither method, and was elected by having expended less than $100 in making the canvass, a fact that he and his friends are proud of. He served as such officer for three years. Following this term of office there was for a time when Mr. Arnold was out of active business, during which he purchased property and improved it, or erected new buildings. At that time he built what is known as the Arnold building, now occupied by Arnold Brothers. In 1883 our subject again engaged in mercantile business, which he conducted until 1890, when he turned the business over to his sons. They are men of business tact, and are carrying on a prosperous business. Mr. Arnold, in connection with others, during his active business career was the holder of some 1,400 acres of timber lands. During his long business career in Clarion county, which has been one of uprightness and honorable dealing, he has been an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, as is evidenced in the many improvements he has made and the buildings erected by him in the borough of Clarion. He has been a successful business man, and is to-day not only a man of influence but one of means. Before coming to the borough of Clarion, he was for fifteen years a justice of the peace in the county; and he has been a Republican ever since the organization of the party. Time and again he has declined public honors. He is not only president of the Second National Bank of his home borough, but is vice-president of the First National Bank of New Bethlehem, Penn., and he is president of the Clarion and Tylersburg Gas Company.

On September 3, 1857, our subject was married to Miss Amanda Ross McKelvey, who was born May 20, 1839, at New Bethlehem, daughter of Thomas McKelvey, of that place. To this marriage, which has proven a most happy one, there have come seven children, namely: (1) Myra is the wife of W. H. Mahey, of Clarion. (2) Laura Frances is the wife of J. E. Hall, of Oregon. (3) Thomas is a prominent merchant of Clarion. (4) Charles W., who was an active young business man, died in July, 1896; (5) Bertha Florence is at home. (6) Harry is a partner in business with his brother, Thomas; and (7) Alice E. is in school. The parents are members of the M. E. Church, Mr. Arnold being a trustee, steward and a class-leader in the Church, and for about thirty years was superintendent of the Sunday-school.

CHARLES SHOEMAKER. Not alone is there particular interest attaching to the career of this gentleman as one of the leading educators of Clarion county, but in reviewing his genealogical record we find his lineage tracing back to the Colonial history of the nation, and to that period which marked the inception of the grandest republic the world has ever known. Through such sources have we attained the true American type, and along this line must our investigation proceed if we would learn of the steadfast and unyielding elements which constitute the basis upon which has been reared the lofty and magnificent superstructure of an enlightened and favored commonwealth.

Mr. Shoemaker was born in Venango county, Penn., November 29, 1838, and is a grandson of Henry Shoemaker, a native of Holland, who valiantly aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence during the Revolutionary war. David Shoemaker, our subject's father, was a native of Lycoming county, Penn., where, on reaching manhood, he married Miss Margaret McAfee, who was born in Northumberland county. Her father was of Scotch descent, and was a soldier of the war of 1812. In 1837 David Shoemaker and his wife removed to Richland township, Venango county, where they reared their family, which numbered nine children, namely: Marmaduke, who was a member of a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil war, and died at Wilkes Barre, Penn., from disease contracted while in the service; Henry, who died in Meadville, Penn.; James, a carpenter and contractor of St. Louis, Mo.; Robert, who was a

graduate of Jefferson College in the class of '59, but his health failing, he abandoned his object of becoming a minister, and secured a situation with the P. & E. R. R. Co., where he continued until his death, which occurred in Clinton county, Penn.; David, who was for thirty years engaged in the oil business, and died in 1893; Charles, of this sketch; Rhoda Ann, a resident of Salem township, Clarion county; Martha, deceased; and Susan, who died when young. The parents both died at Mariasville, Penn., the father at the age of seventy, and the mother at the age of eighty-one years. Earnest, conscientious Christian people, they were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew them. By occupation the father was a farmer, and in political sentiment was first a Whig and later a Republican.

In the county of his nativity Charles Shoemaker grew to manhood, and he obtained an excellent education in the schools of Salem and West Freedom. He also supplemented the knowledge there acquired by study and reading at home, and has now for thirty years been one of the most successful and popular teachers of Clarion county. Among his early pupils are many who are now filling important and responsible positions in different States of the Union, and who owe much of their success to the help he gave them on the steep and ofttimes weary path of knowledge. He was granted a professor's certificate in 1892. His teaching was interrupted during the Civil war by his enlistment, September 17, 1863, in the 74th P. V. I. During his service he was stationed most of the time in Virginia, and when the war was ended he was honorably discharged in September, 1865, and returned home. Later he spent four years in Douglas county, Kans., but is now a resident of Salem township, Clarion county.

At the age of twenty-nine Mr. Shoemaker was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Persing, also a native of Venango county, a daughter of Abram and Catherine (Walters) Persing. Four children bless this union, namely: Eugene, now a conductor on street cars in Allegheny, Penn.; Mamie, of Lawrence, Kans.; and Samuel and Gracie, both at home. Mr. Shoemaker affiliates with the Republican party, and as a member of John Koch Post No. 354, G. A. R., of Nickleville, Penn., he keeps up his acquaintance with his old army comrades.

O F. MILES, who now owns and operates a good farm of fifty-two acres in Red Bank township, Clarion county, has distinguished himself as one of its most active and enterprising citizens. He is a native of the county, born February 10, 1843. His father, Obed Miles, was a native of Milesburg, Centre Co., Penn., and a son of James Miles, whose birth occurred in England. The latter married a Miss Bicker, of German descent. On reaching manhood the father of our subject was married in Clearfield county, Penn., to Miss Lavina Armagost, a native of this State, and a daughter of Jacob Armagost, who was born in Maryland, but died in Limestone township, Clarion county, Pennsylvania.

In 1830 Obed Miles and wife came to Clarion county, where they reared their family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, namely: James, now deceased; John, who was for some time in the government service; Mary; Christina; Abigail; Jacob, who was a member of a Cavalry regiment during the Civil war; Samuel, who belonged to the Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves; Jeremiah, who served in the same struggle as a member of the 105th P. V. I.; Sarah J.; O. F.; Lavina; and George Irvin, deceased. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, first operated land in Limestone township on coming to Clarion county, later lived in Porter township, but spent his last days in Red Bank township, where he died at the age of seventy-six. Politically, he was a Democrat, and, religiously, was a Lutheran. His wife departed this life at the age of eighty-eight.

O. F. Miles was reared in Porter township upon the home farm, and was educated in the schools of the neighborhood. At the age of seventeen he began learning the carpenter's trade, became a skilled and thorough workman, and later successfully engaged in contracting and building in Clarion, Jefferson and Elk counties. His work gave the utmost satisfaction, and he always faithfully fulfilled his part of any contract.

On August 28, 1861, Mr. Miles enlisted in Company C, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. C. A. Craig and Col. McKnight, and with his command took part in the siege of Yorktown. For some time he was stationed at Alexandria, Va., near Washington. He was taken ill with measles, later contracted typhoid fever, which settled on his lungs, and rendered him unfit for active service. On a surgeon's certificate of disability, he was then honorably discharged and returned to his home in Clarion county.

On May 11, 1865, in Limestone township, Obediah F. Miles was married to Miss Jane Sayers, the latter being born in Red Bank township, Clarion county, a daughter of Charles and

Margaret (Riley) Sayers, natives of Westmoreland and Clarion counties, respectively. Both parents died in Clarion county, the father at the age of sixty-eight, and the mother at the age of forty-four. They were earnest and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and were widely and favorably known. Mr. Sayers engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was identified with the Republican party. His children were: Henry, Rebecca, Keziah, James C., John, Fanny, Harvey, Jenny, Margaret, Raymond and Franklin.

Fourteen children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Miles, namely: Luna Eva, who died at the age of six years; Franklin W.; Ed A. and Curtis, both successful teachers; David T.; Mary A.; Maggie L. (Bightol); Etta K.; Oscar J., who died in childhood; Osta, twin sister of Oscar; Myrtle B.; Melvin Earl; Alma, deceased; and Rensel Elwood.

In his political affiliations Mr. Miles agrees with the doctrines and platforms of the Republican party, and in the exercise of his elective franchise supports the candidates of that organization. He belongs to Captain Case Post No. 239, G. A. R., and is a member of the Evangelical Church.

MORGAN MORGAN has for the long period of thirty-nine years been superintendent of the Fox estate in Richland township, Clarion county, and this fact plainly indicates his sterling worth and excellent business and executive ability. In carefully studying the plans and methods he has followed, we learn of managerial ability seldom equaled. A man of keen perception, of great sagacity, of unbounded enterprise, his power nevertheless lies to a great extent in that quality which enables him to successfully control men and affairs.

Mr. Morgan was born in Brady's Bend, Armstrong Co., Penn., August 23, 1844, a son of John and Ann (Thomas) Morgan, who were born, reared and married in Wales. On crossing the Atlantic to the New World in 1837, they first located in Pittsburg, where the father worked as a puddler in rolling mills until his removal to Brady's Bend. Later he made his home in Foxburg, Clarion county, and engaged in gardening on the Fox estate. Having a great love for his adopted country, he enlisted, in 1861, in the Union army, and was a member of Capt. Klotz's company; but after a year of faithful service, he was taken ill after the battle of Fredericksburg, and was honorably discharged. For some time he engaged in the oil business and made his home in St. Petersburg, where his death occurred in 1893. His estimable wife had passed away the year previous. In their family were six children, namely: Morgan; John, a resident of St. Petersburg; Thomas, of Richey Run, Venango Co., Penn.; William, an oil operator of Emlenton; Mrs. Lillie Roberts, of Allegheny county, Penn.; and Mrs. Mary Ann Mull, of Clarion county.

Morgan Morgan was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, and in 1860, at the early age of sixteen years, he was appointed to his present responsible position. The Fox estate is a very valuable one, comprising 1,650 acres, and improved with an elegant stone mansion, beautiful lawns, fine gardens and well-cultivated fields. Mr. Morgan has complete charge of the whole place, and in its management has met with remarkable success. He has also been interested in the oil business in connection with his employers, and is to-day one of the most prosperous and substantial citizens of the community. Of an inventive turn of mind, he has taken out two important patents, one on a gate, which is used on the Fox estate, and the other on a wire stretcher for building wire fences, which has been pronounced by competent judges to be the finest thing of the kind on the market.

In 1870, in Clarion county, Mr. Morgan wedded Miss Mary Farr, a native of Philadelphia, and to them have been born three children: Anna E., Sarah and Albert M. Mr. Morgan is an ardent Republican in politics, and has served as judge of election. His success has been the result of honest, persistent effort in the line of honorable and manly dealing. His aims have always been to attain to the best, and he has carefully carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken.

JOSEPH SANDERS GRANT, deceased, was for many years one of the leading and influential citizens of Perry township, Clarion county, his home being the Hillside farm. He was born near Parker's Landing, in Armstrong county, Penn., February 23, 1836, a son of Abel and Nancy (Pollock) Grant. The father was born January 13, 1795, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. The Pollocks were honored pioneers of Clarion county, having located here as early as 1797. Mrs. Grant, who died at the age of seventy years, was the mother of the following children: Andrew, Thomas, Mary, Sarah, John, William, Joseph S. and Artemus.

Joseph S. Grant grew to manhood on the old homestead in Armstrong county, acquiring his

education in the local schools and obtaining his knowledge of agricultural pursuits upon the home farm. When President Lincoln issued his call for 300,000 more volunteers in 1861, he enlisted in Company E, 78th P. V. I., and with his command participated in the battles of Nashville, Murfreesboro, Stone River, Chickamauga and was in the Atlanta campaign, when the troops were on the march for thirty days. He was also in the raid against General Shield's command, and after three years of arduous and faithful service he was honorably discharged at Kittanning, Penn., November 4, 1864. After the war Mr. Grant successfully engaged in farming in Butler county, Penn., until 1874, when he came to Perry township, Clarion county, and purchased the Harvey Hagan farm of 130 acres, upon which he made many excellent improvements which added greatly to its value and attractive appearance, converting it into one of the best farms of the locality. He erected a fine modern residence upon a natural building site, and also built good barns and other outbuildings for the shelter of his grain and stock. He was one of the most successful stock-raisers, as well as one of the most skillful agriculturists in Clarion county.

In 1866 Mr. Grant married Miss Sarah E. Laughner, who was born, reared and educated in Salem, Clarion county, and proved a true and faithful helpmeet to her husband. Her parents were Michael and Elizabeth (Berry) Laughner, who died on the Grant farm in Butler county, the former at the age of sixty-seven and the latter at the age of sixty-five. Mrs. Laughner was a daughter of John Berry, a soldier of the war of 1812. Mrs. Grant is one of a family of seven children, four of whom are still living, the others being Mrs. Anna D. Grunden, of Emlenton, Penn.; Samuel, who now operates the Grant farm in Butler county; and James, a resident of Salem, Penn. Those deceased are: George W., Lizzie and Ella. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Grant, namely: NANNIE E.; Anna M., wife of A. E. Dunkle, of McDonald, Penn.; and Orpha Belle.

Mr. Grant was an ardent Republican and Prohibitionist, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which he took an active and prominent part, contributed liberally to its support and served as steward. He held membership in the Grand Army Post at West Freedom. At all times and under all circumstances he was an honorable, straightforward citizen, and an earnest, conscientious Christian. No man was ever more respected, or more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people, and none better deserved such respect and confidence. He was called to his final rest July 9, 1890. In his lifetime the people of his community recognized his sterling worth, and since his death they have cherished his memory.

HARRISON COLLNER is the senior member of the firm of H. Collner & Brothers, of St. Petersburg, proprietors of one of the largest and strongest mercantile houses in Clarion county. They now carry a stock valued at $30,000, and during the oil excitement in this region did an annual business amounting to $350-000, their trade often amounting to from $1,000 to $1,500 per day. They carry a first-class, well-selected stock of general merchandise and by fair and honorable dealing have secured an excellent patronage.

Mr. Collner was born at St. Petersburg, February 27, 1849, and is a son of Lewis Collner, now deceased, who was for many years one of the most prominent and wealthy business men of Clarion county. His birth occurred at Eltman, Germany, May 11, 1811, where he acquired a very meagre education in his native tongue. During his early boyhood he was apprenticed to learn the shoemaking trade, receiving as a compensation the generous sum of forty cents per week; after working dilligently at his trade until reaching the age of twenty-one years, at which time he became subject to military services, he entered the German army and was honorably discharged after a service of three years. Returning to his native home, he again took up his trade as a shoemaker, and continued in said capacity until reaching the age of twenty-six; by this time he fully realized that there was hardly any chance for financial advancement in his native State, he concluded to emigrate, and, borrowing thirty dollars from his brother, he started to America with his kit of shoemaker tools on his back. The facilities for traveling being very limited in those days, and the charges very exorbitant, he was compelled to walk a distance of six hundred miles, and eventually reached the seaport of Bremer Haven, embarking on a sailing vessel, and after an unusually stormy and tempestuous voyage, occupying a period of ninety days, he landed in the City of New York with the sum of one dollar in his pocket. Here he met an acquaintance from his native land, who was also a shoemaker by trade, entered his employ, receiving fifteen dollars per month, and shortly afterward wended his way to Pottsville, Penn. Remaining here for a short time, working at his trade, he started west, arriving at St. Petersburg, Penn., September 10, 1838. Here

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he began merchandising on a small scale, but being a man of resolute and sound judgment and good executive ability, he soon succeeded in building up a large and profitable business. In 1849 he built a large stone house, with dwelling and store-room combined, at what is now corner of Main street and Salem avenue. This becoming too small for his increasing business, he in 1860 erected a large frame store building nearby, taking possession in 1861. The large stone dwelling was destroyed by fire in 1873. After a successful business career of thirty-three years, he desired to retire therefrom, and in 1871 transferred his mercantile interests to his sons. In connection with his mercantile pursuits, he held the position of postmaster from 1864 to 1872; was interested as a director in several Pittsburg, Penn., banks; bought and sold land; was interested in the production of oil and the purchase and sale of oil-producing territory, and at his death, left an estate valued at $450,000, appointing his sons, Harrison and Lemuel, executors of his last will and testament.

In 1840 Lewis Collner was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Fry, a native of Richland township, Clarion county, and a daughter of Samuel Fry, a veteran of the war of 1812, and a prominent early settler of the county. Eight sons were born to them, of whom six are still living: (1) Levi, a resident of Richland township, born July 24, 1842. (2) William F., of Clarion, born November 21, 1844. (3) Samuel, who is living retired, born January 28, 1847. (4) Harrison. (5) Joseph, also retired, born March 1, 1851. (6) Lemuel, who is connected with our subject in business, born February 1, 1854. (7) Calvin, born April 3, 1856, married Anna M. Thompson June 10, 1880, and died June 22, 1887; he had two children—Verne T., still living, and Sarah L., who died November 11, 1896. (8) George died in infancy. The father died April 10, 1894, at the age of eighty-three years, and was interred in the St. Petersburg cemetery April 13, 1894, Revs. Simon S. Miller and Jacob Ash officiating. The mother died September 21, 1895, at the age of seventy-five years, and her remains were interred in the same place, September 23, 1895, Rev. Jacob Ash officiating. Both parents were consistent members of the St. Peters Reformed Church, and he was a stalwart Democrat in politics. They enjoyed the respect and high esteem of a very large circle of friends and acquaintances.

At the old homestead in St. Petersburg Harrison Collner was reared, and at the early age of eleven years he began to assist his father in the store, where he soon gained a fair knowledge of business methods, which has been of great benefit to him in later years. In 1865 he attended the academy at Callensburg, Penn., and in 1868 the State Normal School at Edinboro, Penn., returning to assist his father and act as assistant postmaster. Since 1871 he has been the senior member of the firm of H. Collner & Bros., and in 1875 erected, at a cost of $8,000, the large brick block which they now occupy in conducting their business, and is justly regarded as one of the most influential, enterprising, energetic and reliable business men of Clarion county. They carry an elegant grade of first-class goods, buy closely direct from manufacturers and importers, pay cash and discount all bills, and in this way have met with excellent success. He also deals in loans and discounts and exchange on Pittsburg and New York, and does a general mercantile and oil business. Time and again enterprises of importance have sought his substantial advice, and in 1877 it was mainly through his energy and efforts, in connection with that of the late William L. Fox, that the building of the Foxburg, St. Petersburg & Clarion railway was undertaken and completed, he serving as a director thereof until its consolidation with the Pittsburg & Western railway, and has been actively identified with a great number of different enterprises which have been of great benefit to this region and community.

Mr. Collner is five feet, ten and a half inches in height, and weighs 190 pounds. He is and always has been an ardent and influential Democrat in politics, declining, however, to serve in the higher political offices which have been tendered to him almost unanimously at various times by his party in this county. He has served a number of terms as City Councilman and School Director, and has filled many positions of honor and trust, is one of the most popular as well as one of the most successful citizens of St. Petersburg. It is true that he became interested in a business already established, but in controlling and enlarging such an enterprise many a man of even considerable resolute purpose, courage and industry would have failed; and he has demonstrated the truth of the saying that success is not the result of genius, but the outcome of a clear judgment and experience.

On May 28, 1874, Mr. Collner was married to Miss Elizabeth Caldwell (born July 7, 1853), of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Penn., a daughter of William (born April 25, 1829, died October 2, 1857) and Rachel (Ludwig) (born April 13, 1827, died July 25, 1893) Caldwell, who were married March 18, 1852. To them were born five children: Bertha Caldwell, born Au-

gust 14, 1875; Mary M., born December 29, 1876; Sarah Rachel, born January 24, 1879; William Harrison, born December 27, 1880; and Lewis Clark, born March 16, 1885. The parents both hold membership in the St. Peters Reformed Church of St. Petersburg, and give their hearty support to all measures calculated to advance the moral or material welfare of the community. The family have an elegant residence lately remodelled at considerable cost, situated on Salem avenue, and there hospitality reigns supreme.

ALEXANDER A. DITTY. The history of a county, as well as that of a nation, is chiefly the chronicles of the lives and deeds of those who have conferred honor and dignity upon society. Among the representative and prominent citizens of Redbank township, Clarion county, Mr. Ditty's name should be found among the foremost, for he has not only been identified with the interests of this region, but also aided his country in the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war.

Mr. Ditty was born August 14, 1843, in the county where he still makes his home, a son of James Ditty, a native of County Derry, Ireland, and of Scotch-Irish descent. When a young man the father crossed the Atlantic, landing at Philadelphia, and in Cumberland county, Penn., he afterward married Miss Mary Croll. Coming to what was then Armstrong (now Clarion) county in November, 1826, they located near Curllsville, in Toby township, and here spent their remaining days, the father dying January 8, 1861, at the age of sixty-eight years, and the mother on April 6, 1896, at the extreme old age of ninety-two. He was a weaver by trade, but in Clarion county also engaged in farming. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, while his estimable wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both were earnest Christian people.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Washington, who was a soldier of the 103rd P. V. I., and died while home on a furlough in 1862, aged sixty-one years; William, of Rimersburg, Penn.; Mrs. Elizabeth Travis, a resident of Erie county, Penn.; David, of Summerville, Penn.; Margaret, now deceased; Thomas, a soldier of the 56th P. V. I., who lost a leg in a threshing machine, and died of blood-poisoning in Porter township, Clarion county, August 18, 1887, at the age of fifty-two years; Robert, deceased; Nancy, wife of William Divins, who was also a Union soldier, a member of the 148th P. V. I., and she now lives in Curllsville; Mrs. Sarah J. Bole, of Rimersburg, whose husband died January 7, 1895, aged sixty-two years; John and James, deceased; Alexander A., of this sketch; and Samuel, deceased.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools near his boyhood home, and remained under the parental roof until after the outbreak of the Civil war. On February 17, 1862, he enlisted in Capt. J. F. Mackey's company, of Clarion, in the 103rd P. V. I., and participated in the battles of Williamsburg and Fair Oaks, when he shot forty-two rounds lying down. After the battle of Malvern Hill, they retreated to Harrisons Landing, and he was taken ill with typhoid fever and sent to the hospital on Davis Island. On his recovery he rejoined his regiment at Newbern, N. C., January 13, 1863, and at Plymouth, that State, was transferred to the Tenth Veteran Reserve Corps by order of adjutant-general, captain and doctor. He was in active service until October, 1863, when he again became disabled by a relapse and chronic troubles and was carried on an army stretcher to the hospital, and was later sent to Bedlow Island or Fort Wood to man the guns there and assist General Dix in suppressing the New York riots; but the trouble quieted down before they were forced to open fire upon the mob. After three years of faithful and gallant service, Mr. Ditty was honorably discharged February 22, 1865, at Washington, D. C., and returned home. In 1870 he located upon his present fine farm of 100 acres in Red Bank township, and to the cultivation and improvement of the place has since devoted his energies with most gratifying results, his farm being one of the best in that section of the county.

On July 4, 1865, Mr. Ditty was united in marriage with Miss Eliza M., a daughter of Archie and Mary C. Mohney, of Curllsville, and they have become the parents of five children: Edwin A., who died at the age of two years; William C. and Scott B., who married Anna L. Glinkerman, April 30, 1896, and has one son, Preston Arthur, born August 29, 1897; John I.; and Mertie M. The parents are members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Ditty has filled all offices of the same; and the family is one of prominence in social circles. Fraternally, Mr. Ditty is a member of Captain Coor Post No. 239, G. A. R., and, politically, affiliates with the Democratic party. He is a stanch and loyal friend, fond of good fellowship, and devoted to those who have his confidence, He is also a progressive man, pre-eminently public-spirited, and all that pertains to the public welfare receives his hearty endorsement.

Our subject is now a sufferer from the effect of his military service, from the chronic diseases brought on by the exposure of army life. He has for many years been under the doctor's care, and since 1884 has been unable to perform hard manual labor.

DAVID B. REICHERD, a prominent citizen of Sligo, now retired from active business cares, is one of the men who make old age seem the better portion of life. His fine presence and dignified manner would attract attention anywhere, while to those who have the pleasure of his personal acquaintance, his well-stored mind and conversational powers are a source of perpetual enjoyment.

Mr. Reicherd was born in Toby township, Armstrong county, now Licking township, Clarion county, on July 24, 1828, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Wetter) Reicherd. His paternal great-grandfather was a native of France, and in order to escape religious persecution he fled from that country and took up his residence in eastern Pennsylvania. Christopher Reicherd, the grandfather, was born in Westmoreland county and came to Clarion county in 1804, locating on Licking creek, two miles below Sligo, when it formed a part of Armstrong county. Here he purchased 400 acres of land, and extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. In Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland county, he had married Susanna Myers, and of the eleven children born to them the father of our subject was the fourth in order of birth. The grandparents both died in Clarion county, and were buried in the Callensburg cemetery. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Peter Wetter, was a native of Franklin county, Penn., and was also an honored pioneer of Licking township, Clarion county, where he owned and operated 300 acres of good land.

John Reicherd, our subject's father, was born May 8, 1799, on Crooked creek, in Armstrong county, and became one of the leading and prosperous farmers of his community. He was also interested in the iron business, and for a few years he and his brothers, Oliver and Henry, conducted the Catfish furnace in Clarion county, but the enterprise did not prove a success. As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey he chose Miss Elizabeth Wetter, who was born in 1799, in Franklin county, Penn., and died December 8, 1844. His death occurred April 1, 1881, and he was laid to rest in Squirrel Hill Cemetery, while she was buried in the cemetery at Callensburg. Both were faithful members of the Reformed Church, and he was a pronounced Democrat in politics. The children born to them were: David B., of this sketch; Washington, who still lives on a part of the old homestead near Sligo; and Sarah, who died in infancy.

During his boyhood and youth David B. Reicherd assisted in the labors of the home farm, and on starting out in life for himself at the age of twenty-three, he and his brother, Henry Washington, purchased 220 acres of the old homestead for $20 per acre. After operating it together for ten years, they divided the tract, and our subject continued the cultivation of his portion until 1883, when he sold out and removed to Sligo, where he has since practically lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

On November 14, 1850, in Piney township, by Rev. Jeremiah Fishburn, Mr. Reicherd was married to Miss Sophia Kifer. Four children bless this union, namely: Warren C., born March 12, 1852, married Lillie B. Hodil, and is now engaged in bookkeeping in Pittsburg, Penn.; James B., born June 4, 1854, is an invalid residing at home; John E., born September 27, 1859, is foreman of the car works at Roanoke, Va.; and Alice N., born May 1, 1862, is the wife of George W. Craig, who is engaged in the dry-goods business in Sligo.

Mrs. Reicherd was born April 15, 1832, in Piney township, Clarion county, when it was Toby township, Armstrong county, and died April 22, 1886, her remains being interred in Sligo cemetery. Her parents, David and Susanna (Walthour) Kifer, were natives of Westmoreland county, where their marriage was celebrated, but in 1835 they removed to what is now Clarion county, where the father engaged in farming. He was a member of the Reformed Church, his wife of the Lutheran Church, and both were highly respected by the entire community. All of their four children are now deceased, namely; Levi; Mary A., wife of Emanuel Over, a retired farmer of Callensburg; Sophia; and Esther, who married Bennett Wilson, also deceased.

Fraternally, our subject is connected with the United Workmen Lodge, of Callensburg, and religiously, is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as elder for fifteen years. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has been honored with a number of official positions. For the past twenty years he has most efficiently served as school director, and in February, 1896, was elected president of the school board of Sligo. Since attaining his ma-

jority, he has been almost continuously in office, and these positions he has filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents.

J A. DITTMAN, postmaster of St. Petersburg, Clarion county, and a leading representative of its business interests, was born in Beaver township, in 1854, and belongs to one of the honored pioneer families of the county.

His father, Adam Dittman, was born in Richland township, in 1831, and is a son of David and Susan (Ashbaugh) Ditmann, natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., who came to Clarion county at a very early day, and in the midst of the forest opened up a farm. Here they spent their remaining years, and reared their family of eight children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Mrs. Susan Edinger, of Richland township; Martin, of Beaver township; David of Richland township; Adam, father of our subject; Mrs. Elizabeth Foust, of Richland township; John, of Beaver township; and Mrs. Catherine Nevel, of Richland township.

Adam Dittman was reared and educated in Richland township, and in early life learned the blacksmith's trade, which he has successfully followed in St. Petersburg since 1857. He erected the third house in the town, and it is now the oldest one still standing. He has therefore been identified with the business interests of the place during almost its entire existence, and has ever borne his part in its upbuilding and development.

In 1853, in Armstrong county, Penn., Adam Dittman was married to Miss Louisa George, a native of that county, and a daughter of Martin L. and Anna George, who were early settlers of Armstrong county, where both died, only seventeen days apart. Mr. and Mrs. Dittman have become the parents of ten children, namely: J. A., of this review; David Martin, a resident of Buffalo, N. Y.; William and Reuben, of Canonsburg, Penn.; Allen, of North Baltimore, Wood Co., Ohio; Chas. E., of Waynesburg, Penn.; Ulysses, of Washington, Penn.; Ed, of North Baltimore, Ohio; Mrs. Pearl Sober, of New Kensington, Penn.; and James, at home.

During the Rebellion Adam Dittman enlisted in Richland township, Clarion county, in 1862, in Company G, 155th P. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Pittsburg. With the Army of the Potomac he took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, Gettysburg and many others, and after the Grand Review in Washington, D. C., he was honorably discharged at Pittsburg in July, 1865, and returned to his home in St. Petersburg. He is a stanch Democrat in politics, and has most efficiently served as high constable in his township for eleven years, and supervisor for ten years. He is an honored member of Lookout Post, No. 424, G. A. R., and is one of the highly respected and valued citizens of St. Petersburg. Religiously he is connected with the Reformed Church.

The public schools of St. Petersburg afforded our subject his educational privileges, and when his school days were over he worked at day labor at that place for some time. Since then his energies have been devoted to the oil business, and in his undertakings he has met with a fair degree of success. Mr. Dittman was married in St. Petersburg December 24, 1876, to Miss Mary A. Goughler, who was born in Richland township, Clarion county, a daughter of Joshua and Maria (Wile) Goughler, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father was a farmer by occupation, and was one of the early settlers of Richland township. His death occurred in 1890, and his wife passed away the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Dittman have a family of four children: Vance R., who is now serving as assistant postmaster; and Lorena M., Cora V. and Willis A., all at home.

Politically Mr. Dittman follows in the footsteps of his father, always supporting the Democratic party by his ballot, and he has been called upon to serve in several important official positions, being justice of the peace eight years, town treasurer eight years, and a member of the school board. On August 26, 1893, he was appointed postmaster of St. Petersburg to succeed A. T. Mason, and has since acceptably filled that office. It is a fourth-class office. Mr. Dittman's public duties have been discharged with a promptness and fidelity worthy of all commendation, and in all the relations of life he has been found faithful to every trust reposed in him. Those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends—a fact which plainly indicates an upright, honorable career. He is a prominent member of Arcuna Lodge No. 413, K. P.; Carroll Tent No. 30, K. O. T. M.; and Coral Council, No. 306, J. O. A. M.

J ONATHAN M. MONG, an industrious and thorough farmer, who has always resided in Beaver township, Clarion county, was born there on the old Mong homestead, November 16, 1836.

Michael Mong, father of our subject, was born east of the mountains, and belonged to an

old and highly respected German family which was early founded in this country. He wedded Mary Miller, a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., whose father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was in Capt. H. Neely's company, stationed at Lake Erie. The daughters born to Michael and Mary (Miller) Mong died in childhood, and the sons were George, who died in Beaver township, Clarion county, at the age of fifty, leaving a widow and two children: Jonathan M.; and Leonard M., prominent citizens of Beaver township. The father was called to his final rest (while living in Elk township, Clarion county) at the age of fifty-six, but the mother is still living at the advanced age of ninety years. Both held membership in the Reformed Church, and in politics he was identified with the Democratic party. He was a man of exemplary habits and strict integrity, and justly merited the confidence and respect so freely accorded him by his neighbors and friends.

During his boyhood and youth Jonathan M. Mong assisted in the labors of the home farm, and received the elements of a good education in the common schools of the locality. He is now the owner of a fine farm of sixty acres in Beaver township, whose well-tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance testify to the industrious habits and the careful management of the owner. Upon the place are good and substantial buildings, and also two oil wells which add not a little to his income.

At the age of thirty-five Mr. Mong married Miss Eliza Jane Neely, who has been a true helpmeet to her husband. Her father, Maj. Cyrus Neely, is one of the leading and influential citizens of Clarion county, and has served as county commissioner. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mong: Henry Lester (one of the popular young men of his community, who has served both as assessor and assistant register); Mary Elverda; Sarah Emma; Burton Oliver; Martha Belle; Cora Elizabeth; Ruth Edna; Laura Esther; Perry Winfield, and a daughter who died in infancy. The parents and children hold membership in the Reformed Church, in which Mr. Mong has served as deacon, and all occupy prominent positions in social circles.

In his political views, Mr. Mong coincides with the Democratic party, and as a leading and influential citizen he takes great interest in the success of the tickets placed in the field by that organization. He is looked up to as a truly upright and honorable man in all things, and one whom his acquaintances can depend upon as a friend.

SAMUEL W. ANDERSON, who as a soldier during the Civil war made for himself a record honorable and glorious, is now one of the leading and representative citizens of Madison township, Clarion county. He was born in that township, October 23, 1843 (the same year in which President McKinley's birth occurred).

Samuel Anderson, his father, was a native of York county, Penn., and of Scotch lineage, while his mother, who bore the maiden name of Agnes Sutton, was born in eastern Pennsylvania. At an early day the family took up their residence in Madison township, Clarion county, where in connection with farming the father also worked at the stonemason's trade, but now makes his home in Hillsville, Armstrong Co., Penn., at the ripe old age of eighty years. The mother, who was a true and earnest Christian woman, died in 1888. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which her husband also belongs. He was a Union soldier during the war of the Rebellion, and, in politics, is a Democrat.

Samuel W. Anderson is one of a large family of children, the others being: Cinderella, Elizabeth (wife of N. Harigan, also a Union soldier), Jane (deceased), Lucretia, Martha, Ann (deceased), Charles (who was one of the brave boys in blue, and is now a resident of Madison township, Clarion county), and George (who died in infancy).

In the public schools of Clarion county, our subject pursued his studies, and upon the home farm early became familiar with agricultural pursuits. He also learned the stonemason's trade, but in 1861, when President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers, he laid aside civil pursuits and enlisted in Company F, 103rd P. V. I., and on many a Southern battle field proved a brave and fearless soldier. He took part in the siege of Yorktown, the battles of Williamsburg and Fair Oaks, and the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula, and was in the engagements at Kingston and Plymouth, N. C. On April 20, 1864, he was captured by the Rebels at Plymouth, and being taken to Andersonville prison, he was held in captivity until April, 1865, enduring all the torture and hardships of Southern prison life. When released, he was obliged to remain in a hospital at Vicksburg, Miss., for three weeks before he was able to rejoin his command. At Harrisburg, Penn., he was finally discharged, in June, 1865, but for two years after his return home was unable to work, and has never fully recovered from the effects of his army life. As soon as able he began working at the mason's trade, and in 1888 purchased what is known as the Anderson farm in Madison township, where he has since made his

home. It is a valuable tract of fifty-five acres, improved with good buildings, and in connection with its cultivation he is also engaged in stock-raising.

On December 25, 1879, Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Maggie Hughes. Her father, Israel Hughes, was also a member of Company C, 103rd P. V. I., and died in a Rebel prison at Florence, S. C., in middle life, leaving a widow and four children: John, Belle, Margaret (wife of our subject), and Annie. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have four children: Emory, Pearl, Neil, and Willis. Mr. Anderson always casts his ballot with the Republican party, and, socially, is a member of R. Brag Post, G. A. R. He is a pleasant, genial gentleman, and all who know him entertain for him high regard.

JOHN SANDROCK, an agriculturist of Washington township, Clarion county, comes from the Fatherland, and the strongest and most creditable characteristics of the Teutonic race have been marked elements in his life, and have enabled him to win success in the New World.

Born in the province of Hesse, Germany, October 9, 1830, Mr. Sandrock is a son of Adam and Mary (Hickman) Sandrock, natives of the same place. Both were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and died "in the little German home across the sea," the father at the age of sixty-five, and the mother at the age of sixty. The father was a farmer by occupation. In their family were seven children, namely: Henry, who spent his entire life in Germany; Martin, who died in Venango county, Penn.; Nicholas, a resident of Clarion county; John, of this sketch; Herman, of Germany; Lizzie (deceased); and Lena, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

Until he was seventeen years of age John Sandrock attended the public schools of his native land, thus acquiring a good practical education, and he then worked on a farm until coming to America when a young man. He took up his residence in Clarion county, and in 1861 was here married to Miss Mena Rensnider, also a native of Germany, a daughter of Conrad Rensnider. Both of her parents died at the age of eighty-three years, and with the exception of two sisters and herself, all of their thirteen children are now deceased. There were five sons and eight daughters, of whom five reached years of maturity. Those living are Martha, Mena and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Sandrock have a family of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, namely: Martin, Edward, John Wesley, Jesse, Henry, Charles, Lewis, Andrew, Kate, Lizzie, Anna and Louisa.

For four months, our subject was a member of the Union army in 1865, belonging to Company B, 46th P. V. I., and was on duty at Fortress Monroe and other points until the war ended. He now devotes his energies to the cultivation and improvement of his fine farm of 103 acres in Washington township. Its well-tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance indicate a progressive and painstaking owner, who thoroughly understands the vocation he follows. Upon the place are good and substantial buildings, which make it one of the most desirable farms of the locality. In political sentiment Mr. Sandrock is a Republican, and, religiously, is an active and prominent member of the United Brethren Church, in which he has served as class leader and held other offices. He is always courteous, kind and affable, and those who know him personally have for him warm regard.

JAMES O. NULPH, who is now classed among the successful men of Porter township, Clarion county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred at Caldwell's Furnace, in Armstrong county, March 23, 1837.

Jacob Nulph, his father, was a native of the same county of which the grandfather Adam Nulph, was an early settler. The latter was born of German parentage. The father spent his entire life in Armstrong county, and throughout his business career followed the blacksmith's trade. He married Miss Rebecca Alice Stewart, a native of Mercer county, Penn., and a daughter of James Stewart. They became the parents of three children: Mary B., C. H. and James. The father, who was a Lutheran in religious belief, died in December, 1845, in Armstrong county, at the early age of thirty-five years, ten months and some days. His widow also died in that county, at the age of seventy-four. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both were highly respected by all who knew them.

James O. Nulph grew to manhood upon a farm in Armstrong county, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, which he subsequently followed to some extent. For three years he made his home in Isabella county, Mich., and on his return to Pennsylvania located in Porter township, Clarion county, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. After President Lincoln had issued his call for 300,000 more volunteers to help put down the Rebellion, Mr. Nulph, August 15, 1862, enlisted

for three years, in the 78th P. V. I., under Col. William Sidwell and Capt. Jacks, of Butler, Penn. Our subject participated in the battle of Stone River under Gen. Rosecrans, but after his return to Nashville was transferred to service on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Later he was assigned to duty at the general hospital at Cairo, Ill., and when the war was over was honorably discharged in July, 1865.

In 1859, in Armstrong county, Mr. Nulph was married to Miss Mary E. Stewart, a native of that county, and a daughter of Mathew and Nancy (Jamison) Stewart, natives of Armstrong county, Penn., and Scotland, respectively. Her mother died at the age of thirty-eight, leaving two children by a former marriage to a Mr. Blackburn. To Mr. and Mrs. Nulph have been born the following children: Francis Marion, now residing in Colorado; John Charles, of Michigan; James Goheen, of Jefferson county, Penn.; Dora died at Boyne City, Mich., leaving two children, Harry B. and Aldie; Samuel Brady, of Jefferson county; Mrs. Esther Alice Reed, of Westmoreland county, Penn., and Elizabeth Eveline.

In religious faith, our subject is a Baptist, while his wife is a consistent member of the Free-will Baptist Church, and they always exert their influence to promote the moral welfare of the community. They are noted for their countless acts of kindness, and no citizens of Porter township have a larger circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOHN C. SHIELDS, one of the substantial farmers of Clarion county, and a representative citizen now serving the people of the district, in which he resides, on the board of county commissioners, was born in the county March 14, 1836.

Samuel Shields, his father, was a native of Westmoreland county, born near New Alexandria in 1809. He came to Clarion county when a young man, and followed his trade—that of carding and fulling—up to within two years of his death, when he turned his attention to farming. He died in January, 1840, aged thirty-one years. His wife was Sarah Frampton, a native of Clarion county, born in 1812. Their children were: John C., Hannah J. (Mrs. J. D. Shaw, of West Virginia), and Samuel F. (of Iowa). The mother of these died in 1890, aged seventy-eight years.

John C. Shields began to battle with the world at an early age; his father dying when he was less than four years old, it became necessary for him to do for himself when but a lad of thirteen or fourteen years. He was little prepared for the start, having had only meagre school advantages, attending the subscription schools for a brief period in the winter season, and to reach them walked two miles. However, he was resolute, and started out with the hope that inspires youth. He began doing farm labor and was employed at lumbering, working for wages for eight years, his first work bringing him only $8 per month. At the age of seventeen he was quite an experienced pilot on the Allegheny and Clarion rivers. When twenty-one he was in the lumber business, and ran lumber and pig iron down the rivers named to the city of Pittsburg. Soon after this he became engaged in farming and has ever since followed it as an occupation. He is, strictly speaking, a self-made man; beginning life poor, he has, unaided, not only accumulated a competence, but has reached a position of wealth and standing among his fellowmen. He has a fine farm of 125 acres located in Licking township, which is well improved, he himself having erected the buildings on it, which are neat and substantial. The farm is well stocked, and its lands are productive. On it are both coal and iron ore, and our subject, knowing the labor that produced such reward, surely has just grounds for looking upon his possessions with considerable pride. He has been elected to a number of township offices, such as supervisor, overseer of the poor, etc. For more than twenty years he has served as justice of the peace, and in 1896 he was elected to the office of county commissioner. All of his official acts have been characterized by carefulness and promptnesss. His long term of service as justice of the peace in his township is evidence of the respect that his neighbors and acquaintances had in his judgment and for his opinions. He has a good record.

In January, 1857, Mr. Shields was married to Miss Hannah J. Porterfield, of Venango county, this State, who was born March 19, 1837, a daughter of George M. Porterfield, of that county. To this marriage were born fifteen children, of whom eleven are still living, namely: George R.; Alice, wife of James H. Myers, of Butler county; Samuel A., of Allegheny county; Belle M.; James R.; J. Winfield; Etta; Elizabeth, wife of Fred Hayes, a merchant of Clarion county; Edward; Anna; and Blanche E. The mother and four children are members of the Presbyterian Church; one, of the United Presbyterian, and the oldest son belongs to the M. E. Church. In politics the father is a stanch Republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. He has been active in the interest of the party.

FRANK M. ARNOLD. For fifty years the name of Arnold has been prominent in the business and social circles of Clarion and Clarion county. Our subject, the trusted and efficient cashier of the First National Bank of Clarion and a man of means and influence in the community, as was his father for many years, is a native of the county, born at Reidsburg, October 14, 1847.

George W. Arnold, his father, was born on a farm in York county, Penn., in 1820, and received but limited educational advantages, his school privileges being confined to the neighborhood schools, which were then rather crude and the term for each year short. However, by diligent study in and out of school he acquired a fair English education. He remained at work on the farm until sixteen years of age, when in the fall of 1836, he became an assistant teacher in a school, receiving for his services three dollars per week, boarding himself, which he did by working before and after school. In 1837 he came with his parents to Clearfield county, and the first summer worked for one dollar and his board per day. In 1838 he left the parental roof and began the battle for himself, accepting the position of teamster and expressman under Porter Ritner, then superintendent of Karthaus Furnace in Clearfield county. In July of that year he was promoted to the position of weighmaster, and in the following December to that of salesman. In 1840 he came to Strattonville, and was here employed until 1843, when he embarked in the hotel business at that point. In 1849 he moved to Clarion, and from that time until 1865 he was engaged in the mercantile business. In January, 1865, on the organization of the First National Bank of that borough, he was elected a director and was chosen the cashier of the institution. For twenty years he was the ever affable and obliging cashier of the bank, and in 1885 he was elected president of the bank, and held that office until the day of his death. In 1867, when the Carrier Seminary of Western Pennsylvania was chartered (now the State Normal School), Mr. Arnold was appointed one of the trustees and made treasurer of the board. He donated the grounds upon which the beautiful and commodious building now stands, and did much toward its erection. He was deeply interested in the school referred to up to the time of his death. He was an enterprising and progressive man, and did much toward the developing and improving of his adopted borough. He died on April 10, 1896, and his death caused a loss to the public. His wife, who was Miss Hannah Smith, a native of Mifflin county, born May 1, 1825, and a daughter of James Smith, died in January, 1879. Their children were: J. Turner (deceased), Frank M. and Ida B.

Frank M. Arnold was but a child when brought to Clarion, where he has resided, and where his business career has been passed. His school days over, he at eighteen was made teller in the First National Bank, which position he held for a time, and was made assistant cashier, which position he retained until 1885. In the latter year he was chosen cashier, a position he has occupied from that time to the present, and in which he has sustained the reputation made by his father. He has been connected with various business enterprises. In the fall of 1879, he, in connection with C. Leeper and M. Arnold, became engaged in the lumbering business, the firm being Leeper, Arnold & Co.; subsequently another firm, C. Leeper & Co., was formed, of which our subject was a member; both still exist. These men manufactured six to eight million feet of lumber annually for ten years; the timber now, however, is becoming exhausted. Mr. Arnold is also interested in timber tracts in the States of Michigan and Oregon. He has been one of the foremost men in the enterprises which have aided in the borough's growth, and contributed to the convenience and prosperity of its citizens. He was one of the promoters of the Water Works and Gas Company in 1876, and in fact his name is identified with nearly every progressive enterprise in the borough. His influence in the community is great, and it extends beyond the borough limits. He is treasurer of the State Normal School, also of the Gas company and of other organizations, handling thousands of dollars in trust annually. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. In political affairs he is prominent as a Republican, but he has never aspired to office.

On March 14, 1876, Mr. Arnold was married to Emma L. Elss, who was born April 10, 1853, at Kittanning, and is a daughter of J. P. Elss, deceased, of Clarion, Penn. To this marriage have come the following children: Frank M., Jr., George E., Turner S., Alvin F., Clara, Charles M. and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold and the four sons are identified with the M. E. Church, Mr. Arnold being a steward therein.

PHILIP K. EAKER, one of the most prosperous and highly respected farmers of Limestone township, Clarion county, was born in 1831, in Northampton county, Penn., and comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his maternal grandfather, Philip Kratzer, being a soldier in

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the Continental army under General Washington.

When a child of six years our subject was brought to Clarion (then Armstrong) county, and was bound out until thirteen years of age. His opportunities for obtaining an education were therefore very meagre, and he never attended school more than four months during his entire life. At the age of thirteen he began working as a farm hand in Clarion county, and was thus empioyed for seven years, after which he went to Warren county, Penn., where he lived for more than a year. Returning to Clarion county, he resided here for eighteen months, and then moved to Venango county, this State, where he engaged in farming for ten years. On again coming to Clarion county in 1865, he located upon his present farm in Limestone township, and has since successfully followed agricultural pursuits. His life has been one of toil, and due success has not been denied him, for he is to-day the owner of much valuable property, including 666 acres of good land in Clarion county, besides other tracts and lots in New Bethlehem and in Armstrong county, and a custom flouring-mill in Toby township, Clarion county. His home farm is one of the most desirable places in Limestone township.

On January 4, 1859, Mr. Eaker was married to Miss Mary E. Sager, of Venango county, and they became the parents of eleven children, of whom seven are now living: Barton P. M.; Lewis E. R.; Sarah C., wife of T. W. Space; Theodore B.; James E. G.; Archie V. B.; and Cora Bell.

The father of these uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, while socially he is a Master Mason, and, religiously, he is connected with the Reformed Church. His life record is one well worthy of emulation and contains many valuable lessons of incentive, showing the possibilities that are open to young men who wish to improve every opportunity for advancement. He has risen from a humble to an exalted position in both the social and business world entirely through his own efforts, and is a representative of the best type of American civilization.

GEORGE T. HENERY. The hope of reward is the spur of ambition, and ambition forms the key that unlocks the portals of success. Without it all business is stagnate and advancement would cease, but a laudable desire to improve one's condition is the most potent element in the world's progress. Mr. Henery is one of the ambitious men of Porter township, and is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Clarion county.

Born July 14, 1824, on the farm which is now his home, Mr. Henery is the son of William Henery, who was born at Broad Gap, Westmoreland Co., Penn., while the grandfather, John Henery, a native of Pennsylvania, was of Scotch-Irish lineage. He married a Miss McConnell, also of Scotch-Irish descent, and came to Clarion county in 1799, being sent to this locality by Gen. Craig to pre-empt 400 acres of land. He located on the old homestead, but afterward returned to Westmoreland county, in 1800. The following year, however, he brought his family to Clarion county, and took up his residence upon the farm which has since been in the possession of his descendants. His family numbered four sons and five daughters, namely: Robert, who died in 1856, at the age of seventy-one; Charles, who died in 1855, at the age of sixty-five; William H., who died in 1857, at the age of sixty-one; James, who died in 1872, at the age of sixty-eight; Mrs. William Beatie, who died at the age of eighty-two; Mrs. McKeam, who died at the age of seventy-three; Mrs. Allison, who died at the age of sixty-eight; Mrs. Robert English, who died at the age of seventy years; and Barbara, who died at the age of fifty-six. The father of this family passed away February 2, 1819, at the age of sixty, and his wife died July 7, 1825, also sixty years of age.

William Henery was reared on the old homestead, and acquired his education in a log school house and under the instruction of his mother, who was a very intelligent woman. He married Margaret Boyle, daughter of Daniel Boyle, one of the pioneer settlers of Clarion county, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war, who belonged to Gen. Washington's body-guard. His family still have the saddle bags and saddle which he had with him during his military service. He was of Irish descent, and at his death was buried in Porter township. By their marriage, William and Margaret Henery became the parents of four children: John M., who died near New Bethlehem, Clarion county; George T.; Martha Jane, wife of Jackson Fulton; and Charles, who died in infancy. The father was a farmer by occupation, and was a man of upright principles, to which he closely adhered. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, and in political faith a Democrat. He died at the age of sixty years, and his wife passed away at the age of sixty-three.

George T. Henery was early trained to habits of industry, economy and honesty. The public

schools afforded him his educational privileges, and on the home farm he received ample training in the labors of the fields, much of the cultivation and development of the land devolving upon him. He remained at the old family homestead until 1879, when he removed to another section of the farm. He owns 218 acres of rich and arable land, constituting one of the fine farming properties of the county, with its rich meadows and pasture land and waving fields of grain. He also raises a good grade of stock, and by his sale of cattle has added not a little to his income.

In February, 1854, Mr. Henery was married to Margaret Beattie, a native of Monroe township, Clarion county, and a daughter of William and Mary Beattie, both now deceased. To them have been born the following children: Mrs. Bertha Jane McNutt, of Clarion county; Nettie, wife of D. A. Laughlin, of Porter township; W. P., a prominent stock dealer of the same township; J. S. at home; Mary, who died at the age of twenty years; Ross, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, who died at the age of two years; Fannie and Emma.

Mr. Henery is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democracy in his township, and for thirty years has served as justice of the peace, discharging his duties with marked fairness and impartiality. He has also administered many estates, and has frequently served as delegate to different Democratic conventions. For thirty years he has served as elder in the Presbyterian Church, and has been very active in promoting all interests calculated to advance the material or moral welfare of the community. Though he has rounded the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten he has the appearance and vigor of a man much younger. He has been a useful citizen of the community, and well deserves representation in this volume.

CORNELIUS A. WHEELOCK. For some twenty-two years Mr. Wheelock has been a respected and esteemed citizen of Clarion county, where his popularity, business tact, and worth as a citizen is not questioned.

Mr. Wheelock is the only son, and one of two children (the other, Lovinia, is deceased) born to his parents, Jesse and Anna (Hotchkiss) Wheelock. Jesse was a native of New Hampshire, and came in early life to Pennsylvania, where he was married, his wife being a native of that State; he located for a time at Erie; then moved to Crawford county, Penn., passing his life as a farmer. He was influential in public and political affairs in the county, serving for sixteen years as justice of the peace in his township, and was regarded as a man of good ideas and practical. After the death of his second wife in 1853, Jesse Wheelock was twice married. By the three subsequent marriages he became the father of seventeen children, fourteen reaching years of maturity, twelve are now living. The father died in 1890.

Cornelius A. Wheelock was born on a farm in Crawford county, Penn., September 13, 1852. He worked on the farm, attending the neighboring schools through the winter season, until he arrived at the age of twenty years. He was then for a time engaged in the cattle business, following which he was in the butchering business. In 1875, during the oil excitement in Clarion county, he came to Edenburg, where for three years he carried on a meat-market. After this he engaged in the livery business at the same point, and continued this until 1885. That year he was elected sheriff of Clarion county, and on entering upon the duties of the office in January, 1886, he moved to Clarion. In this position he served three years with fidelity and efficiency. On the expiration of his term as sheriff he resumed the livery business, and has since been engaged in the same.

In 1876 Mr. Wheelock was married to Mary Groce, a daughter of John Groce, of Clarion county, and the following children have come to them: Elmer E., Albert A., Willie W. and Ellen. The mother of these is a member of the M. E. Church. Socially, the father is a member of the F. & A. M. He is a pronounced Democrat, and is active and influential in party affairs. He is of a happy disposition, jovial and social, and, hence, a very popular gentleman.

PAUL MAHLE, one of the most enterprising and energetic agriculturists of Highland township, Clarion county, was born in January, 1839, on the old homestead in Washington township, a son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Lilly) Mahle. The birth of the father occurred in Germany in 1804, but at the age of twelve years he emigrated with his father, Henry Mahle, to America, first locating in Lancaster county, Penn., where they made their home for a short time. They then came to Fryburg, Clarion county, where the grandfather purchased a tract of wild land, and developed a farm of 200 acres, on which he built a log house and barn and made many other useful improvements. There he and his wife spent their remaining days. In their family were four sons and five daughters, namely: Justus, Lewis,

William and Helwig (twins), Sophia, Mary, Elizabeth, Wilhelmina and Catharine.

After his marriage Lewis Mahle located on a part of the old homestead at Fryburg, where he spent his last days, dying in January, 1871. His estimable wife long survived him and was called to her final rest in 1896. Their children were as follows: (1) Henry married Savilla Lawson, of Clarion county, and in 1863 removed to Washington, Ill., where he now resides. He has four children—Amanda, Charlotte, Lincoln and William. (2) Mary died in childhood. (3) Jacob married Elizabeth Greer, of Clarion county, and died on his farm in Washington township, that county, in 1879, leaving five children—Webster U. S. Grant, Eva, Harrison, Minerva and John. (4) Fannie married Peter Smith, of Pittsburg, who after his marriage located in Fryburg, where she died leaving two children—John H. and Clarissa, who died in childhood. (5) Adam is a resident of Fryburg. (6) Hannah became the wife of Peter Kulp, of Clarion county, and died in 1871, leaving a daughter, Matilda. (7) Reuben, who resides on a part of the old homestead, married Carrie Koler, and has four children—Estella, Edith, Evan and Amy. (8) John C. wedded Mary Reed, a daughter of Rev. Reed, and they also reside on a part of the old home farm. Their children are Lillie M., Grace, Charlotte, Benjamin and Ira.

The common schools of his native township afforded Paul Mahle his educational privileges, and he remained upon the home farm until July, 1862, when he laid aside civil pursuits to aid his country in the preservation of the Union, becoming a member of Company G, 155th P.V. I., under Capt. Klotz, of Clarion county. After being sworn in at Pittsburg, the regiment proceeded to Washington, D. C., where it was assigned to the Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac. The first engagement in which Mr. Mahle participated was at Fredericksburg, and he later took part in all the battles and skirmishes of the regiment, including the battle of Gettysburg, where the loss on both sides was heavy, and where Picket made his famous charge. He also took part in the engagement at Williamsport and the seven days battle of the Wilderness, where he was seriously wounded by two minie balls in the right leg, and was also taken prisoner, but was recaptured a few hours later. For seventeen days he was in the Fredericksburg Hospital, was then taken to Washington, and from there to Philadelphia, where he was confined until after the close of the war, being honorably discharged in July, 1865. He still carries one of the minie balls which was never extracted.

In 1868 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Wilhelmina Kapp, of Fryburg, a daughter of Henry and Catharine Kapp, who were among the first settlers of Washington township, Clarion county. Mr. and Mrs. Mahle began housekeeping in Fryburg, where he owned property, but he later sold out and removed to St. Petersburg, Penn., where he was engaged in speculating in oil and working at the carpenter's trade until 1878. Disposing of his business there, he purchased the Columbus Reed farm of 100 acres in Highland township, Clarion county, and has since devoted the greater part of his time to agricultural pursuits, meeting with a well-deserved success. He now has about half of his farm under a high state of cultivation, has erected a comfortable two-story residence and large barn, and has made other excellent improvements upon the place, which add to its neat and thrifty appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mahle have two sons: Orthe O., born in Fryburg, in 1871, and William Edward, born in St. Petersburg, in July, 1873. Both received good common-school educations, and now assist their father in the operation of the home farm. The family is connected with the Presbyterian Church in Shiloh, and in social circles occupies an enviable position. Mr. Mahle is identified with the Republican party, and has been called upon to serve as school director. His loyalty as a citizen and his devotion to the country's interests have ever been among his marked characteristics, and the community is fortunate that numbers him among its citizens.

SAMUEL A. BELL, the manager of the commodious and popular "Jones House," a hostelry of Clarion, Clarion county, which is famous throughout this section of the State for the comforts its bountiful spreads at meal hours afford, and its pleasant rooms give to its guests, is a hotel man of nearly a quarter of a century's experience.

Mr. Bell is of Irish parentage. William Bell, his father, and Sarah Ewing, his mother, were born in County Derry, Ireland, but came to America in their youth. The father by occupation was a furnace man. He died in Clarion county in 1859, and his widow in 1871. Five children were born to this marriage, all of whom are yet living and are named as follows: Samuel A., is our subject, Jane (Mrs. H. D. Richard), James, John and George.

Samuel A. Bell, the eldest child, was born in Licking township, Clarion county, in 1849. His father dying when he was but ten years of

age, and this son being the eldest child, he was early thrown on his own resources that he might assist in the support of the widowed mother and family. He attended at intervals the schools of the vicinity of his home. He did chores, and later performed work on farms until nineteen years of age, when he went to Mahoning, Penn., and was employed four years in a hotel. In 1872 he came to Clarion, and has since been engaged in the hotel business here, excepting from 1885 to 1891. During this interval of six years he served as one of the board of county commissioners, to which office he had been elected in 1884 and re-elected in 1887. He served the people in this trust faithfully and very satisfactorily, reflecting credit to his ability as a capable and far-sighted business man. In 1891 he was appointed trustee and manager of the M. E. Beck estate, and has since had its management, the "Jones House" being a part thereof. This estate he has wisely and judiciously cared for in the same capable manner as has always characterized his business career.

On August 21, 1871, Mr. Bell was married to Anna M., daughter of John Miller, of Armstrong county, and three children have blessed their marriage, namely: Lotta M., Edward M., and Allie V. (deceased). The mother of these is a member of the M. E. Church. In politics the father is a Democrat. He is one of Clarion's most substantial citizens.

GEORGE YOUKERS, a well-known oil producer of Elk City, is one of the strong characters who have become an integral part of the business life of Clarion county, and by the exercise of his powers has not only advanced his individual prosperity but has contributed to the welfare of the community. He has a wide reputation as a capable business man, and occupies a position of no little prominence in connection with the political affairs of the county.

Mr. Youkers was born December 18, 1845, in Baden, Germany, where the birth of his father, Jacob Youkers, also occurred. For generations the family has been noted for its bravery and valor on the field of battle. The grandfather served for some time under Napoleon, participating in many great battles, and he also witnessed the burning of Moscow. One of his sons belonged to Gen. Kossuth's command during the Rebellion in Germany, and, being captured, was condemned to death, but managed to escape, and fled to this country. The rope with which he was bound he still has in his possession, and he is now a resident of Kansas. In 1848 Jacob Youkers brought his family to the United States and located in Butler county, Penn. For four years he served in the State Militia, and has been a valued and useful citizen of his adopted country. He is still living, and enjoys good health for one of his years, being now seventy-eight. In his family were ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom one died in childhood. Two sons were soldiers during the Rebellion—George, of this review, and Jacob, who was a member of the 134th P. V. I.

Reared at Brady's Bend, Penn., George Youkers acquired his education in the schools of that place, and for some years in early life he was engaged in boating on the Allegheny river. On February 22, 1864, he laid aside civil pursuits, however, and joined Company L, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was promoted corporal, and took part in many of the battles in Virginia and in front of Petersburg. He was one of the best riders in Gen. Kutz's command, and for a time belonged to Gen. Sheridan's forces. When the war was over he was honorably discharged and returned home with an excellent war record. For some time he resided in Oil City, and was first employed in a roller mill, and later in the oil business. Coming to Elk City in 1876, he became interested in the latter industry in this section, and is to-day the owner of fourteen good oil wells, which are proving quite profitable.

On February 3, 1875, in Oil City, Mr. Youkers was married to Miss Jane Friedhaber, also a native of Germany, and a daughter of George Friedhaber. She had two brothers who were in the Union army during the Civil war—George, who was killed in battle, and John, who belonged to an Illinois regiment. Mr. and Mrs. Youkers have four children: Jessie, Frank, Robert and Margaret.

As an ardent Democrat Mr. Youkers has taken a prominent part in politics, and his services have been very effective in securing the success of his party. He has served as chairman of the township committee and as member of the county committee, and in 1896 was a delegate to both the State Convention and the National Convention at Chicago. Socially, he belongs to Edinburg Post No. 112, G. A. R., and is a prominent member of the Masonic Order, being connected with Blue Lodge No. 550, F. & A. M., the Chapter No. 259, R. A. M., and Oil City Commandery No. 43, K. T. He is officially connected with the Lutheran Church, in which he holds membership, as does his wife, and always gives his support to all enterprises for the public good. He is now serving his second term as

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school director in his district. His public service has been most exemplary, and his private life has been marked by the utmost fidelity to duty.

PETER WALTERS, a highly-respected citizen now living retired in Rimersburg, was born in Berks county, Penn., February 20, 1822, and his parents, Peter and Betsy (Romage) Walters, were born, reared and married in the same county.

The birth of the grandfather, George Walters, occurred east of the mountains, but in 1823 he emigrated to Jefferson county, locating near Corsica. Later he took up his residence in Church, Clarion county, where he died and was buried. The parents of our subject also located near Corsica in 1823, but the father, who was a farmer by occupation, did not long enjoy his new home, as he was killed while raising a log house in 1825, at the age of thirty years. His remains were intefred at Corsica. Besides his widow, he left four children: George, a retired cabinet maker, living in Rimersburg; Peter, of this sketch; John, a carpenter, who died near Oil City, Penn.; and Mary, widow of Reuben Kratzer, of Rimersburg. After the death of the father, Mrs. Walters married Jacob Weaver, by whom she had three children, namely: Sarah, deceased wife of Samuel Kratzer, of Iowa; Henry, who died in childhood; and Caroline, widow of Henry Pollard, and a resident of Squirrel Hill, Clarion county. The mother departed this life in 1877, at the age of seventy-five years, and was buried in the Rimersburg cemetery. Both she and her first husband were connected with the German Reformed Church.

The subject of this sketch was only five years old at the time of his father's death, but he remained at home with his mother until he had attained his majority, assisting in the management and cultivation of the home farm. For two years after leaving home he operated rented land, and then purchased a small place in Madison township, Clarion county, which he sold two years later. His next purchase consisted of fifty acres which he operated for four years, and on selling that place he rented the old Weaver homestead for two years, after which he owned and operated a farm in Venango county, Penn., for fourteen years. Returning to Clarion county, he purchased the Weaver homestead, which he sold several years later on his removal to Rimersburg, where he continued to make his home until the death of his first wife.

On February 20, 1843, in Madison township, Mr. Walters had married Miss Eliza Weaver, the ceremony being performed by John Morris, Esq. She was born April 16, 1821, and died April 22, 1869, her remains being interred in the Rimersburg cemetery. Her father, John Weaver, came to this country from east of the mountains. To Mr. and Mrs. Walters were born the following children: William, the eldest, was a soldier during the Civil war, for four years, was wounded, and, being captured, was confined in Libby prison, where he was nearly starved to death. He married Emma Mohney, and is now engaged in farming in Geauga county, Ohio. John married Sophia Sharp, and follows the same occupation in Howard, N. Y. Henry married Sadie Kratzer, and is engaged in the oil business in Allegheny county, Penn. Saphrona married Francis Weaver, and after his death became the wife of N. C. Salisbury, a painter of Geauga county, Ohio. Ersanis married Emma Reigle, and follows agricultural pursuits in Mullen county, Neb. Alfred is single, and also lives in Mullen county. Milo C. is married, and is a lumberman of Kelso, Washington.

On February 20, 1874, Mr. Walters was again married, this time in Curllsville, Clarion county, to Mrs. Margaret (Daly) Reynolds, who was born in Adams county, Penn., August 15, 1827, a daughter of Abram and Rebecca (McNay) Daly, also natives of Adams county. Her maternal grandfather, John McNay, was a Scotchman by birth, and aided the colonies in their struggle for independence during the Revolutionary war. He was taken prisoner by the British and placed in a church, where he was kept three days without food. He was then released by a friend. He became quite a prominent farmer of Adams county, Penn., where he died at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

Abram Daly died in 1832, and was buried in Adams county. He left three children: Mary, now the wife of C. Perry Mann, a farmer of Morrow county, Ohio; Margaret, wife of our subject; and John, who served with the rank of major in the Civil war, and is now a merchant of Knoxville, Tenn. The mother of these children was twice married, her first husband being John Chamberlain, by whom she had two children: Hannah, who married John Welty, but both are now deceased; and Rebecca, who married John Reynolds, also both deceased. Mrs. Daly, who was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in 1870, at the age of eighty-one, and now sleeps in the Seceder cemetery at Rimersburg.

On December 24, 1848, Miss Margaret Daly gave her hand in marriage to Calvin B. Reynolds, the first merchant in Oil City, Penn., who died

October 15, 1868, at the age of forty years, and was buried in the Seceder cemetery at Rimersburg: Three children were born to them: John, who died at the age of nine years; William, who married Lotta Ottener, and is now a retired merchant of Curllsville, Penn.; and Harry B., who married Lida Hunter, but both are now deceased. They left three children, two of whom live with their grandfather, W. H. Hunter, and are attending school in San Francisco, Cal., while the other, now an accomplished young lady, has made her home with our subject since early childhood. She possesses considerable musical talent, and is especially proficient as a piano player.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Walters removed to the oil fields of this State, where he was engaged in business until 1879, when he retired and returned to his home in Rimersburg. Financially he has prospered, and wholly through his own exertions he has attained to a position of affluence. His home is elegantly furnished, and there, surrounded by all the comforts of life, he is enjoying a well-earned rest. Since reaching manhood he has almost continuously filled some official position, among them being those of school director, overseer of the poor, street commissioner, and member of both the town council and board of health. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, and religiously is a member of the Reformed Church, in which he has served as elder for one term and deacon for many years. Being a great reader, he has become well posted on the leading questions and issues of the day, and always gives a liberal support to those measures which he believes calculated to promote the general welfare. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and his friends are many throughout the county.

W. L. REED, whose long and arduous service with the Union army in the Civil war well indicated his loyalty to his country, is now a leading farmer and lumberman of Highland township, Clarion county, and is a representative of one of its oldest and most highly esteemed families.

His grandfather, William Reed, was the second man to locate in that township, where he purchased a tract of wild land and developed therefrom a good farm. In his family were three sons and four daughters, as follows: (1) John married and located on the farm in Highland township now owned by Isaac Imhoff. The wild land he transformed into highly cultivated fields, and upon the place erected a large brick house and good barn. He also owned a large tract of timber land, on which he erected a sawmill, and in connection with the manufacture of lumber also built boats for the coal trade at Pittsburg. He and his wife both died on his land some years ago, leaving a family of children. (2) Eleanor, the second child of our subject's grandfather, married Ellis Fletcher, of Knox township, Clarion county. (3) Betsy married Ephraim Mix, of Clearfield county, Penn., and both died some years ago, leaving one child. (4) Jane married Alexander Porter, of Clarion county, and they departed this life a number of years ago. (5) James married and died in Highland township. (6) Margaret wedded James Lamb, a farmer of Knox township, where both died.

(7) William Reed, the father of our subject, completes the family. In early manhood he married Nancy Lamb, and soon afterward purchased 700 acres of the Harrison lands in Venango county, but after the survey it was made a part of Highland township, Clarion county. There he opened up a farm, and in connection with agricultural pursuits successfully engaged in lumbering and boat building on the Clarion river for the iron and coal trade. He constructed the first 100-foot boat, carrying 100 tons of metal down the river to the Pittsburg markets. He was an extensive lumberman, and most successful and reliable business man until 1861, when he retired from active life. He died in 1875, and his wife a few years later.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: (1) James M., a farmer of Highland township, married Mary Smith, of the same township, and had four children—Ida, who married a Mr. Kahnell, and died in 1889; Mrs. Ella Lamb, a resident of West Virginia; William; and Oscar, who wedded Maud Devilder, and is engaged in farming in Highland township. (2) Lavina became the wife of Edward Packer, and died some years ago, leaving two children—Ellen and one whose name is not given. (3) Maggie A. married Henry Shrum, a farmer of Highland township, and died twenty years ago, leaving four children, two of whom still reside in that township—Wilhelmina, now Mrs. Reaghard, and William, at home. (4) Lucinda J. wedded James Piper, and is a resident of Highland township. She has two children—Henrietta, at home; and Thuel, who is married and lives on a farm in Highland township. (5) Hiram was a very promising young man, who enlisted in his country's service during the Rebellion, becoming a member of Company H, 103rd P. V. I., under Capt. Mackey, of Clarion, and was in all the battles of his regiment until December, 1863, when he was killed at Kingston, N. C. (6) Ma-

tilda E. is now the widow of David McClain, and a resident of Highland township. Her children are—Mary, wife of Alexander Whitmer; Thomas B., who is married and lives in Clarion county; John, Rufus and William J., still with their mother. (7) Thomas C., during the Civil war, enlisted in December, 1861, in Company F, 103rd P. V. I., under Capt. J. B. McDonald, and served with the Army of the Potomac. At Williamsburg, Va., near Yorktown, he contracted typhoid fever and died. (8) J. Nelson still resides upon a part of the old homestead. (9) W. W. married Jane Morehead, of Clarion county, and also lives upon a part of the home farm. His children are—Rosie, Margery, Lawrence, Reynolds and James Bird. (10) Oliver owns and operates a part of the old homestead in Highland township. He married Margaret Eberline, of Clarion county, and has three sons—Edward V., Wallace L. and George.

On the farm where he still continued to reside, W. L. Reed was born in 1840, and was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys. He manifested his patriotism in December, 1861, by enlisting in Company F, 103rd P. V. I., under Capt. M. B. McDowell, of Rimersburg, and after being sworn into the United States service at Camp Orr, Armstrong Co., Penn., was equipped at Washington, D. C., and joined the Army of the Potomac under Gen. McClellan. During that winter the regiment was in camp at Meridian Hill, and their first engagement was at Fair Oaks, Va. Mr. Reed was detailed to look after the sick at Yorktown, where he remained for some time, and was then sent to Carvers Hospital. On rejoining his regiment he went by boat to Washington, D. C., and while *en route*, John Borts and Robert C. Platt, of Company F, from Clarion county, died. From Suffolk, Va., our subject went with his command to Newbern, N. C., where, under Gen. Foster, they destroyed the Goldsboro railroad, tearing up the rails and fighting the Rebels all along the road. During a hard fight at Kingston, December 14, 1862, his brother Hiram and Jackson Boyd were killed. The next engagement was at Whitehall, and at Goldsboro they met the enemy, driving them back and destroying the bridge and railroad. The winter of 1863 was spent in camp at Newbern, and in the following spring the brigade to which Mr. Reed belonged was sent by boat to Plymouth, where they did guard duty, and also cut off the Rebel supplies by boat. Later they were on guard duty at Washington, were in the battle at Swift creek, and after going to Newbern, they retraced their steps to Plymouth, where they remained for about a year. Mr. Reed, with his company, was captured at that place, and for four months was confined in Andersonville prison, whence he was transferred to Florence, remaining there the same length of time. In December, 1864, he was exchanged and sent to Charleston and later to Annapolis, where he was granted a furlough. After two months spent at home, he rejoined his regiment at Annapolis, but as his term of service had expired, he was soon afterward discharged at Pittsburg, and returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

Mr. Reed has since resided upon a part of the old homestead, and in connection with its operation he has successfully engaged in lumbering. In 1869 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Brenneman, of Clarion county, a daughter of Christian and Maria Brenneman, the former a lumberman by occupation. They have become the parents of six children, namely: Iantha attended the common schools, but completed her education at the Clarion Normal, and is now successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion county. Burdette W. died from typhoid fever at the age of twenty-four. Hiram, who resides on a farm adjoining his father's place, married Chloe Johnson, of Clarion county, and has two children—Florence and Pearle. Nancy M. is now preparing for a teacher at the Clarion Normal. Sadie L. is also a student at the Clarion Normal. Eva E. resides at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Reed is a Democrat, and he has been called upon to serve as constable and supervisor in his township. He and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church at Shiloh, and he is now one of the elders. His career has ever been such as to command the confidence and respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and his friends are many.

DAVID SMITH, an influential and prominent citizen of Shippenville, Clarion county, is a native of Crawford county, Penn., and a son of John and Elizabeth (Brookman) Smith, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. The father was interested in a number of business enterprises, being for some time a river pilot and also a lumberman and barge builder. He was a good workman, and in his undertakings met with a fair degree of success, but his business career was short, as he died at an early age. He left two sons, David and John. Later the mother became the wife of John Camp, an officer of the war of 1812.

In the county of his nativity David Smith

was reared and educated, but at the early age of eleven years his school days were over, and he started out to make his own way in the world, working first as a farm hand. Later he learned the wagonmaker's trade, which he made his life work. On June 25, 1861, he laid aside all personal considerations and joined Company E, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves. He took part in the battle of Gaines' Mills, the second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula and Fredericksburg, where he was wounded in the left leg below the knee. He was also captured by the Rebels, and for three months was confined in Libby prison, where he endured all the hardships and privations incident to Southern prison life. On being exchanged he was sent to Annapolis, Md., and later to Pittsburg, Penn., where he remained in the hospital until honorably discharged, June 11, 1864, when he returned to Shippenville. He never recovered from his injury, and was forced to have his limb amputated on May 7, 1886.

In 1864 our subject was married to Miss Mary Wiseman, also a native of Crawford county, and a daughter of Frederick and Magdelena (Hershleman) Wiseman, who were born in Germany, and were the parents of eleven children. One son, John Wiseman, was a soldier of the Civil war. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, but three died in childhood. Those living are Mrs. Emma E. McCall; Mrs. Margaret Lubold, who has four children—Hattie, Emma, May and Edward; and Mrs. Harriett Hart, who has one child, Cecil Quay. Mr. Smith and his family all hold membership in the Methodist Church, and in social circles occupy an enviable position. He is a Republican in politics, and is an honored member of Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R. As a citizen he meets every requirement, and manifests a commendable interest in everything that is calculated to promote the city's welfare in any line. In manner he is pleasant, genial and approachable, and all who know him esteem him highly for his genuine worth.

WILLIAM F. COLLNER, who with little exception has lived among the people of Clarion county from boyhood, where he has been among the leading citizens as a prominent business man and county official, was born in Richland township, this county, November 21, 1844.

Lewis Collner, his father, was a native of Germany, born May 11, 1811, at Eltman. He came to America and located in Clarion county in early life, where for sixty years he resided, engaged principally as a merchant and in the oil business. He died in April, 1894, aged eighty-three years, a respected and esteemed citizen of Clarion. His wife, whom he married in October, 1840, was Sarah Fry, born in Westmoreland county, Penn., in 1819. She was the daughter of Samuel Fry, a soldier of the war of 1812, who came to Clarion county when it was but a wilderness; her death occurred in September, 1895. The children of this couple were Levi, W. F., Samuel, Harrison, Joseph, Lemuel, Calvin and George, all living except the last two, Calvin and George.

William F. Collner received only limited school privileges. His father not being a man of much means, young Collner was kept in the store and given a practical business education, which, however, was for a time interrupted by his service of three years in the war of the Rebellion. He enlisted July 24, 1862, when but sixteen years of age, as a private in Company G, 155th P. V. I., his command forming a part of the 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was in all of the many engagements in which the regiment participated, and left a record which his posterity may well review with just pride. During his period of service he was subjected to many hardships incident to army life. He was slightly wounded at the battle of the Wilderness May 5, 1864, and at Peebles Farm, near Petersburg, Va., September 30, 1864. Proving himself a gallant soldier, he was rewarded by a promotion to a second lieutenancy, later becoming a first lieutenant, and was in command of the company at the surrender at Appomattox. A highly prized souvenir now in his possession is a sabre which he captured from a Confederate major at the Battle of Five Forks, Va., April 1, 1865. At the close of the war he returned to Clarion county, and again entered his father's store, where he assisted him in business for a year, then went to Forest county, where he engaged in the lumber business for two years. At the expiration of this time he returned to Clarion county and became engaged in mercantile business in Salem. He continued in business for seventeen years, until 1879, when he was elected sheriff of Clarion county. This necessitated his removal to the county seat, where he remained during his term of office, returning to Salem in three years, and again was occupied as formerly. In 1884 he was elected prothonotary, and in 1887 he was re-elected to the same office, serving six years in all. On his retirement from office in 1891, he became engaged in the insurance business at Clarion, which has since been his vocation. His official career was a most creditable one to him-

W. H. Collner

self and a very satisfactory one to his constituents, and his business career has been an honorable one; he has enjoyed the confidence and held the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

On November 14, 1867, Mr. Collner was married to Celia F. Brandon, daughter of John G. Brandon, of Clarion county, Penn. To this marriage were born eight children, of whom the following four are still living: Arthur Brandon is the prothonotary of the county; Myrtle B. is the wife of Dr. J. T. Rimer, of Clarion; Ira E. is at home; and Lewis is in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania. The mother of these children is a member of the M. E. Church. Socially Mr. Collner is identified with the F. & A. M. and with the A. O. U. W., having passed all of the chairs in the latter. In politics he is a Democrat

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J W. SIMPSON. Among the progressive, energetic and successful agriculturists of Farmington township, Clarion county, is the subject of this sketch, who thoroughly understands the vocation he follows, and is therefore carrying on operations most profitably. Being a Scotchman by birth, he possesses the sturdy and admirable characteristics of that race. He was born in the land of hills and heather, in 1829, a son of Peter B. and Jeannette (Wilson) Simpson, also natives of Scotland, and the latter a daughter of Robert Wilson.

The father was born near Dundee, and during the war of 1812, when about seventeen years of age, first came to America in the British service. When the war was over he returned to his native land, but in 1833, accompanied by two brothers, he sought a home in the New World, and purchased 300 acres of land in Farmington township, Clarion Co., Penn. In 1883 he sent to Scotland for his wife and family, and brought them to his new home in the midst of the wilderness. His first log cabin he replaced by a more commodious hewed-log house, and made many substantial improvements upon his farm. His wife died there in November, 1863, and he passed away in 1877. In religious belief they were strict Presbyterians, and they gave liberally to all Church or benevolent work. Mr. Simpson was also one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Clarion county, and was called upon to fill a number of responsible official positions. For two terms he served as county commissioner, was county auditor several terms, justice of the peace a number of years, and filled all the township offices, in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

Our subject is one of a family of ten children, the others being as follows: (1) Margaret, born in Scotland, came with her parents to Clarion county, where she married Michael Bigby, of Farmington township, and died in 1863. Of her children, three sons—Jacob, William, and David —live in Iowa; Mrs. Margaret Greenwalt resides in Farmington township; Mrs. Euphena Mehan lives in the same township; and Mrs. Janet Hagerty, a widow lady, lives in Forest county, Penn. (2) Euphena married Samuel Bartlett, of Clarion county, and died in 1863, leaving four children. One son, James Bartlett, is a leading business man of Scotch Hill, and Samuel is a successful farmer in Farmington township. (3) Janet, born in Scotland, married George Howe, who died in 1890, leaving a wife and large family of children. (4) Jane, born in Scotland, was married, in 1849, to Michael Bartlett, and they live on a farm in Farmington township. They have several children. (5) John B., born in Clarion county, makes his home in Farmington township. He married Elizabeth Knight, and has two children —Wallace and Wade. (6) Eliza, born in Clarion county, married William Harriger, who was drowned in the Allegheny river, and she later wedded Frank Hezlep, of Clarion county, by whom she has one son—James. They now live in Butler county, Pennsylvania.

J. W. Simpson, whose name introduces this sketch, was only four years old when brought by his parents to the United States, and upon the old homestead in Farmington township, he grew to manhood. In 1851 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Rosanna Elliott, of Farmington township, a daughter of John G. and Esther Elliott, and fifteen children were born to them: (1) Robert, born in 1852, married Susan Shafer, of Elk county, Penn., by whom he has two children—Ula and Jay—and they live at Scotch Hill, Clarion county. (2) Esther died in childhood. (3) John G., born in 1854, married Delinda Elder, of Clarion county, and lives upon a part of his father's farm. He has five children—Carrie, James S., Bessie, Howard and Annie. (4) Samuel S., born in 1856, and a resident of Scotch Hill, married Jennie Carson, of Clarion county, and has six children—Gearie, Ora, Glenn, Wayne, Clair and Guy. (5) Sarah is the wife of William Foy, who lives on a farm in Farmington township adjoining her father's place. (6) Janet is successfully engaged in dressmaking at Edenburg, Clarion county, and owns real estate in Clarion and Scotch Hill. (7) Priscilla is the wife of James Beatty, of Clarion, and has three children—Irene, Turner and Lenore. (8) Clara was the wife of A. D. Neill, a druggist of Marionville,

Forest county, and died in 1896, leaving one son, Alfred. (9) Euphemia was educated in the Clarion Normal and the Corsica schools, and is now a successful teacher in the public schools. She resides with her father. (10) Laura B. was also well educated, and for three terms taught school, but since then has engaged in dressmaking with her sister in Edenburg. (11) James H., a resident of Scotch Hill, married Lillie Smith, and has two children—Gladys and Gafred. (12) Benton works in the lumber woods, and resides at home. (13) Wayne died in infancy. (14) Elva, born in 1878, was engaged in the Clarion Normal, and is now engaged in teaching in the public schools, making her home with her father. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in October, 1891.

After his marriage, our subject located upon a part of his father's first purchase, and from the wild land developed a good farm, making it his home for fourteen years. In 1869 he sold, and purchased the James Fitzgerald farm, a partially improved tract of 129 acres, on which he has erected a large barn and good two-story residence, besides making other necessary improvements. He has cleared a large portion of his land, planted a fine orchard, and now has one of the best and most highly cultivated farms of the locality.

In his political affiliations Mr. Simpson is a Democrat, and he has filled the offices of supervisor and school director in an efficient manner. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife also belonged, and is an earnest and conscientious Christian gentleman. His success in life may be ascribed to positive, determined pursuit of business, and to the fact that he is a man of honesty and integrity. He has reared a family of which he may be justly proud, and among its members are several of the most successful teachers of Clarion county.

HENRY HARRISON HARTMAN, a well-known general farmer of Toby township, Clarion county, resides on a part of the old Fullmer farm at Mt. Airy—the ancestral home of his mother. He was born December 14, 1836, near Bloomsburg, in Columbia county, Penn., and is a son of John William and Susan (Fullmer) Hartman, natives of Bucks county, Penn., who after their marriage removed to Columbia county. In 1840 they came to Clarion county, and located on the present site of Mt. Airy, where the father successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until life's labors were ended. He was born March 5, 1807, and died March 7, 1848, while his wife was born June 30, 1811, and died August 2, 1895. They were faithful members of the Reformed Church, and were laid to rest in Churchville cemetery, Clarion county.

The family of this worthy couple consisted of the following children: Elisha, born July 2, 1834, died in 1882; Henry H., born December 14, 1835, is a farmer of Mt. Airy; Josiah is also engaged in farming in Toby township; William D., born August 10, 1838, follows the same pursuit in Porter township, Clarion county; Sarah J., born November 1, 1839, died in 1851; Lewis, born March 11, 1841, is a farmer of Mt. Airy; Rebecca, born March 29, 1842, lives with our subject; Samuel J., born October 15, 1843, is a farmer of Monroe township, Clarion county; Jeremiah, born March 6, 1845, died September 6, 1851; Aaron, born August 1, 1846, is a farmer of Clarion township; and Henry Harrison, of this review, completes the family.

George Hartman, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared in Bucks county, where he married a Miss Jacoba, and continued to engage in farming and distilling throughout life. Their children were: William, Jacoba, Joseph, Samuel and Catherine, all now deceased. The maternal grandparents, Daniel and Margaret (Boyer) Fullmer, were also natives of Bucks county, and came to Clarion county in 1840, locating on a two-acre lot on the present site of Mt. Airy, where he lived retired throughout the remainder of his life. To his children—Charles, Aaron, and Susan, our subject's mother—he gave 100 acres of land in Clarion county, but his other daughter, Sarah, wife of Jeremiah Hogenbaugh, remained in Columbia county.

At the age of seventeen Henry Harrison Hartman began serving an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade with Samuel Kifer at Callensburg, and, after mastering the business, worked at the same for several years, in the meantime spending six months in Kentucky. After his marriage, in 1868, he purchased forty acres of land at Mt. Airy, and after two years spent upon that place, he traded it for a farm one mile from Mt. Airy, belonging to him and his brotber Lewis. There he made his home for fourteen years, and in 1884 purchased his present farm from his uncle Charles and the Fullmer heirs; it consists of 108 acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings.

On May 26, 1868, in Callensburg, Mr. Hartman was married to Miss Susan Stewart, Rev. J. G. McIntire, a Presbyterian minister, perform-

ing the ceremony. The children born to this union are as follows: Sarah J., who died in childhood; Thomas S., a pumper in the oil fields at McDonald, Penn.; Samuel E., who married Agnes Winters, and is also employed as an oil pumper; Eva A., wife of Charles Henry, a school and music teacher of Forest county, Penn.; Margaret R., wife of John Rankin, a school teacher of Rimersburg, Penn., and Aaron B., William A. and Nora E., all at home.

Mrs. Hartman was born September 6, 1842, in Toby township, Clarion county, a daughter of Hon. Thomas and Susan (Loffer) Stewart, the former a native of Clarion county, and the latter of Black Rock, N. Y. At the age of four years the mother also became a resident of Clarion county, where her marriage was celebrated. Her parents, Adam and Elizabeth Loffer, lived for some time in Ohio. Her father was killed while aiding in the defense of his country during the war of 1812, and was buried near Niagara Falls. Mrs. Hartman's paternal grandparents were william and Sarah (McCibben) Stewart, who died in Clarion county, and were buried in Concord cemetery. By occupation the grandfather was a farmer.

To Hon. Thomas and Susan (Loffer) Stewart were born eight children: William, who died in 1895; Milton, who was a private in the Union army during the Civil war, and was killed in battle; Loffer, a farmer of Toby township; Sarah, who married D. R. Summerville, but both are now deceased; Reuben, a farmer of Nebraska; Elizabeth, who died in 1860; Allen, a farmer of Toby township; and Susan, wife of our subject. The mother of these children was born in 1804, and departed this life June 9, 1864. The following year Mr. Stewart married Mrs. Jemima Miller, but by the second union he had no children. She was the widow of Benjamin Miller, and by her first marriage became the mother of the following children: Oliver, deceased; Frank, a farmer of Butler county; William and Johnson, deceased; Hon. George E., who lives in the West and has represented his district in the State Legislature; Sarah, widow of Mr. Lloyd, and a resident of Sharon, Penn.; and Lorinda, widow of William Cristwell, of East Brady, Penn. The mother of these children died in 1893, at the age of eighty years, and was buried near East Brady. Mr. Stewart was born in 1812, was a blacksmith by trade, but in later years turned his attention to farming. For some time he acceptably filled the office of associate judge of Clarion county, and was always recognized as one of the valued as well as one of the honored citizens of his community. His death occurred October 1, 1883. In the Presbyterian Church he held membership, was an elder in the Church for many years, and superintendent of Sunday-school. He had always been identified with the Democratic party.

A prominent and active member of the Reformed Church, our subject has served as elder for the past four years, and is a cheerful supporter of all objects which he believes calculated to promote the condition of his fellow-men. His political support is given the Democracy, and he has capably filled the positions of school director and assessor of his township. He has accumulated a handsome property, and his life illustrates what may be accomplished through industry, perseverance, good management and a determination to succeed.

FRANK L. HARVEY, an active, energetic and reliable business man of Foxburg, has for the past ten years most creditably and satisfactorily served as superintendent of the Fox estate, which is the most valuable property in Clarion county, comprising large tracts of land and numerous oil wells.

Mr. Harvey was born December 28, 1864, in Westmoreland county, Penn., a son of J. W. and Anna E. (Haymaker) Harvey, well-known and prominent citizens now living about one mile west of Foxburg in a comfortable home. In Westmoreland county, this State, during the Civil war the father enlisted in an infantry regiment, and faithfully fought for the preservation of the Union for three years. His family numbered four sons: Frank L., of this review; Harry R., assistant cashier in the Foxburg Bank; Angus McAlister, bookkeeper in the same institution; and Thomas, who died at the age of six years.

Frank L. Harvey completed his education in a high school in Clarion county; but through his extensive business operations and subsequent study he has greatly added to the knowledge there obtained. For five years before accepting his present position he was also connected with the Foxburg Bank, where he gained a practical knowledge of business affairs, which has been of great benefit to him. Although quite young when chosen superintendent of the Fox estate, his ability as a manager was soon demonstrated, and he proved thoroughly competent to attend to the extensive business connected therewith. He is perfectly familiar with every branch of the vast business connected with the estate, and is therefore able to obtain the best results. Always ready to reward faithful service, he has the respect and confidence of those under him, and

to the boys and young men of Foxburg he has proved a stanch friend, doing all in his power to promote their interests.

Fraternally, Mr. Harvey affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is one of the most public-spirited and enterprising citizens of Foxburg, and has taken an active interest in all things pertaining to its advancement and general welfare.

JOHN V. SLOAN, secretary and treasurer of the J. W. James Medicine Company, has attained distinctive preferment in business circles, and is now numbered among the most enterprising and successful men of East Brady, Clarion county.

Born in the far-off State of Washington, June 30, 1864, at Steilacoom City, near Tacoma, Mr. Sloan is the son of Rev. G. W. Sloan, who was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at that place. The son is, however, a representative of one of the old and honored families of Clarion county, Penn. His grandfather, John Sloan, now deceased, was born in Westmoreland county, this State, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and became a pioneer of Greenville, Clarion county.

Rev. G. W. Sloan was born and reared in Clarion county, and completed his education in Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, Penn., where he prepared for the ministry. In 1858 he went to Washington, and for a number of years had charge of different congregations in that Territory. He had previously married Miss Rebecca Cokain, a native of Pittsburg, Penn., and a representative of a prominent pioneer family of Venango county. Her death occurred in 1873, on the Indian Reservation at Puyallup, Wash., near Tacoma, where her husband was then serving as pastor. Of the six children born to them four are still living. The children are as follows: Edith A., now a teacher in Jeannette, Penn.; Della, a teacher at Latrobe, Penn.; George W., Jr., of Clintonville; Mrs. Frank Eakin and David E., both of whom died in Washington; and John V. The father was born in 1825, and devoted nearly his entire life to the work of the ministry, sacrificing his own interests for the betterment of his fellowmen.

The first eleven years of his life John V. Sloan passed in his native State, and on coming to Pennsylvania located in Limestone, where he grew to manhood. He prepared for the legal profession at Harvard College, but since 1888 has been interested in his present business in East Brady. The company, of which he is now secretary and treasurer, began business on a small scale in 1869, but as the demand for their medicine increased, they were obliged to enlarge their facilities, and their present plant was completed in 1888. Six years later a stock company was incorporated with a capital of $50,000, and Dr. J. W. James was elected president, and John V. Sloan secretary and treasurer. Four traveling salesmen are now upon the road, selling their goods in every State of the Union, and in the laboratory and printing room employment is furnished to thirty hands. The company is one of the most important concerns of the kind in this section of the State, and is doing a large and constantly increasing business.

At Brady's Bend, Penn., in 1886, Mr. Sloan was united in marriage with Miss Emma E. James, a daughter of Dr. J. W. James, and to them have been born four children: George James, Geneveive K., Margaret James and John V., Jr. The career of Mr. Sloan has ever been such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world, for he has ever conducted all transactions on the strictest principles of honor and integrity. He is a man of keen perception, great sagacity and unbounded enterprise, and the success that he has achieved in life is certainly well deserved. He is a Republican in politics, has been a member of the city council, and belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

J. W. JAMES, M. D., president of the J. W. James Medicine Company, was born in Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Penn., February 25, 1826, and belongs to an old Pennsylvania family, his father being James James, a pioneer merchant of Aaronsburg. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Agnes Williamson, was of Scotch ancestry, and was also a representative of a pioneer family of this State. The parents spent their last years in Armstrong county. The Doctor acquired his literary education in Millheim, Centre county, and then entered the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, where he graduated with the class of 1847. Locating in Brady's Bend, he there successfully engaged in general practice until he embarked in the manufacture of medicine at East Brady, in 1869. His medicine has become very popular throughout the United States, being sold from Maine to California.

In Greenville, Mercer Co., Penn., Dr. James was married to Miss Margaret, daughter of William and Rachel Templeton, now deceased. The Doctor and his wife have become the parents of five children: Ida, deceased; William D., a physician and surgeon of East Brady; Robert C., who is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company in Chicago; Emma, wife of John V. Sloan,

of this sketch; and Edwin, of East Brady. In politics Dr. James is a Republican, in religious faith he is a Presbyterian, and, in his society relations, a Knight of Honor. Courteous, genial, well-informed, alert and enterprising, he stands to-day one of the leading representative men of East Brady—a man who is a power in his community.

SAMUEL POOLE, the present efficient street commissioner of East Brady, was born September 10, 1826, in Staffordshire, England, of which county his parents, Francis and Ann (Webster) Poole, were also natives. The father died in Staffordshire in 1854, and the mother also spent her entire life in England, dying there in 1865.

In the public schools of his native land Samuel Poole pursued his studies, and in that country was married at the age of eighteen years to Miss Rebecca Hart, also a native of Staffordshire, and a daughter of George and Ann (Crannage) Hart, the former of whom died in England. In 1858 Mr. and Mrs. Poole sailed for the United States, and first located in Brady's Bend, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he worked in a mill, the mines and also the Brady Bend Rolling Mills. Since 1883, however, he has made his home in East Brady, and for the past six years has most acceptably served as street commissioner. Mr. Poole manifested his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting at Kittanning, Penn., in October, 1861, for three years, in Company B, 103d P. V. I., and was sworn into the service at that place, the regiment being assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He was in the seven-days' fighting at Williamsburg, the siege of Yorktown, and the battles of Fair Oaks, Chickahominy, White Oak Swamp, Railroad Bridge, Bottom Bridge, Long Bridge, James Ford, Charles City Cross Roads and Harrison Point. Being taken ill, he was sent to a hospital in Philadelphia, August 10, 1862, and at that place was honorably discharged the following September.

Mr. Poole has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who departed this life in 1892. She had one brother, Thomas Hart, now a resident of Lancaster, Ohio, who enlisted in 1861, in the 103d P. V. I., for three years, and subsequently re-enlisted, serving until the close of the war. Being captured by the enemy, he was confined for eight months in the loathsome prison at Andersonville. Mr. Poole has three children living: Water S., a resident of Elwood City, Penn.; Edward F., of New Bethlehem, Penn.; and Mollie, at home. Since casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Poole has been an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of Thomas S. Sedgwick Post No. 294, G. A. R., and Alpine Lodge No. 479, I. O. O. F., of Brady's Bend. His public and private duties have alike been discharged with promptness and fidelity, and his career has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

OLIVER J. CRUM. Among the leading business men of Monroe, Clarion county, there is none better known than the individual whose name heads this article. Since 1872 he has carried on operations here as a blacksmith and wagon maker, and, being an expert workman and reliable business man, he has built up an excellent trade, his patronage extending for many miles into the surrounding country.

Mr. Crum was born April 5, 1840, in Beaver township, Clarion county. His father, John Crum, one of the honored pioneers of the county, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., of German descent. He was reared, however, in Armstrong county, where he married Miss Mary M. Snider, a native of that county, whose parents were from Bedford county, Penn. To this worthy couple were born five children, namely: George W., a resident of Oil City, Penn.; Mrs. Anna Knight, of Richland township, Clarion county; Isabella, wife of John Neely, of Beaver township; Oliver J.; and William Alexander, who died at the age of eighteen years. Throughout his active business life the father followed the occupation of farming. He gave his political support to the men and measures of the Democratic party, and religiously was identified with the Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon or elder for many years. He always took an active and prominent part in all Church work, and was a sincere Christian. In Salem township, Clarion county, he departed this life at the age of eighty-one, and his estimable wife passed away in the same township at the age of fifty-eight.

The subject of this sketch acquired a good practical education in the country schools, and on the home farm early became familiar with agricultural pursuits. At the age of seventeen he began learning his trade, which he has now successfully followed for forty years. His labors were interrupted, however, by his services during the Rebellion, for in March, 1865, he enlisted in Company A, 98th P. V. I., and served until

the close of the war. Since coming to Monroe, in 1872, he has engaged in general blacksmithing and wagon making, and also does all kinds of repairing.

In January, 1866, in Richland township, Clarion county, Mr. Crum was married to Miss Elizabeth Conner, who was born, reared and educated in Beaver township, the same county, and is a daughter of Frank Conner, of Scotch-Irish descent. She has one brother, Army Jesse Conner, now living in Dakota. To Mr. and Mrs. Crum have been born the following children: Francis H., who still makes his home in Clarion county; Maggie, who died at the age of ten years; Celia, wife of William Ramsay, of Sandusky county, Ohio; Della I.; Melda E.; and Verta L.

Fraternally, Mr. Crum is a member of Lookout Post, G. A. R., of St. Petersburg, and the Knights of Honor, while, religiously, he and his family all hold membership in the Reformed Church. The Democratic party has always found in him an earnest advocate, and he gives his support to all measures for the benefit of the county in which he lives, or that are calculated to elevate society in general.

JAMES L. REED, of Highland township, is a member of an honored pioneer family of Clarion county, which was founded here when the locality was a wild and unimproved region. In the work of development they have taken an active part and aided in opening up the country to civilization.

John Reed, with his wife, Eve McGuffy, came from Ireland about 1755, then having one child that died on shipboard. They settled in Sherman's Valley, Penn., on a farm, reared a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, and in their old age sold their farm and moved to Lycoming county, Penn., where both died. William Reed, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Sherman's Valley, Penn., and in 1804 moved to Erie county, where he settled on the Holland land purchase and made his home for five years. He next located near Titusville, in Crawford county, and later, for a few years, rented the Holdsman farm on the Allegheny river. In 1819, however, he came to what was then Richland township, Venango county (now Highland township, Clarion county), and took up his residence on the Joseph Porter farm, where he and his wife Elizabeth both died in 1848. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children: (1) Eleanor married Urial Fletcher, a native of New York, and died in Knox township, Clarion county, a number of years ago. (2) John, the father of our subject, is the next in order of birth. (3) Jane married Alexander Porter, of Venango county, Penn., and lived in Highland township, Clarion county, where she died leaving a family of children. (4) Elizabeth married Ephraim Mix, of Connecticut, and lived for a number of years in Jefferson county, Penn., where both died at an early day, leaving a family, but only one child is now living, being a resident of Jefferson county, Penn. (5) James, born near Sunbury, Cumberland Co., Penn., came with his parents to Clarion county, and spent the remainder of his life on the old homestead in Highland township. He wedded Mary Hulings, formerly of Lycoming county, Penn., and reared a large family. (6) William, born in Lycoming county, in 1802, married Agnes Lamb, of Venango county, and lived on a farm in Highland township, where both died some years ago, leaving a large family. They celebrated their golden wedding; the wife lived on the farm over sixty years. (7) Margaret, born in Erie county, Penn., in 1805, came with her parents to Clarion county, where she married James Lamb, of Venango county, and they lived on a farm in Knox township, Clarion county, where her death occurred. She had three children—James, Samuel and Elizabeth.

John Reed, father of our subject, was born in Lycoming county in 1793, and, on attaining to man's estate, he wedded Jane Lamb, of Venango county. Soon afterward he bought David Whitehill's settlement right of a tract of land, some of it cleared, and had a log house on it made of split hickory logs. In 1833 the land was sold at commissioners' sale (1,525 acres) at about eleven cents per acre. In 1821 he commenced to clear and improve his property in order to provide a home for his family. He first built a log house and log barn, but later replaced these with a large brick residence and good barn, and made many other excellent and useful improvements upon the place, converting it into one of the finest farms of the township. He also built a sawmill on Tarkill run, and successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber for a number of years. His death occurred on the old homestead in 1866, and his wife passed away in 1844.

James L. Reed, the eldest of his children, was born in 1822, in the old log house upon the home farm in Highland township, and was reared amid scenes of frontier life. He attended the common schools, and aided in the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm. In 1848 he began teaching in his native township, teach-

ing two years in succession, and again in 1856 in Helen township, Clarion county, but he was principally employed in looking after his father's business interests. He engaged in building coal boats on the Clarion river for the Pittsburg markets, and was also extensively interested in lumbering and running on the rivers during his younger years. At one time he was connected with the oil trade in Clarion county, but the greater part of his time has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and although seventy-five years of age, he can still do a full day's work in the harvest field, so well preserved is he. Physically he is as active as a man of forty years, and his mind is still clear and bright, enabling him to recall many interesting incidents of pioneer life. He still resides upon a part of his father's first purchase.

The other children of the family are as follows: (2) William S., born in 1823, married Lizzie Berlin, and also spent his entire life upon a part of the old homestead in Highland township. He died from injuries received while clearing his land, and left a wife and eleven children —Nancy J., Ellen, Araminta, Caroline, Lavina, John, Gertrude, Albert, Clyde, Roland, and Lydia, who died in childhood. (3) Columbus, born in December, 1825, resided on the home farm until his death in 1893. He had married Adaline McCray, of Venango county, who with her family is now living in Warren county, Penn. (4) Eliza A., born in 1827, died at the age of fifty-three. (5) John H., born in October, 1829, married Rachel McLaine, of Highland township, and made his home near Big Run, in Jefferson county, where he died in July, 1897, being injured by a runaway horse. He left a wife and family. (6) Samuel, born in March, 1832, married Elizabeth Slagle, of Porter township, Clarion county, and is now engaged in lumbering in Forest county. He has eight children living. (7) CAROLINE, born in 1834, resides on the old homestead with our subject, and takes an active interest in all Church and benevolent work. (8) Charles, born in 1836, married Sarah McCray, of Clarion county, by whom he has three children. He is also living upon a part of his father's first purchase. (9) NANCY, born in 1838, is also living with our subject, and is a devoted and earnest Christian woman, always ready to lend a helping hand to the poor and needy. (10) Rebecca J., born in August, 1840, is the wife of Samuel Mahle, a farmer and merchant of Highland township.

The paternal grandfather of our subject voted for Gen. Washington for President, and the father was a lifelong Democrat in politics. The latter aided in the erection of the first Presbyterian Church in Highland township, and served as its elder for a number of years. He was a very prominent and influential man, and was a liberal supporter of all objects tending to the betterment of mankind. His family adhere to the same faith, and also take an active part in Church work. James L. Reed usually casts his ballot with the Democratic party, has served as township auditor and clerk for about twenty consecutive years, was supervisor one term, and is at present judge of election. He is broad and liberal in his view, has faithfully performed his duties of citizenship, and his interest in the welfare and progress of the community has never abated.

T H. HOOVER, a well-known lumberman of Mill Creek township, Clarion county, was born October 28, 1857, in Butler county, Penn., and is a son of S. C. and Jane (Anchors) Hoover, the former born in Butler county, in 1831, and the latter in Armstrong county, in 1833. After their marriage they located upon a farm in Butler county, and on selling that place removed to Saline, Venango Co., Penn., where the father engaged in the manufacture of brick. His next removal made him a resident of the city of Clarion, and while living there he made the brick for the school houses of that place. In 1883 he removed to Manhattan, Kans., where he purchased a farm and engaged in stock raising for six years. Selling his place at the end of that time, he removed to Oklahoma, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick and in building houses for several years. While in that territory his wife died. Subsequently he sold his property there and purchased a farm in Delaware county, Ind., where he now resides.

Mr. Hoover, of this review, is one of a family of eight children, of whom the others are as follows: (1) S. H., the eldest, was born in Butler county, Penn., and on reaching manhood married Hattie Mony, of Strattonville, Clarion county, by whom he has three children; he is now living in Lincoln county, Kans., and is serving his second term as sheriff. (2) C. H., born in Butler county, Penn., married a Miss Mamie Henry, of Oberlin, Ohio, and has a family; he lives in Sherman, Texas, where he owns and conducts a music store. (3) Mamie, a native of Elk county, Penn., was educated in Kansas, and is now the wife of P. J. Leik, of Denver, Colo.; they have one daughter—Fay. (4) Carrie, born in Clarion county, is the wife of J. L. Dougherty, of Duluth, Minn., where he is manager of a store, and they have one son. (5) M. D., also a native

of Clarion county, is married and has two children. He lives in Purcell, Indian Ter., and is bookkeeper for a company. (6) O. L. M., born in Clarion county, is engaged in brick making in Guthrie, Okla. (7) Minnie M., born in Clarion county, married Fred Killgore, of Yorktown, Ind., and they have one child; they now reside in Anderson, Kans., where he is engaged in merchandising.

T. H. Hoover grew to manhood in Clarion county, and obtained a good practical education in the Clarion Seminary. During his youth he learned the brickmaker's trade, and in 1881 manufactured the brick for M. Arnold's large building in the city of Clarion. On February 28 of that year, he was united in marriage to Miss Mirtie H. Rulofson, of Strattonville, a daughter of R. and A. J. Rulofson. Her father is one of the extensive lumbermen and prominent citizens of Clarion county. One child graces this union: W. Allen, born January 1, 1894. After his marriage Mr. Hoover located in Clarion, where as a contractor in brick he did an extensive business, furnishing the brick for the court house at that place in 1884. Removing to Strattonville, he was employed as fireman and engineer in Mr. Rulofson's sawmill at the mouth of Mill creek, and since 1888 has acceptably served as its foreman. Throughout the summer he gives his attention to the milling business, but spends the winter months with his family in New York, Philadelphia, or other large cities. He is an active, enterprising business man, and, in connection with the management of his father-in-law's mills, he has also superintended the boat building at that gentleman's large plant on the Clarion river.

Mr. Hoover has always taken quite an active interest in political affairs, is one of the prominent members of the Republican party in his community, but has never cared for official honors. His wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Strattonville, and in social circles they occupy a prominent position.

MARTIN WAGNER, residing in Paint township, Clarion county, has for many years been actively and prominently identified with the business affairs of this section of the State, especially with its lumber and agricultural interests. He was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, January 20, 1829, and is a son of Jacob and Dorothy Wagner, also natives of that country, where the father died in 1851. He was twice married, having by the first union three children, all of whom remained in the Fatherland. After his death the mother and one daughter came to America, in 1860, and spent her remaining years in Armstrong county, where her death occurred in 1885.

Her children were as follows: (1) Catharine, on coming to the New World, became a resident of Connecticut, where she was living at the time of her death. (2) Barbara married George Brown, also a native of Germany, and they now make their home in Armstrong county, Penn. Their children are—George, William and Mary. (3) Mary also took up her residence in Armstrong county, where she married John Fey, and where she is still living. He died in 1897. (4) Conrad married Susan Crosier, of Armstrong county, where he owns and operates a farm. In his family were eight children—Jacob, Martin, Thomas, Charles (who died in 1893), Wesley, George, Dorothy and James. (5) Dorothy became the wife of John Shelling, and lived in Armstrong county, where he died some years ago, leaving three children—Martin, John and Mary. Mrs. Shelling now makes her home in Marionville.

The schools of Germany afforded our subject excellent educational privileges, and in his native land he also became familiar with agricultural pursuits. In 1853, accompanied by a sister, Mrs. Jacob Wagner, he came to America on a sailing vessel, which landed them safely at New York. From there they proceeded to Philadelphia, and thence to Piney township, Clarion county, where Mr. Wagner worked in a sawmill for Jacob Hahn for two years, and during the following year and a half was employed in William Fenton's distillery. In 1857 he purchased a half interest in a liquor still, with which he was connected until 1865.

In 1860, Mr. Wagner was married to Miss Mary A. Crosier, of Armstrong county, a daughter of William and Jane Crosier. They began their domestic life in Piney, where he engaged in the hotel business, and also operated a sawmill. In partnership with John Metzger he purchased property at Piney, and together they engaged in the manufacture of lumber for some time. Mrs. Wagner died at that place in 1869, leaving two daughters: (1) Dorothy is the wife of Conrad Baughman, and they reside in Paint township on a part of her father's homestead. Their children are—Mary, Martin, Hulda, Charles, Barbara and George. (2) Mary is the wife of Joseph Smith, and they also reside upon a part of her father's farm. They had three children—John (who died at the age of two years), Charles and Willie.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Wagner returned to Germany on a visit, and there met Miss Barbara Lang, who the same year became his wife, the marriage being celebrated in Arm-

Martin Wagner

strong county, Penn. Five children have been born to them, namely: Christine, born at their present home, in 1872, attended the common schools, and later graduated at the Clarion Normal. She is a very bright and accomplished young lady, has visited Germany, and is now successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools. Jacob, born in 1874, also attended the common schools, and subsequently the schools of Germany and the Clarion Normal. He now owns and operates a fine farm in Armstrong county, and also attends to his father's oil interests in Clarion county. Charles, born in 1877, received a good common-school education; he owns a tract of land in Paint township, Clarion county, given him by his father. Anna B., born in 1879, began her education in the common schools, and later pursued her studies in the Clarion Normal. Alfred, born in 1884, is also attending school.

After his second marriage, Mr. Wagner, in partnership with Messrs. Metzger and Hahn, bought 1,700 acres of timber land in Paint township, Clarion county, and in 1870 erected thereon a steam sawmill, where they engaged in the manufacture of boat lumber and square timber for a number of years, doing a very extensive and profitable business. Some years they owned and ran as many as fifty coal boats on the Clarion river for the Pittsburg and Allegheny markets, and at the same time carried on a large lumber business in Piney. Mr. Wagner was general manager of the property in Paint township, 1,700 acres of which had cost $40 per acre. In that township he erected a large two-story residence, in 1870, for his own use, and also built a number of houses to rent. In connection with his other business he conducted a general store for a number of years. In 1873 our subject and Mr. Hahn purchased Mr. Metzger's interest in the business, and five years later Mr. Wagner became sole owner, having paid $30,000 for his partner's interest. In 1885 he also embarked in the oil business, sinking a number of wells on his own property, and leasing others, all of which he operated. He still owns a number of pumping wells which pay him a good royalty, and has large and valuable tracts of land in both Armstrong and Clarion counties, 400 acres of which are under a high state of cultivation and well improved.

Politically, Mr. Wagner is a stanch Democrat, and he has acceptably filled the offices of overseer of the poor, township auditor, school director and justice of the peace, being elected to the last named in 1872, but refused to serve. He and his family are all connected with the Lutheran Church, and occupy an enviable position in both business and social circles. Mr. Wagner has had a remarkable career in many respects. On reaching this country he was without a dollar; but he was young, strong and ambitious, and through his own energy, enterprise and perseverance he has become one of the most prominent and wealthy lumbermen and land owners in Clarion county, and is now living retired. Although he has taken many risks, he has been remarkably successful in his speculations owing to his sound judgment and good business ability. He has not only aided his children in starting out in life for themselves, but has also been a liberal contributor to all charitable objects which he believed deserving of aid. Honest and upright in all his dealings, he has won the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and the warm regard of many friends.

ISAAC McCOY, one of the most industrious and enterprising farmers of Beaver township, Clarion county, was born in 1838, in Butler county, Penn.

Mr. McCoy traces his ancestry back to Thomas McCoy, a native of Berkeley county, W. Va., who was born in 1754, and after reaching manhood cleared and improved 600 acres of wild land in Pine township, Mercer Co., Penn., where he made his home for many years. His son, Joseph McCoy, the grandfather of our subject, was born in that county, November 24, 1779, and was also an agriculturist. He was a soldier of the war 1812, and was a valued and honored member of the community in which he made his home. His death occurred in 1820, in Louisville, Ky. In his family were the following children: Thomas, John, William, Lewis, David, Hiram, Mrs. Betsy Mitchell and Mrs. Johnson, all now deceased,

John McCoy, our subject's father, was born in 1813, in Mercer county, where he was reared to habits of industry and thrift. During early life he engaged in farming and lumbering, and also learned the stonemason's trade, at which he was employed. He married Miss Margaret Jane Richmond, also a native of Mercer county, and a daughter of Isaac Richmond, who was born in Pennsylvania, on the Susquehanna river. In 18— Mr. McCoy brought his family to what is now Clarion county, and in 1842 purchased a lot in Clarion borough, and resided there until 1856, then he moved to Beaver township to a tract of 160 acres of timberland, which he converted into a good farm. There he died in 1867, and his wife passed away

ten years later. In their new home they had made many warm friends, and their deaths were deeply mourned.

The subject of this sketch is one of a family of five children—four sons and one daughter; the others are: Joseph served for three years during the Civil war as a member of Company E, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves, Army of the Potomac, and died July 3, 1897, and is buried at St. James, Mo.; Mrs. Harriet Cobler makes her home in Beaver township, Clarion Co., Penn.; John Lewis during the Civil war enlisted March 1, 1863, in the 103d, P. V. I., and died June 18, of the same year at Newbern, N. C.; and Milton resides on the old homestead.

Isaac McCoy, who is second in order of birth in this family, spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Clarion borough, Clarion county, and obtained a good practical education in the borough schools. Learning the blacksmith's trade, he successfully followed that pursuit for over forty years, and he has also engaged to some extent in lumber, but now gives the greater part of his time and attention to farming. He is the owner of a valuable farm of 105 acres in Beaver township, which he has under high cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings.

In 1866 in Beaver township, Mr. McCoy was married to Miss Catharine Ann Cope, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Jeremiah and Anna E. (Graffe) Cope. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, was born in Montgomery county, Penn., and died in 1897, while her mother was born in Beaver township, Clarion county, and died in 1880. To Mr. and Mrs. McCoy were born the following children: Mrs. Margaret Mays (of Beaver township), Moneela (now Mrs. Fisher), John, Anna, Jeremiah, Ella, Allen, Susan, George, Verne, and Fredie. The McCoy family holds an annual re-union in Mercer county, and at the last there were four hundred in attendance. It is one of the most prominent and highly respected families in this section of the State. In his political affiliations Isaac McCoy is a Republican, and he cheerfully gives his support to all measures which he believes calculated to prove of public benefit. As a citizen, friend and neighbor, he is true to every duty, and justly merits the high regard in which he is held.

JOHN F. MOHNEY, proprietor of a livery, feed and sale stable in New Bethlehem, is a representative of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Clarion county. He traces his ancestry back to Adam Mohney, a native of Germany, who crossed the Atlantic to the New World in the latter years of 1700, settled in Northampton county, Penn., and in 1808 came to Clarion county, Penn., and purchased 1,100 acres of land near West Millville. Returning to Northampton county, Penn., he brought to his new home his large family of children, some of whom were already married. He died in West Millville, and was laid to rest in Oakridge cemetery in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

John Mohney, the son of Adam and the great-grandfather of our subject, married Catherine Wagner, and they became the parents of the following children: Maria, Elizabeth, Susanna, Mary, Catherine, Sarah, Lydia, Christina, Frederick, Jacob, Adam, John and Abram. It was in 1811 that John Mohney and wife came from Northampton county, Penn., to Clarion county and located upon a portion of the land which his father had purchased, erecting a large stone house thereon in 1824. He was a farmer by occupation, and a Democrat in politics, while religiously he was a member of the German Reformed Church. Both he and his wife died on the old homestead, and were buried at Oakridge.

The grandfather of our subject, Frederick Mohney, was born in Northampton county, in 1801, and was therefore but ten years of age when brought by his parents to Clarion county, where he subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits. Here he married Miss Ann Maria Kaster, a native of Northampton county, and a daughter of Philip Kaster, who was of German descent, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. Of the twelve children that graced this union, three died in infancy and nine reached years of maturity, namely: David, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, Catherine, Sophia, Mary Ellen, Christina, Calvin F. and Mathias. The father of this family died at the age of sixty-nine, and the mother at the age of eighty-two years. They were consistent members of the Reformed Church, and highly respected by all who knew them.

David Mohney, our subject's father, was born, reared and educated in Porter township, Clarion county, and in early life successfully engaged in general farming. When the war broke out, however, he laid aside civil pursuits, and on August 29, 1861, enlisted in the first call for three years' men, being commissioned first lieutenant of Company C, 78th P. V. I. He was a brave and fearless soldier, always found at his post of duty, and for seventeen months was in active service in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. Having seriously injured his right ankle while climbing a stone wall, he was then honorably

discharged on the surgeon's certificate, and returned home.

In Clarion county, in April, 1848, was celebrated the marriage of David Mohney and Miss Elizabeth Emhoff, a native of the county, her parents, John and Catherine Emhoff, being old settlers here, where their deaths occurred. To Mr. and Mrs. Mohney were born eight children, namely: Mrs. Mary C. Silvis; Martin M.; Mrs. Elizabeth Wensell; William Bigler; John F., of this review; Era May Fink; Mrs. Elva Nora Hutson, deceased; and Warren R., a traveling salesman. As a stanch Democrat, David Mohney has always taken an active and prominent part in political affairs, and has done all in his power to insure the success of his party. For three years he served as county commissioner, and since 1876 has most acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace. He has been commander of Colonel Lemon Post No. 260, G. A. R., and in all the various relations of life he has always discharged the duties devolving upon him in a prompt and able manner.

In the county where he still makes his home, John F. Mohney was born December 14, 1860, and in its schools he acquired his education. During his younger years he was variously employed, but for the past eight years has successfully engaged in his present business. His stable is located in the rear of the Commercial Hotel, and he gives special attention to the wants of the traveling men. He has a fine line of carriages of all kinds, good driving horses and experienced drivers, and he thoroughly understands the business in every detail. He is one of the promoters of the telephone line, which has been established in Indiana, Jefferson and Clarion counties, and is still a stockholder and director of the company.

On July 15, 1880, Mr. Mohney was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Dunkle, who was also born, reared and educated in Clarion county, and is a daughter of John K. Dunkle, a Union soldier. Her father is now deceased, but her mother is still living and makes her home in Reynoldsville, Penn. Politically, Mr. Mohney is identified with the Democratic party, and socially affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees. He has served as health officer and chairman of the borough, and is one of the most popular citizens as well as one of the leading and enterprising business men of New Bethlehem.

LEWIS SWAB, who was one of the brave boys in blue during the Civil war, has throughout the greater part of his life been actively identified with the interests of Clarion county. He was born in Clarion township, November 24, 1832, a son of Joseph and Mary (Pentz) Swab. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and when a young man came to Clarion county, where he married and engaged in farming until his removal to Venango county, in 1865. In Pine Grove township he opened up a farm, which he successfully operated until his death, which occurred in 1871. The mother died at the home of our subject in September, 1890, at the age of eighty-four.

Of the thirteen children born to them, twelve reached years of maturity, namely: Mrs. Martha Meely, a resident of Washington township, Clarion county; Reuben, who made his home in Venango county until enlisting in 1862, in the 155th P. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg; Eliza Jane, who died in Forest county, Penn.; Lewis, of this review; Myra and Susan, both deceased; Mrs. Hannah Beck, of Venango county; John Henry, of Elk township, Clarion county; George E., who was a member of the 155th P. V. I., during the Civil war, and now resides in Forest county; Mrs. Mary Catharine Ralston, of Clarion county; Joseph, of the same county; and Bradford, of Ohio.

The public schools of Clarion county afforded our subject his educational privileges, and in a blacksmith shop at Shannondale he learned the trade which has been his life occupation. He was married in Red Bank township, Clarion county, in 1854, to Miss Catharine Hetrick, a native of that township, born December 1, 1834, a daughter of Peter and Catharine (Himes) Hetrick, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Clarion county. Her father developed a number of farms here, and is still living in Red Bank township at the age of eighty-four years, but her mother died in Jefferson county, Penn., in 1881. To them were born fourteen children, of whom nine are still living. John died at the age of twenty-three, and Jacob, William and George Henry, all at the age of eighteen; David A. is a resident of Jefferson county; Sarah died in that county; Martin lives in Winslow township, Jefferson county; Reuben in Falls Creek; Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and Amos, in Winslow township, Jefferson county; Mrs. Caroline Thompson, in Brockwayville; and Lewis and Mrs. Matilda Curll, in Winslow township.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Swab, but only three are now living: Mrs. Sarah Ann Swaringer, of Millville, Red Bank township, Clarion county; Mrs. Mary Ellen Doverspike, of Clarion county; and Mrs. Amanda M. Dietrich, of Salem, Clarion county. Those deceased are

Mrs. Eliza Jane Keefer, who died in Oil City, Penn., in 1891; John Henry, who died when young; and Ammon, who died in infancy.

Mr. Swab manifested his loyalty and patriotism in August, 1864, when he enlisted at Brookville, Jefferson county, in Company B, 211th P. V. I., for one year or during the war. He was mustered into the United States service at Camp Reynolds, and with the Army of the Potomac participated in the battle of Petersburg. After the surrender of Lee, he was honorably discharged at Alexandria, Va., June 2, 1865, and returned to Brookville.

Mr. Swab had removed to Jefferson county, in 1855, and continued to work at his trade in Heathville until 1869, when he returned to Clarion county, but in 1875 he located in Pine Grove township, Venango county, where he has since conducted a shop. He is one of the best and most successful blacksmiths in his locality, and from the public receives a liberal patronage. He is an honored member of Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville, and in politics is identified with the Republican party. He is a progressive man, pre-eminently public-spirited, and all that pertains to the public welfare receives his hearty endorsement.

S GRIER SLOAN, who occupies a beautiful farm, nicely improved, comprising some 140 acres situated just outside the borough of Clarion, is a native of the county, born in Limestone township, August 14, 1847. His parents, Samuel and Eliza (Sloan) Sloan, were born in Clarion and Armstrong counties respectively, the former in 1808, and the latter in 1815. They were farming people, and worthy and respected citizens of the community in which they lived. They were married in 1833, and the union was blessed with the following named children: Wilhelmina, Montgomery, Margaret, Harriet, Mary, Caroline, J. Walter, S. Grier, W. Hall, David Everett, and Rosanna. The mother of these died in June, 1882, and the father on April 10, 1887.

S. Grier Sloan was reared on his father's farm, receiving his primary education in the neighboring schools. Subsequently he attended, for a time, the more advanced school of State Normal and the academy in Armstrong county. At the age of eighteen years he came with his parents to the farm upon which he now resides, and has partially followed agricultural pursuits thus far through life. In connection with farming he is engaged in the oil business, having on his land three oil-producing wells. He is one of the substantial farmers and citizens of Clarion county.

On June 1, 1881, Mr. Sloan was married to Esther Ehrenfeld, daughter of Rev. George Frederick and Esther (Hill) Ehrenfeld, both old families of Pennsylvania. Rev. Ehrenfeld was born in Philadelphia, Penn., the eldest son of Augustus Clemens Ehrenfeld, M. D., who had three sons and two sons-in-law in the Gospel ministry of the Lutheran Church. He was educated at Gettysburg, in College and Seminary. After his ordination he was a pioneer minister of the English Branch of his Church for a number of years as Missionary President in Western Pennsylvania. His fields of labor were Shippenville, Clarion, Kittanning, Leechburg, Brookville and many other rural points. His active religious experience reaches far back in the history of his Church and its institutions. His ministerial life was always identified with the General Synod until his death, July 26, 1876. His youngest brother, Rev. Charles Lewis Ehrenfeld, was at one time State Librarian, and is at present vice-principal of Southwestern State Normal School at California, Pennsylvania.

The father of Rev. George Frederick Ehrenfeld was Doctor (of Medicine) Augustus Clemens Ehrenfeld, who came to this country in 1805. He came not as an emigrant, but to visit and assist the return of his father, George Frederick Ehrenfeld, Sr., who had been in Philadelphia a number of years on commercial business, but who was now detained by large financial losses and broken health. Diligent effort was made to close his affairs in order to facilitate the return of both, as soon as possible, to their home in Europe; but further heavy losses occurring, and a partial stroke of paralysis overtaking the father, so complicated the situation that their departure was indefinitely delayed, and, finally, neither got back. The father, G. F. Ehrenfeld, Sr., died in Philadelphia, November, 1809. The son, Doctor A. C. E., had meanwhile married, and at his home the father died.

Doctor Augustus Clemens Ehrenfeld was now the only male survivor of the line, and thus the family was, providentially, transferred to this country. Doctor A. C. Ehrenfeld had left in Europe an only sister considerably older than himself, who had married John Weber (treasurer of the estate of the Count of Erbach), from whom have sprung not a few men of eminence in science and the professions.

Very full records of the family exist in the public archives of their native country, reading back to 1601. These give the names of each preceding family of ancestors, accompanied in

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some instances with considerable biographical sketches. Copies of these, as well as authentic traditions of the family from a date much earlier, are in the possession of the family in this country. For ten generations previous to Dr. Augustus Clemens Ehrenfeld, there was either only one son, or only one that had a family and kept the line of descent alive. But, in the case of Dr. A. C. Ehrenfeld, he had six sons and three daughters, all of whom lived to marry and to rear families.

All of the ancestral line, both male and female, were educated people, a number of the men having had university education. Most of the men were at some time in the public service. This was the fact in both the male and female ancestral lines of Doctor Augustus Clemens Ehrenfeld. [The above is a brief statement from the mass of records.]

The Hill family was one of the pioneer families of the Commonwealth, and of Revolutionary fame. To the union of our subject and wife were born: George Frederick (deceased), Jeane Grace, John Walter, Esther Charlotte Ehrenfeld. The father of these in his religious belief is a Presbyterian, while the mother is a Lutheran. Mrs. Sloan was for five years president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Alliance of Clarion county, and has repeatedly been a delegate to State and National Conventions. Mr. Sloan is a member of the A. O. U. W., and has passed all the chairs in that order. In politics he is a Democrat, and has filled several local offices, among which is that of school director, for about twelve years, but he has never aspired to political honors.

John Sloan, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn. He and his sister were captured by the Indians in that county, and held in captivity for three months. Subsequently he lived in Armstrong and Clarion counties, and died in 1863, in his eighty-sixth year.

VALENTINE HUEFNER. Among the enterprising and wide-awake business men of Clarion county, whose place of birth was the far-away German Fatherland, and who, with the industry and thrift so natural to the people of that country, are rapidly progressing toward the financial condition so coveted by all, is the subject of this personal history. Coming to America a poor boy, he has steadily advanced along the highway to success, and is now one of the most prosperous citizens of Paint township.

Mr. Huefner was born July 19, 1848, in Bavaria, Germany, where his parents, George and Barbara (Newland) Huefner, spent their entire lives. He had two brothers and a sister who also came to the New World. (1) Charles crossed the Atlantic when a young man and became a resident of Clarion county. He now lives in Huefner, where he is engaged in the hotel business and is serving as postmaster; he is also in partnership with our subject in the distilling business. He married Barbara Rumble, of Clarion county, by whom he has five children, namely: Emma, Aloysius, Josephine, Mary and Frances, all at home. (2) Joseph located first in Clarion county, but later removed to Columbus, Ohio, where he is still living; he married Julia Reidelbach, of that city, and now has one son, John. (3) Theckla remained for five years in Clarion county, at the end of which time she, too, removed to Columbus, Ohio, where she married Joseph Reidelbach, and they still make their home in that city.

In his native land Valentine Huefner was reared and educated, but in 1869 he took passage on a vessel bound for the United States. On landing in New York, he came direct to Fryburg, Clarion Co., Penn., where he worked on a farm for one year. He next secured a position in the distillery of Nicholas Tritch, in Clarion, where he soon became thoroughly familiar with every branch of the business. In 1876 he embarked in the oil business on his own account at Edenburg, Clarion county, and also in McKean county, Pennsylvania.

In 1878 Mr. Huefner was married to Miss Amelia Guth, of the city of Clarion, a daughter of Leopold Guth, a jeweler. They began their domestic life in Dallas, McKean county, where he continued to engage in the oil business until 1881. He then removed to Arkansas, where he purchased a tract of land, but after a short residence in that State, he returned to Pennsylvania and located in Paint township, Clarion county, where he purchased a tract of wood land. He first erected a small house on this place, but in 1894 built a more commodious and imposing residence, together with a good barn. In the fall of 1885 Mr. Huefner also built a distillery for the manufacture of liquors, and has since turned out a fine brand of whiskey. His plant is one of the largest of the kind in the county, and he carries over $25,000 in bonded liquors. In connection with his other business he, in 1890, became interested in oil drilling in Clarion county, as a member of Lucinda Oil & Gas Company, and in this speculation he met with excellent success; the business was subsequently sold for $24,000. It was principally through his ef-

forts that, in 1897, a large creamery was erected in Lucinda, and as general manager for a time he successfully operated the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Huefner have become the parents of eleven children, three of whom were born in McKean county, and the others upon the home farm in Paint township, Clarion county. Their names and dates of birth are as follows: George L., August 21, 1879: Edward and Frank, twins, March 3, 1881; Stephen C., December 25, 1882; Tracy B., August 7, 1884; Barbara J., May 23, 1886; Anthony, June 4, 1888; Leo J., April 10, 1890; Theckla A., February 15, 1892; Peter W., November 26, 1894; and Mary E., January 26, 1896. With the exception of Frank, who died August 1, 1892, all are still living and reside at home. The parents and older children all hold membership in the Catholic Church. In his political affiliations, Mr. Huefner is a Democrat. As a financier he ranks among the ablest in Clarion county, and the remarkable success he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own individual efforts. One of his leading characteristics in business affairs is his habit of giving careful attention to details, without which success in any undertaking is never an assured fact. He is a man of intrinsic worth, esteemed in all the relations of life, and has made many warm friends in his adopted country.

LUKE OCHSNER, a leading carpenter and contractor of Fryburg, Clarion county, is a man of excellent business ability and broad resources, and has won success in his chosen calling by his well-directed, energetic efforts. He is a native of Clarion county, born near Shippenville, October 16, 1839, and is a son of Joseph and Magdalena (Groshartz) Ochsner, both natives of Loraine, France (at that time), whence they came to the United States in 1839. In Clarion county the father followed the occupation of farming throughout his active business life, and there died at the advanced age of ninety-one years, while his wife reached the age of eighty-one. He was a stalwart Democrat, and both were devout Catholics, in which faith they reared their family of eight children, namely: Joseph, Mary, Mathias, Luke, Victoria, Lina, Lizzie and Josiah.

Our subject's opportunities for an education were such as the country schools of his day afforded. On leaving the home farm he learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since successfully followed, having erected many of the best residences and barns in his section of the county. Being himself an expert workman, he employs only skilled hands, and he conscientiously fulfills his part of every contract. His work, therefore, has always proven entirely satisfactory, and has won for him an enviable reputation in business circles. On February 15, 1863, he enlisted in Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and with his command took part in the hotly-contested engagements at Gettysburg, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, besides many other important battles and shirmishes. Although he had two horses shot from under him, and his clothing pierced by bullets, he was never seriously wounded. On receiving his discharge, April 9, 1865, he returned home with an honorable war record, and resumed work at his trade.

In 1868 Mr. Ochsner married Miss Theresa Eiseman, of Fryburg, a daughter of Jacob Eiseman (now deceased), who was one of the prominent early settlers of the county. Several children were born of this union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Theodore J., June 8, 1871; Mary M., February 2, 1873 (died November 13, 1878); Katie E., December 11, 1874; Jacob J., September 26, 1876; Alexander, February 27, 1878 (died November 10, 1878); Frank H., October 13, 1880; Martha T., October 23, 1881 (died April 5, 1882); Philomena, August 29, 1883; Anna, August 19, 1885; and Genevieve, August 8, 1887.

Fraternally, Mr. Ochsner affiliates with Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville; politically he is identified with the Republican party. While possessing the qualities of a successful business man and a desirable social companion, perhaps his most strongly-marked characteristic is his unswerving fidelity to duty. His private interests must always give way to the public good, and thus he has always become honored and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, or who have met him in a business way.

P F. WILL, of Beaver township, is one of the leading carpenters and contractors of his section of Clarion county, and on all sides may be seen many buildings which stand as monuments to his skill and handiwork.

Mr. Will is a native of the county, born in Beaver township, August 3, 1843, a son of Peter and Catherine (Master) Will, both natives of Berks county, Penn., and of German extraction. In 1842 they came to Clarion county and took up their residence in Beaver township, where the father died at the age of seventy-six. The mother died at the age of eighty-four years in Porter township, Clarion county. To them were

born thirteen children, as follows: Joel, Leah, Magdelene, Angeline, Ellen (deceased), Evan, Sarah and Lydia (deceased), Kate, Mary, Frank, and two who died in infancy. As a life work the father engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in his political views he was a stalwart Democrat.

On leaving the old home farm, P. F. Will learned the carpenter's trade, and has since successfully engaged in contracting and building, with the exception of when in the service of his country during the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted for three years in Company G, 155th P. V. I., and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Round Top and Petersburg. Hostilities having ceased, he was honorably discharged June 2, 1865, and returned home.

On June 5, 1870, Mr. Will was married to Miss Samantha Neely, a daughter of Israel and Rachel (Lenderman) Neely, whose other children were: Eber; Henry; Frances, wife of O. C. Knight; Alfred, who died in infancy; Mahala, deceased; and Richard, who died at the age of thirty-three years, leaving a widow and six children. The father of this family departed this life in June, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Will have five children, who in order of birth are as follows: Maud O. (Mrs. Harry Armagast), Flora B., Belle, Clyde O. and Beulah Irene.

Mr. Will is a charter member of Lookout Post, G. A. R., of St. Petersburg, with which he is still connected, and with his wife he belongs to the Reformed Church. He is easily approachable, showing courtesy to all with whom he comes in contact, and is a companionable, genial gentleman, having a host of warm friends. His genuine worth and many manly virtues are widely recognized.

HENRY S. LOCKART, one of the active, energetic, and enterprising men of Shippenville, now devotes his time and attention to the oil business and is meeting with a fair degree of success in his undertakings. He is proud to claim Pennsylvania as his native State, his birth having occurred in Montgomery county, November 13, 1838, and he is a son of James and Mary (Shrauger) Lockart. His father was born in 1802, in Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and when a young man came to America, landing in Philadelphia. From there he proceeded to Montgomery county, where he was married, and in 1840 he moved over land to Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., making that place his home throughout the remainder of his life. He was a well-known contractor on public works, and he and his brother David H. built the French Creek feeder or canal from Meadville to Conneaut Lake, to provide a feeder for the Erie and Pittsburg canal. He engaged in Government contracting for many years, and also built a section of the Erie railroad in the vicinity of Elmira, N. Y., in 1849 and 1850. He died at his home in Meadville, in 1855, and his wife passed away at the same place in 1879.

In the family of this worthy couple were eight children, three sons and five daughters, namely: Elizabeth, who married Dr. Best, and died in Meadville, in 1893; Margaret, who is still a resident of that city; Catharine, who married J. H. Siggens, and died in Youngsville, Warren Co., Penn., in 1892; Anna, a resident of Meadville; Samuel D., who died in 1879; Henry S., of this sketch; D. Webster, of Meadville; and Agnes M., wife of T. Baron Kelsey, of Brooklyn, New York.

Henry S. Lockart was reared and educated in Meadville, where he continued to reside until going to Titusville, Penn., in 1860. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred Thirty-sixth P. V. I., and was sworn into the United States service as third corporal. Soon after the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, and with the Army of the Potomac participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, May 29, 1863, at which time he weighed only 108 pounds, while the fall previous he had weighed 184.

Returning to his home in Titusville, Mr. Lockart served as assistant postmaster of that place for three years, and was then employed as a traveling salesman for the following eleven years. In 1876 he became a resident of Shippenville, where he first engaged in the livery business, but is now interested in oil producing. He owns two oil wells, from which he derives a fair income.

On the 13th of January, 1876, in Shippenville, Mr. Lockart was united in marriage to Miss Emma Louise Black, a native of that place, and a daughter of Adam and Mary G. (Eckert) Black. Her father, a native of Maryland, was interested in the iron business and opened up an iron furnace. He died in 1878, but Mrs. Black is still a resident of Shippenville. Mr. Lockart has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who passed to the unseen world August 22, 1896.

In his political affiliations Mr. Lockart is a stalwart Republican, and he is now acceptably serving as secretary of the city council. Socially

he belongs to Clarion Lodge No. 277, F. & A. M., in which he has filled all the chairs, and is a charter member of Eden Chapter No. 259, R. A. M., of Clarion, of which he is a Past High Priest, and is now serving his tenth consecutive year as secretary. He has also served as commander of Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., and is now adjutant of the post, having filled that position for several years. He is one of the representative citizens of Shippenville, is public-spirited and progressive, and is widely and favorably known throughout his adopted county.

JOHN BOVARD GWINN, ex-county treasurer and a substantial agriculturist of Monroe township, Clarion county, has been a resident of the county nearly sixty years, and of his present home a half century.

John Gwinn, his grandfather, came from Ireland to America during the Revolutionary war in 1776, and entered the Continental army, serving five years. He settled in Westmoreland county, Penn., and, being a good scholar, taught school. He married Miss Mary Bovard, and then became a farmer of Washington township.

John Gwinn (2), a son, was a native of Westmoreland county, where he was born in 1784. He married Miss Mary McClode, also born in that county, daughter of William McClode, a native of Scotland, who served in the British army, being at the siege of Gibraltar, but who became one of the early settlers of Westmoreland county, Penn. John Gwinn took part in the war of 1812, being roll-master and also serving in the commissary department. In his early life he was a tanner, but later became a farmer. From 1823 up until the adoption of the new State Constitution, he served as justice of the peace, and was an active worker in the Poke Run Presbyterian Church, which was one of the first Churches organized in Westmoreland county. His death occurred in 1871. His wife died in early life, passing away in 1833 when she was aged thirty-three years. The children born to this marriage were: William B. was a ship carpenter, and died at Louisville, Ky.; Mary; John B. is our subject; David McClode died in 1852 at Rimersburg, Penn.; Samuel, a carpenter, died at Quincy, Ill.; and Rev. Robert M., of the M. E. denomination, now in Idaho, was a soldier of the Civil war.

John Bovard Gwinn was born on his father's farm in Westmoreland county, April 18, 1823. He remained at home until the death of his mother in 1833, then worked on farms in that vicinity until seventeen years of age. At that age he came to Perry township, Clarion county, working on a farm for an uncle some four years. He then rented a farm in Toby township, upon which he resided one year, then, in the spring of 1846, came to the farm upon which he now resides, where by good management, by industrious habits, and by the practice of economy he has become well-to-do. Since nineteen years of age he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder for forty-six years. He has been a very useful citizen, an upright, honorable man, of unquestioned integrity, and has held the esteem and respect of the community in which he has so long mingled. Politically he is a Republican, and to him belongs the honor of being the first and only treasurer of Clarion county of that political complexion. He was elected to that office in 1875, and served one term of three years very acceptably to the people and with credit to himself.

Mr. Gwinn has been twice married, the first time, on April 2, 1846, on his present farm, to Elizabeth J. Rankin, and to them were born nine children, namely: William H. is a farmer in the State of Washington; Jennie married John Goheen, a farmer and lumberman of Oregon; Edward is a farmer in Nebraska; Mary L. married Theodore Orr, a farmer of Clarion county; Elizabeth is unmarried and lives with her brother, Frank L., in Garfield, Washington; David H., formerly a farmer in Nebraska, is now publishing the Garfield *Enterprise*, at Garfield, Wash.; Charles A. is postmaster at Garfield; Anna M. married John J. Shick, who is publisher of *The Watchman* in Walla Walla, Wash.; and Frank L. is in the furniture business at Garfield, Wash. The mother of these died in 1877, at the age of fifty-three years, and is buried in the Licking cemetery at Clarion county. On August 6, 1889, at Brookville, Mr. Gwinn was married to Miss Hannah Mary Reynolds, which marriage is without issue.

The ancestors of Mrs. Hannah Mary Gwinn have been identified with the affairs of the Commonwealth for many years, and some of them have resided in what is now Clarion county for sixty years. William Reynolds, her grandfather, in company with four brothers, came from England to America and settled near Kittanning, Penn., in the early history of that section. John Reynolds, a son of William, was born in Kittanning, Penn., and there on June 7, 1832, was married to Rebecca Chamberlain, whose ancestors came from Scotland to New Jersey, thence to Pennsylvania, where her father ever afterward made his home, dying on a farm near Chambers-

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burg. Her grandfather, McNay, served all through the Revolutionary war. After his marriage John Reynolds remained at Kittanning until 1837, then came to what is now Clarion county, locating at Curllsville, where his death occurred July 7, 1884, when he was aged nearly seventy-eight years. By trade and occupation he was a tanner and harnessmaker, and in his religious faith he was a member of the Seceder Church, and was a most devout and consistent Christian; and could always be found in attendance at divine service, though the house of worship was five miles distant from his home. A most honorable gentleman, kind-hearted and generous, always contributing largely to benevolent purposes, he was a useful citizen, and a man whose upright life commended him to all. His most estimable wife, too, was a pious and very religious woman —a woman of fine character, beloved by a large acquaintance. She died on December 24, 1892, in her seventy-eighth year, and was buried at Rimersburg. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds children as follows; Joseph C. died in youth; Candace died at the age of seven years; N. Rebecca is the widow of Dr. E. B. Sharpe, formerly of Rimersburg, Penn.; Hannah Mary is the wife of our subject; and Margaret M. married James Grier, a hardware merchant of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Hannah Mary Gwinn was born at Curllsville, Penn. She is quite an accomplished lady, and in her home is displayed art of her handiwork; she has exhibited great talent in wax work, and after taking a few lessons therein became an adept in the art. She has taken lessons also in painting, and is quite proficient in taxidermy. The work in these lines with which her home is adorned are most life-like and real, and great taste has been displayed in their arrangement.

PROSPER E. WELLMAN, a man of extended business experience, is now successfully engaged in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine at St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania.

A native of New York, Mr. Wellman was born in Chautauqua county, July 3, 1828, and is a son of Eli Wellman, whose birth occurred in Vermont, in 1797. The grandfather, Adam Wellman, who was of Welsh descent, married Phœbe Livermore, of Scotch lineage. At an early day they emigrated to Orleans county, N. Y., where they were numbered among the pioneer settlers, and there the wife died. Subsequently the grandfather went to Wayne county, Penn., where his death occurred. His children were: Ed, Obed, Eli, Polly, Clarissa, Lurena and Patty.

Eli Wellman was reared upon a farm and educated in the country schools of his day. Throughout his active business life he continued to follow agricultural pursuits with a fair degree of success. On attaining to man's estate he married Miss Melinda Nash, a native of Orleans county, N. Y., and a daughter of Jacob and Polly (Nicholas) Nash. Her father was born in Vermont, while her mother was of Irish descent. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Wellman were in order of birth as follows: Mary died when young; George E., a minister, is a resident of New York State; Jacob W., a physician, is deceased; Prosper E.; Melissa and Harriet are now living in Pennsylvania; Edwin F. is a resident of Michigan; Mary Jane died in childhood; Philander is a physician of Kansas; Byron is a farmer of Pennsylvania; and Lodusky died in Kansas. All of the children were provided with good educational privileges, and Jacob and our subject successfully engaged in teaching for a time. The father died at the age of seventy-three, and the mother when seventy years of age. Both were consistent members of the Free Will Baptist Church, and in politics the father was first an Old-line Whig and later a stanch Republican.

Amid rural scenes Prosper E. Wellman passed his early life in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day. After attending the common schools of Chautauqua county for some time, he engaged in teaching, and then learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he successfully followed for twenty years. On September 12, 1864, he enlisted in the 15th New York Engineering Corps, and during most of his service was stationed at City Point, Va. In 1865, when the war was over, he was discharged and returned to his home in Chautauqua county, where he continued to reside until coming to St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Penn., in October, 1876. Here he embarked in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine, and in his new undertaking met with a fair degree of success.

On February 16, 1857, Mr. Wellman was married to Miss Jane Hull, who was born, reared and educated in New York, and is a daughter of Daniel Hull and Polly (Rutenbur) Hull, of that State. Two children graced this union: James D. is a resident of Pasadena, Cal.; and Ellen J. is the widow of Robert Wilson, and is also a resident of Pasadena. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Wellman was again married, this time March 15, 1885, to Miss Rosa Keeney, a native of Armstrong county, Penn., and a daughter of George W. Keeney, who was drowned when Mrs. Wellman was only two years and a half old. Her mother is now the wife of George Miller, and

lives in Richland township, Clarion county. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Prosper E. Wellman: Charles A. and Harrison McClain, but the former died at the age of nineteen months.

Our subject is unwavering in his support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and is identified with Lookout Post No. 425, G. A. R., in which he is now serving as chaplain. He also belongs to the Royal Templars, and is an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of St. Petersburg, has been choir leader and has taken an important part in all Church and Sabbath-school work. During the years of his active business life he has been looked upon as a model of honor and an example of a truly honest business man, and it may be truly stated that there never was a resident of St. Petersburg more highly respected than Prosper E. Wellman.

E. F. SCHELL, who for over a quarter of a century has now been a trusted employee on the Fox estate in Richland township, Clarion county, was born in Beaver township, the same county, in 1844, a son of E. D. and Leah (Fink) Schell, natives of Berks county, Penn., where their marriage was celebrated. The father was born in 1810, and in 1835 became a resident of Richland township, Clarion county, where he opened up a farm and made his home until his death, which occurred in November, 1866. In early life he was a contractor in the iron furnaces, and at the time of his death was a contractor on the Allegheny Valley railroad, being engaged in grading at the mouth of the Red Bank. His wife passed away at St. Petersburg, Penn., in 1883.

The subject of this sketch is ninth in order of birth in a large family of children (ten reached years of maturity and six are yet living). The others are as follows: J. A., who resides in Richland township, and also works on the Fox estate; Celina, who married E. Porter, and died in Richland township, in April, 1894; Washington, who died in Beaver township, Clarion county, in 1875; Frank, a farmer of Richland township; Mrs. Hannah Alsbach, of Salem township, Clarion county; J. D., a merchant and oil producer of Byron Center, Penn.; Mrs. Lucinda Wilson, who died in South Oil City, Penn.; William, who died when young in Salem township, Clarion county; Elizabeth, who married John Best, and died in Los Angeles, Cal.; Milton, who died in infancy; and Mrs. Mary Cosgrove, a resident of St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania.

Reared in Clarion county, E. F. Schell obtained his education in the public schools of Richland and Madison townships, Clarion county. On leaving school he engaged in mining until February, 1871, when he entered the service of the Fox estate, first as a common laborer, but the following June was made a pumper at well No. 8, on the Allegheny river, near Foxburg, where he remained until November. He was then transferred to Nos. 10 and 12, east of Foxburg, where he was stationed for five years, and then took charge of the wells near the Clarion river. He is now pumping twelve wells, two of which are at Blue Rock, and has faithfully served the interests of his employers for almost twenty-seven years.

In St. Petersburg, in 1869, Mr. Schell was married to Miss Mary M. Fritz, a native of that place, and a daughter of John and Leah (Cresh) Fritz, who were both born in Berks county, Penn., and at an early day located in St. Petersburg, where the mother is still living. The father died in 1856. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schell: W. E., Myrtle (Mrs. H. H. Fritz, of Richland township), Clara B., John, Grace and Zoe.

In his political affiliations Mr. Schell is a Democrat, and, socially, he is a member of Valley Lodge No. 51, A. O. U. W. He is now serving his third term as a member of the school board, and has done much to advance the cause of education in his community. He is a public-spirited, progressive citizen, who has the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

JAMES T. SHARROW, a well-known lumberman and farmer residing in Farmington township, Clarion county, owns a valuable farm of 115 acres, whose well-tilled fields and excellent improvements indicate the progressive and enterprising spirit of the proprietor.

Mr. Sharrow was born in the same township, in 1851, a son of George and Margaret (Redon) Sharrow. The father was reared in Punxsutawney, Penn., but after his marriage removed to Brookville, and later to Cooksburg on the line between Forest and Clarion counties, where he continued to make his home for several years. Subsequently, he bought a farm in Farmington township, three miles north of Scotch Hill, where he spent his remaining days, dying some years ago. He survived his wife some time. In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: (1) Annie is now the widow of Jerry McDonald, of Farmington township, who

died some years ago leaving six children—Rebecca A., William Lincoln, Alice, Maggie, Frank and Ella. (2) Lizzie, born in Jefferson county, Penn., is the wife of Samuel Agnew, of Leeper, Clarion county, and they have seven children—Emma, William McClellan, Maggie, Ella, Scott, George and Harrison. (3) Catharine married Henry Barr, of Farmington township, who was killed while working in a sawmill. Her children are Samuel, Annie, Harry, Nora, Josephine, John and Grace. (4) George, a native of Clarion county, married Margaret Heffron, of Clarion county, and died some years ago leaving a widow and the following children—Gus, Ella, Cass, Rhoda, Charles, Stephen, Gertrude and Frank. (5) Samuel, born in Jefferson county, married Jane Irwin, of Forest county, and with his family now resides in Kane, Penn. (6) Sarah, born at Cooksburg, is now the wife of William Goble, of Paint township, Clarion county, by whom she has nine children, among them—Robert, Jack, Harrie, Benjamin and George.

James T. Sharrow, the subject of this review, was educated in the common schools near his boyhood home, and his business training was received upon the farm and in the lumber woods. In 1873 he led to the marriage altar Miss Caroline McCartney, also a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Thomas McCartney, a well-to-do farmer, and they have become the parents of ten children: Frank C., who was born in 1876, and was educated in the common schools of Farmington, his native township; Blanche and Annie, also born in Clarion county; Edna, Fred B. and James W., all born in Forest county, Penn.; Clare L., born on the present farm of the family in Farmington township; Howard, also born on the homestead in 1896; Lavina May, deceased; and Alice, who died in childhood; those living are still with their parents.

For two years after his marriage, James T. Sharrow lived on the J. B. Watson farm near Scotch Hill, and then removed to Gravel Lick, where he followed lumbering and boat building on the Clarion river, and also rafted lumber to the Pittsburg markets. Later he purchased property in Marionville, Forest county, where he engaged in lumbering for seven years, and in 1890 traded his place there with Jacob McCartney for the Samuel Wilson farm in Farmington township, Clarion county, on which he has since made his home. His present comfortable two-story residence was erected in 1896, and he has made many other useful improvements upon his place, which add greatly to its value and attractive appearance. In connection with general farming, he still continues to successfully engage in lumbering. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man of known reliability, and the success that he has achieved is but the just reward of earnest, persistent labor, good management, and strict integrity, for he started out in life for himself empty-handed. Politically, his support is always given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and, religiously, he and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Scotch Hill.

WILLIAM D. KEEFER, a prominent representative of the agricultural and industrial interests of Perry township, Clarion county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born June 29, 1841, in the town of Franklin, Venango Co., Penn., a son of J. G. and Harriet (Gordon) Keefer, early settlers of Franklin, where they made their home for many years. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, died at the home of our subject, in Clarion county, but the mother is still a resident of Perry township. In the family of this worthy couple were eight children: William D.; Mrs. Mary Jane Hogan, who died in Clarion county; Joseph C., a resident of St. Petersburg, Clarion county; Mrs. Ann E. Hogan, of West Monterey, Penn., whose husband was a soldier in the Civil war; Mrs. Clara A. Nail, of Clarion; George W., of Perry township; and Lydia Olive, wife of T. Frampton, of Clarion county.

Until thirteen years of age, William D. Keefer attended the schools of his native city, and then came to Clarion county, but later removed to Armstrong county, where he was living at the outbreak of the Civil war. At Kittanning, he enlisted in Company B, 103rd P. V. I., for three years, and was sworn into the service at that place. With the Army of the Potomac he participated in the siege of Yorktown, Williamsburg, the battles of Fair Oaks, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Suffolk, Blackwater, Gatesville, Charon River, S. W. Creek, Kingston, White Hall, Coal Trap, Galesboro, and the engagements at Fortress Monroe, Suffolk, Va., and Newbern, Batchelor Creek, Fosters Mills, Blounts Creek, Plymouth, N. C., the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula, the Peninsula campaign, and Goldsboro, N. C. Re-enlisting as a musician in Company F, same regiment, he served until the close of the war. On April 4, 1864, at Plymouth, N. C., he was taken prisoner, and after being confined at Andersonville through the summer, he, in the fall, was transferred to Florence, S. C. After eleven months spent in the

Rebel prisons, he was finally paroled at Goldsboro, N. C., April 24, 1865, at which time he weighed only ninety-five pounds, the effects of his sufferings and privations. In the following June he was honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., and returned to his home in Armstrong county, whence he later came to Clarion county. He now owns a good farm of thirty acres in Perry township, near West Monterey. In connection with farming he is engaged in oil, having two producing wells and one gas well on his place.

In 1861, in Armstrong county, Mr. Keefer was married to Miss Melissa O. Harringer, a native of the town of Clarion, and a daughter of David Harringer and Polly (Steele), his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Keefer have eight children: Mrs. Elsie A. Barger, of Perry township, Clarion county; Mrs. Minnie May Doverspike, of West Monterey; Mrs. Harriette E. Judson, of Perry township; J. G. K., who is married and lives in West Monterey; Leslie O. K., who is married and lives in Perry township; Justus A. K., who is now working in the oil fields of West Virginia; and Gordon C. K. and James Garfield K., both at home.

Mr. Keefer is a member of the Grand Army Post at West Freedom, Clarion Co., Penn.; in political sentiment he is a Republican, and is a strict Christian according to God's word. While possessing the qualities of a successful business man, his private interests have always given way to the public good, and he has thus become honored and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance or who have met him in a business way.

AARON CONVER, a representative farmer and prominent citizen of Richland township, Clarion county, was born there February 6, 1833, a son of John F. Conver, whose birth occurred in Montgomery county, Penn., whence at an early day he removed to Berks county.

The family was founded in this country by three brothers who came from France, and each spelled the name differently, it being Confer, Cunfer and Conver. The father of our subject was married east of the mountains to Miss Susan Allabaugh, a native of Berks county and a daughter of Jacob Allabaugh, an honored citizen of that county. Emigrating to Clarion county, they became early settlers of Richland township, and after living upon one farm for about eight years they removed to the place now owned and occupied by our subject, where the father developed a good farm of 200 acres. In politics he was first a Whig, and later a Republican. At one time he was a member of the Reformed Church, but subsequently became a Lutheran, and for many years served as deacon and elder, always taking an active part in all Church work. He died at the age of seventy-six, and his wife at the age of eighty-six, honored and respected by all who knew them. In the family of this worthy couple were eleven children: Jacob; Polly, wife of D. B. Knapp, of Clarion county; Susan, wife of Benjamin Moyer, of Richland township; John, deceased; Peter, a resident of Farmington, Fulton Co., Ill.; Samuel, who died in Yates City, Ill.; David and Fannie, both deceased; Aaron, of this review; William; and Sarah.

On the farm where he continues to make his home, Aaron Conver spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and for two months during the winter attended school, which was conducted in a little log cabin furnished in a very primitive manner, but his educational privileges were meager. Prompted by a love of his country, he enlisted March 4, 1865, in the 56th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war. Although he was taken ill, he would not consent to go to hospital. On returning home he resumed farming, for one winter also conducted a sawmill, and for two winters operated a stave mill, but his attention has been principally given to agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with good success. He owns a fine farm of one hundred acres, on which is a good hewed-log house, 25 x 50 feet, built in 1833, also a barn, 40 x 80 feet, with a rock basement, and the grade made and lumber hauled for a new house, 30 x 30 feet.

At the age of twenty-two, Mr. Conver married Miss Mary Ann Heater, who was born east of the mountains, and was a daughter of George and Mary (Fritz) Heater, pioneers of Clarion county, where their deaths occurred. To Mr. and Mrs. Conver were born six sons and one daughter, namely: Joseph, a carpenter of St. Petersburg, Clarion county; Benjamin, a resident of Richland township; Samuel E., a pumper living in Mariasville, Penn.; Peter, who resides on the old homestead with his father; George Henry, of Richland township; Mary Ellen, who wedded William Gates, and died at the age of twenty-one; and John, a resident of St. Mary's, Ohio. Of this family, Peter was born in 1863, and in 1884 married Miss Gertie Bishop, a daughter of James and Melinda (Armour) Bishop; they have three children: Adda D., Blanche and Benjamin Harrison.

Mr. Conver has been called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died March 12, 1888. She was an earnest Christian woman and a true

helpmeet to him. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as deacon and elder, and is a supporter of all measures calculated to promote the general welfare. He is a strong adherent of Republican principles, and has faithfully served as a member of the school board and as overseer of the poor. He receives and merits the high regard of the entire community, and his friends are many throughout his native county.

AMOS W. KINCH, a well-known blacksmith, and one of the most reliable business men of Washington township, Clarion county, was born in that township, in 1842, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Sproat) Kinch, natives of Lancaster county, Penn., where their marriage was celebrated. In 1824 they came to Washington township, Clarion county, where they continued to make their home until called from this life, the mother dying March 30, 1870, and the father on December 23, 1872. He was a millwright by trade, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him. Of his twelve children, we have record of the following: John (deceased) was a resident of Allegheny county, Penn.; Jacob died in Richland township; Rebecca and Joseph are both also deceased; Daniel is a resident of Washington township; Samuel, of Butler county, Penn.; Andrew died in Knox township, Clarion county; Rosie is also deceased; Mary is the wife of David Strobel, of Washington township; Martin, who enlisted ln Washington township, in 1863, in the 46th P. V. I., died in that township, in 1873; and Amos W. is the subject of this sketch—in all, four yet living.

Upon the home farm Amos W. Kinch passed the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads, but during the dark days of the Civil war, in response to the President's call for volunteers, he enlisted August 18, 1863, in Company F, 82d P. V. I., for three years or during the war. After being mustered into the United States service at Pittsburg, he joined the Army of the Potomac, First Brigade, Third Division, Sixth Corps, and participated in the battles of Centerville, Bealton Station, Rappahannock, Mine Run, Kelly's Ford and in many skirmishes. At Culpeper he was transferred to Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, where he did guard duty for a time. Later he was ordered to Baltimore, where he did office duty until the close of the war, being honorably discharged at that place June 27, 1865. After returning to his home in Washington township, he learned the blacksmith and wagonmaker's trades, which he has since successfully followed, being one of the most skillful and able workmen in his line in the locality.

In Washington township Mr. Kinch was married, in 1866, to Miss Fannie Hepler, a native of Butler county, Penn., and a daughter of Moses and Mary (Thomas) Hepler, who became early settlers of Washington township, Clarion county, where the father died in 1870. The mother is still living and makes her home in Tionesta, Forest Co., Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Kinch have six children: William; Mrs. Hattie Shelly and Mrs. May Hunter, both of Forest county; and Alice, Jennie and Gracie.

Mr. Kinch is an ardent supporter of Republican principles, and has most efficiently served as a member of the school board. In religious belief he is a Lutheran. His ambition has been to acquit himself of life's duties honorably before all men, to improve his capabilities and opportunities, and to become of use in the world. In 1878 he associated with the secret service, and has been an ardent and successful operative to bring criminals and refugees to justice. It is this spirit mainly that has made him one of the leading business men and representative citizens of his community.

JOHN ALLIO. Among the well-to-do and substantial agriculturists of Farmington township, Clarion county, who have been identified with its growth and development from an early day, is the gentleman whose name introduces this article.

Mr. Allio was born in 1826, in France, of which country his parents, Joseph and Annetta (Lewis) Allio, were also natives. For nine years the father was a soldier in Napoleon's army. In 1830 he brought his family to the United States, and at once took up his residence in Clarion county, making his home in Foxburg some five years. Purchasing a farm in Perry township, he remained there for the same length of time, and, on selling that property in 1841, he bought one hundred acres of wild land in Farmington township, near Tylersburg, where he built a log cabin and made a home for his family. He cleared and placed under cultivation many acres of his land, and upon that farm continued to make his home until called to his final rest January 5, 1876, at the extreme old age of one hundred years, eight months and five days. His wife survived him, dying January 5, 1881, when aged one hundred and five years, four months and twenty-five days. They were widely and favorably

known throughout their adopted county, and had a host of friends.

The subject of this sketch is the oldest of their three children; Joseph, born in France in 1828, wedded Mary Nicely, of Clarion county, and located in Pine Grove, Forest county, where he improved a farm. He died there in 1882, his wife in 1889. Their children were Sarah K., now the wife of George Mealy, of Forest county, Penn.; John H. and Joseph, who are married and live in Forest county; James, also a resident of that county; George, who lives on the old homestead in Forest county, and Leah and Rachel (twins), who are living in Butler county, Penn. Mary C., our subject's only sister, was born in France May 1, 1830, and married Patterson Highlands, of Clarion county. After residing for a few years in Tylersburg, he removed to California in 1851, leaving his wife in Clarion county. Later she married George Hoover, who died leaving three children. She is now the wife of M. Hampton, and resides in Miami county, Kansas.

John Allio was four years old when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, and amid pioneer scenes in Clarion county he grew to manhood, acquiring such an education as the common schools of that day afforded. In 1848 he was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Mealy, of Clarion county, a daughter of George Mealy, and they began housekeeping on the old homestead where he has since made his home. After a married life of about five years, Mrs. Allio died leaving two sons: Levi, who married Rilly Cornish, and resides in Missouri; and George, who married Belle Vernor, of Rimersburg.

Our subject was again married, this time in 1855 to Miss Margaret A. Siegworth, of Clarion county, who died in 1865, leaving four children: Mary Annettie, born December 6, 1855, lives with her brothers, William H. Allio and J. H. Siegworth Allio, upon a part of the old homestead (the former was born in 1857 and the latter in January, 1861). Miles P. Allio, born in 1859, also owns a part of the home farm; he married Rachel Wardean, of Shippenville, Clarion county, and has two children—Clarence Otto and Florence.

In 1871 Mr. Allio married Miss Mary J. Stanford, who was born in Clarion county, in 1827, and is a daughter of Robert and Martha Stanford, well-to-do farming people and honored pioneers of Clarion county. Mr. Allio still retains a part of the old home farm, and has himself cleared and placed under the plow much of the land. He erected a large barn in 1861, and made many other valuable improvements. On one portion of the land his son Siegworth has built a commodious and pleasant residence, and on the north end Miles has built a fine home. The farm is one of the most desirable in Farmington township. Politically, Mr. Allio was first a Whig, and is now a stanch supporter of the Republican party. He and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Tylersburg, and enjoy the esteem and respect of the entire community. In his declining days Mr. Allio is surrounded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciate his sterling worth and many excellencies of character.

JASPER N. MAXWELL, a prominent and highly respected farmer of Highland township, Clarion county, is a worthy representative of a family noted for its patriotism and loyalty, he and his two brothers having valiantly fought for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. In days of peace he is also recognized as one of the most valued and useful citizens of his community, giving his support to every enterprise for the public good.

James Maxwell, the father of our subject, was a native of Clearfield county, Penn., and when a young man came to Clarion county, where he wedded Miss Margaret Potter, who was born here. They took up their residence near Clarion, where he worked at the blacksmith's trade for a time, and then removed to Mechanicsville. There he purchased a tract of land, erected a house and made many other improvements upon his place, and also worked at his trade, which he later followed in Strattonville. He spent his last days upon a farm near Sigel, Jefferson Co., Penn., and in connection with its cultivation also engaged in blacksmithing. He survived his wife a number of years, dying in 1873, honored and respected by all who knew him.

Our subject is one of a family of eleven children, all born in Clarion county, the others being as follows: Mary A. wedded James McEntire, of Clarion county, and died near New Bethlehem, Penn., some years ago, leaving a family of children. Caroline married Lewis Reese, of Clarion county, and died in Strattonville, leaving a family. Glyphira died in Strattonville when a young lady. Hugh L. married an Ohio lady, and lived in Sigel, Penn., where he died, leaving a widow and one daughter, Margaret. Potter enlisted in Company H, 149th P. V. I., know as the "Bucktail Regiment," and was in all of the engagements in which his command participated until killed at Culpeper, Va., at the age of twenty-

seven. Jane married Davis Porterfield, of Butler county, Penn., by whom she has three children, and they now reside in Illinois. Frances died when about ten years old. Lafayette died at the age of forty years. George was a member of the same company as his brother Potter, and faithfully served until honorably discharged on account of physical disability. He later married a Miss Bartlett, of Clarion county, and with their family they live on a farm in Mill Creek township. Margaret wedded Robert English, of Jefferson county, where they lived until called from this life. They left a family.

Jasper N. Maxwell was born in 1839, near the city of Clarion, in Clarion county, and spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, acquiring his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He followed lumbering until the Civil war broke out, when he laid aside all personal interests, and in April, 1861, on the President's call for three-months' men, enlisted in Company H, Eighth Pennsylvania Reserves. He was sworn into the United States service at Camp Meridian Hill, Washington, D. C. The regiment was equipped for duty at Washington. He served under Capt. William Lemmon, of Clarion county, and Col. G. S. Hays. His first engagement was at Mechanicsville, and was followed by a seven-days' fight against Lee and Longstreet. The regiment then went into winter quarters, and in the spring of 1862 marched down the Potomac river to Alexandria, and from there to Manassas Junction, thence to Fredericksburg, where they did guard duty. They also built bridges across the Rappahannock, and from there marched to Belle Plain, whence they were transported to White House Landing. Their next engagement was at Mechanicsville, where the losses on both sides were heavy, and the Union troops fell back to Peach Orchard, where an engagement was brought on June 27, 1862. That was followed by the battles of Gaines Hill, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp and Malvern Hill. A little later Mr. Maxwell was honorably discharged at Harrison's Landing on account of physical disability, and from Baltimore he returned to his home in Clarion county.

In 1866 Mr. Maxwell was married to Miss Matilda Gillmore, of Clarion county, a daughter of David and Elizabeth Gillmore, the former a lumberman by occupation. They have become the parents of four children, namely: Frank H., born in Clarion county, in 1867, was educated in the public schools, and is now a resident of Highland township, that county. He married Alice Lamb, of that township, and now has two sons—Dalbert and James. (2) Sharpley, a resident of Tionesta, Forest Co., Penn., married Maud Morgan, of Clarion county, and has two children—Earl and Florence. (3) David G. is a very bright young man of scholarly tastes; he is now engaged in erecting oil derricks in West Virginia for the Western Pennsylvania Company. (4) James P., born in 1874, is at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Maxwell located in Farmington township, Clarion county, where he purchased a tract of timberland and a sawmill, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber for several years. He also built coal boats for the Pittsburg markets, and engaged in drilling oil wells along the Allegheny river and in Clarion county. In 1876, while loading a boat with lumber, he seriously injured his spine, and was therefore compelled to abandon lumbering. In 1888 he purchased the James Smith farm of 100 acres near Helen Furnace in Highland township, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits with good success. He is a progressive, energetic business man of known reliability, and has gained the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has come in contact. He and his family are Presbyterians in religious belief, belonging to the Church in Shiloh. His political support is ever given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has served as school director a number of years, constable one term, auditor several terms, and justice of the peace ten years to the entire satisfaction of the public and with credit to himself.

JESSE M. SMITH, of Knox, Clarion county, has attained an enviable position in business circles by his upright, honorable course and fair dealing. He was born June 8, 1846, in Erie, Erie Co., Penn., a son of Jesse and Maria (Eastwood) Smith. The paternal grandfather, V. Smith, was one of the early settlers of Erie, where the father was born and reared. The latter died in Pennsylvania in 1846, after which his widow re-married and removed to Indiana, where her death occurred in 1879. Our subject was the only child born of the first union, and the two born of the same marriage are now deceased.

Jesse M. Smith was reared and educated in his native city, and in 1863, during the Civil war, enlisted at that place in Company I, 150th P. V. I., for three years, being mustered in at Waterford, Erie county. His regiment, which was known as the Bucktails, was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and with the command

he participated in many hard-fought battles, including the Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Laurel Hill. At the first named, he was wounded by a shell, breaking the right shoulder blade, and at Cold Harbor he was twice wounded, receiving a shell-wound on the head and a shot passing through one leg. For some time he was confined in Finley Hospital, at Washington, D. C.

On being honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Penn., June 29, 1865, he returned to Erie county, where he worked on a farm for a short time, but the same year went to Pit Hole and remained in the oil regions for some time. In 1872 he located in Antwerp, where he was employed by a hardware firm, and later engaged in contracting and building in Pardoe, Mercer Co., Penn., until coming to Knox in 1879. Here he also followed the carpenter's trade until he purchased his present planing-mill in 1883. The plant covers about three-quarters of an acre, and the main building is 30 x 50 feet. Here employment is furnished to six or seven men, and a specialty is made of the manufacture of material for oil wells, rig supplies, etc. In connection with the operation of his mill, Mr. Smith is also engaged in general contracting and carries on a lumber yard, selling about 100 car loads of lumber annually. In his undertaking he is meeting with a well-merited success, and is justly ranked among the representative and prominent business men of the place.

In Pleasantville, Penn., in 1869, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Susie E. Taylor, a native of Warren county, Penn., and a daughter of Gilbert and Hannah (Rorabeck) Taylor. The father was born in Massachusetts, while the mother was either a native of New York or Pennsylvania, and was reared in the latter State. He was a lumberman and one of the pioneers of Warren county, but spent his last days in the West. His wife's death occurred in Spartansburg, Penn., in 1877. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born three children, but Bertram died in 1883, at the age of twelve years, and one died in infancy. The only one now living is Verne E., born July 6, 1880.

Mr. Smith takes a commendable interest in political affairs, and always casts his ballot with the Republican party. He is a prominent member of George H. Covode Post, No. 112, G. A. R., Knox Lodge No. 954, I. O. O. F., and the Royal Templars, a temperance society, all of Knox. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian. Both as a business man and citizen he is worthy the high regard in which he is uniformly held, and his circle of friends and acquaintances is extensive.

MICHAEL EDIC HESS. After a most active, busy, varied and eventful life of seventy-one years, nearly forty of which were passed in the oil fields of this section of Pennsylvania, Squire Hess is quietly dispensing justice from his court at Edenburg, Clarion county, rather enjoying the composure and calm following the storms of so many years.

Born September 25, 1826, in South Columbia, Herkimer Co., N. Y., he is descended from ancestors who have helped to make the history of this country covering a period of little less than 200 years. The family record reaches back to 1710, when John Hess, among the Palatines, landed at New York and settled Palatine on the Mohawk river. Augusdennis Hess, John's son, born in 1719, reared the following children: Christianna, Honyost, Nicholas, Conrad, Henry, Daniel and Eva. Moving up the river with his family and others, they settled Mohawk, then a site among the hostile tribe of Mohawk Indians. These pioneers built a fort for their protection, and here Augusdennis was killed by the Indians in an attack on the fort in 1782. [See "Historical Collections of the State of New York."] His son, Honyost Hess, born November 3, 1758, married Miss Edic, and their children were Nancy, George, Catharine, Elizabeth, Eva, Polly and Margaret. At the age of eighteen Honyost Hess enlisted in the war of the Revolution, and served until its close.

George Hess, the only son of Honyost, born December 18, 1788, married Mary Clapsaddle, and their children were: Joseph is residing in Fayetteville, N. Y., aged about eighty-two years. Elizabeth resides at Killbuck, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., in the vicinity of Salamanca. She is a sweet old lady of eighty years, owns and cares for a colony of bees that make one hundred pounds of honey per day during the best of the season, which, a brother remarks, "may account for her sweetness." Nancy, at the age of seventy-eight, resides with her only child and daughter in southern Missouri. Elias Haner, who is seventy-four, owns one of the finest farms in Great Valley township, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. Michael E. is the subject of this sketch. Martin and William died in infancy. Dennis, Peter, George and Andrew reached manhood, and have passed away. George, Martin and Andrew, the youngest of the children, were triplets.

Soon after the birth of our subject his parents removed to the town of Truxton, Cortland Co., N. Y., with fair prospects of a prosperous future. The father had purchased 300 acres of land there, but the unfortunate indorsement of a note for one Brewster swept the farm away, and left

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him almost penniless and with a large family to support. Misfortunes are said not to come singly, so in his case; being out one bitter cold night on horseback, the father had both feet frozen so severely as to cripple him for life. In this sad plight Michael E., at the age of seven years, was sent to live with an uncle, Peter Clapsaddle, who lived on Steel's creek, in Herkimer county, N. Y. Here the boy put in four years of the hardest drudgery, and received very little schooling. The father was never able to recover his losses, but he plodded on leading a hard life of toil to the end, which came in 1857, when he was aged sixty-nine years, finding rest in the bosom of mother earth. His widow, Mary, survived him only a few years.

In 1837 George Hess took his son Michael to his home, four miles east of Syracuse, on the banks of the Erie canal. At the age of twelve, the only opening for Michael seemed to be that of a driver on the canal. At the end of two years, however, an opportunity was offered for his working on a farm by the year at six dollars per month, for eight months, and four months in school. Drivers on the canal were receiving ten dollars per month. The lad embraced the former offer with lower wages, but with a much higher moral atmosphere. For two years he hauled limestone during the summers, for which he received ten dollars per month; and during the winters he attended the Fayetteville Academy, making his home at this time with his oldest brother, Joseph, then lately married and residing at Fayetteville, N. Y. Under the preaching of Rev. Cleveland, father of ex-President Grover Cleveland, young Hess professed religion, which gave bent to all his after life.

A few years of farm work during the summer season, and school teaching through the winter followed. Then, at the age of twenty-one, he visited his parents, who resided in Cattaraugus county, N. Y. "Not having seen either of them for six years, he must have looked to them a stranger, and was at first so received." After a short visit home, he found employment in the lumber regions of that county, and, from a hand in the mill, he soon became a sawyer by contract. In the third year, in connection with his brother, Dennis, he purchased the North Hemlock mill. Subsequently he bought his brother's interest, and followed a general lumbering business for several years, finding a market for his lumber at Pittsburg and along the Ohio river to Cincinnati.

Following ten years' experience in the lumber business, from 1847 to 1857, Mr. Hess for two years was engaged in the manufacture of horse rakes at Jamestown, N. Y., which he marketed by running trading boats down the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, making one trip as far down as Louisville, Ky. The year 1857 was an eventful one with him; the great financial panic of that year caught him with a newly-purchased raft of lumber *en route* for the Cincinnati market. After the crash had come there was no market for the lumber, and it remained for him to peddle it out, which meant a summer's job. That year his foreman, C. J. Parker, died, and also Mr. Hess' father, which called him to Cattaraugus county, N. Y.; all of which happenings prolonged his river trip until late in the fall. On his return home, along in December, he was taken sick with typhoid fever, a relapse followed, but a good and unimpaired constitution carried him through.

In 1861 Mr. Hess assisted in the opening of the Mecca (Ohio) oil fields, drilling several wells. Later in that year he went to Jamestown, N. Y., and from there took two boat-loads of farming implements to the Pittsburg market. He landed in Pittsburg April 15, immediately following the fall of Fort Sumter, and found that firearms were in much better demand than farming tools, and he could do no business for weeks or until the hardware men cooled off a little after their rush to supply with arms the soldiers, who were leaving Pittsburg, to defend themselves while passing through Baltimore, where recently had occurred an attack on the unarmed Massachusetts men as they passed through the city.

Returning to the Mecca oil fields, Mr. Hess continued operations until August, 1862, when he with others enlisted in Company B, 105th O. V. I., and he was mustered into the United States service at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 22, following. He withstood all kinds of hard service in battle, and in the distressing marches through Kentucky and Tennessee, not missing a day's roll call, up to January, 1863, when typhoid fever caused his retirement to the hospital at Gallatin, Tenn. Passing the crisis of the fever, he was about to rejoin his regiment when a painful leg gave the first notice of an approaching fever sore, and such proved to be the severity of the case that the examining surgeon pronounced his case as a disability of one year, thus his discharge was deemed imperative in March, 1863. He with difficulty managed to get home, and it took about the year to recover soundness; but in the following July he was able to get about, and he rendered the State of Ohio efficient service in drilling State troops in camp at Cleveland. In connection with this service he entered camp at Cleveland as a lieutenant and came out a major,

by the grace of Governor Tod, of Ohio, and the suffrage of his comrades.

After his military experience, Mr. Hess returned to the oil fields of Mecca, Ohio, and resumed operations. It may be said that he is one of the very few of the old-time oil men left, his operations commencing in 1861, and having been continuous from that time to the present, excepting during his less than a year's absence in the Civil war, and his experiences have been most varied. His early operations in the Mecca field were on the James Cowdry and Wagner farms. He also, in company with N. B. Cobb, drilled wells at East Mecca, and for a time, in 1863, himself and Cobb did the principal operating of that field. For a year or more they supplied the Jamestown Railroad Company with Mecca oil as their principal lubricator. This oil during the war ranged from $4 to $52 per barrel.

In the summer of 1864 Mr. Hess found Mecca too slow a field to suit his taste, and he went over on Oil creek at the time Cherry run was leading in operations. Here he took his first venture in what proved a small producer down near the mouth of the creek. In connection with operating for oil, knowing that soft coal sold in Rouseville at $20 per ton, he undertook the shipment of coal from the Mercer county mines by rail to Franklin, and on up the river and creek by return boats that had brought oil down the creek. There was about $4 profit per ton, yet this seemed too slow a source of making money for the time and attention required. It was soon abandoned for something better, and that something better was found in procuring oil leases and selling at a profit of $2,000 or $3,000 each.

About this time Mr. Hess purchased the Nancy Stevenson farm, which was located on the hill between Oil creek and Cherry Tree run, paying for it about $150 per acre, while over on the flats of Cherry Tree run lands were selling at from $2,000 to $3,000 per acre, the hill lands not being counted good for oil purposes. The fact that the uplands at Mecca, Ohio, were found preferable to those lower, led Mr. Hess to believe the hills were equally as good as the valleys. In this Nancy Stevenson farm Judge Winslow, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and F. S. Tarbell, then of Rouseville, took an interest, Mr. Hess holding the managing interest. This farm was subsequently found to be very productive. Mr. Hess' sales of oil in about 1870 and 1871 averaged a little less than $5 per barrel, while some of it reached $7 per barrel.

Just previous to developing the Stevenson farm, Mr. Hess had been operating for some three years at Pit Hole, mainly on the Rooker farm, having one fair well with several smaller ones. Pit Hole made a hole in his pocket. Everything of financial value slipped out at this except the Nancy Stevenson farm, which he commenced operating with proceeds from the sale of a portion of it to Patterson & Dickey for several thousand dollars, which proved, however, not to be the best of it. In company with F. S. Tarbell, now of Titusville, Mr. Hess operated on the McClintoc farm just below McClintocville. This, too, was a venture upon a hillside, and was rewarded with a few very fine wells, the best yielding close to the 100-barrel mark. The oil was so light in gravity (about 50°) that for a time, strange as it would seem now, they were required to steam it in the tanks to reduce the gravity to 46°, a point where it would sell. From the McClintoc farm Hess & Tarbell piped their oil to market by laying a pipe line from their wells on the hill, running it by gravity under Oil creek and up the opposite bank to the railroad, where cars were loaded for shipment. It is not refreshing to look at the bulletin board today, at the figures sixty-five cents per barrel, remembering that in those days oil brought $4 per barrel.

In the famous Red Hot field, Mr. Hess held territory in the best of it, dividing his holdings with Frank Andrews, Patterson & Dickey, and Milton Stewart. These four held the fort in a battle for possession with a Chicago company, of which Maher was president. Each party had a deed to the twenty-four acres of land. Hess and his parties had the original and equitable title, but it was faulty in some of the transfers. The title of the other parties was better in form. Hess and his party having possession, the Chicago parties tried to force possession, and Sheriff Marks, of Franklin, bossed the job of taking down one of their rigs, which had been built by Frank Fertig, of Titusville, and his men, who will recollect the incident. The rig was not taken down in the usual way, from top to bottom, but the order was reversed, taking the bottom first. Sheriff Marks was not much at building oil-well rigs, he was better at taking them down. The matter was finally compromised by dividing the land. Mr. Hess and party organized on their behalf the Compromise Oil Company, making J. M. Dickey the manager. On this spot occurred the famous boiler explosion, in which the boiler sailed over the walking beam, cutting through a set of hoisting ropes, such as were then being used for lifting a string of cumbersome fishing tools made of large bars of iron for unscrewing drilling tools fast in the bottom

of a drilling well. The boiler crashed through the ropes, flying over the heads of several men who were standing on the derrick floor, and landed just back of the bull wheels. It was a new Erie-make of boiler, such as seemed to know just how to do that kind of a thing.

In the summer of 1872 Mr. Hess visited, for the first time, the Clarion and Butler county oil fields. To come and to see was to operate. Here he took his first venture on the David Shoup farm, a mile east of St. Petersburg. This well proved one of the best in the Clarion field at that time. Farther east he operated on Little Turkey run with the result of three fair producing wells. From this he went ahead, putting a well on the Daniel Knight farm in the lead of operations. Gas was found in this well, but only a little oil, thus at that time condemning about 500 acres of his territory which he had bought in fee with others on Turkey run in the vicinity of Daniel Hale's and Peter Wingard's farms. Over at Dogtown, farther east, he got some fair producers. Still pushing farther ahead, near Edenburg, he found oil again on the Moon farm, and again another stride took him on to the David Whitehill and J. Dahle farms, finding oil there, but on the same course easterly farther ahead on the H. Alleman farm his wells came in dry. Now with plenty of oil territory on hands, he operated for years on the Whitehill, Dahle and Black farms, and on scattering leases adjoining these and the Moon farm, and also on the J. I. Best farm in Edenburg borough, where in company with E. C. Bradley, Esq., and John Coast, Esq., he had some very fine producing wells. In company with E. C. Bradley, Mr. Hess bought and operated the Egypt farm in Beaver township, and, on the failure of Mr. Bradley, Mr. Hess became the liquidating partner, settling up all the affairs of Hess & Bradley.

In 1885, in company with C. Eichner and F. G. Sacket, Mr. Hess operated extensively in the Cogley oil fields. They drilled the first well on Little Sandy creek two miles in advance of other wells, and they had good wells on the A. H. Black farm and also near Fern City. Later on, with Eichner, Sacket and others, Mr. Hess struck the "Great Cry and Little Wool" well near Reidsburg, which produced for a time about twenty barrels per day of remarkably light colored oil with a fire test of about 110 degrees, and burning fairly well in its natural state in lamps. This oil was found about the region of the "first sand." Messrs. Hess, Sacket and others operated in the Tarkiln field at Hill City in 1886. Here they had a tilt with the Oil City operator and others, who tried to jump a small lease on which Hess & Co. had paid $1,000 bonus. Mr. Hess and party held the lease, and had some good wells thereon. Some laughable incidents occurred in this contest.

Mr. Hess is now operating alone on the old Egypt farm, getting all the oil and calling these the "entirety wells." In company with Sacket, Hamm and Thomas, he is also operating on the Linneman, Ray & Swartzfager farms in the vicinity of the famous Cogley Run oil fields. As an oil operator the life of Mr. Hess has been a conspicuous one. His name will ever stand out prominently in the history of the oil fields of Ohio and Pennsylvania. In his case can be said as was observed by the English author, De Foe "No one tasted different fortunes more. Thirteen times he had been rich and poor." However, he was never too poor to operate, and on the other hand never rich enough to quit. He says that perhaps no single act of his life yields him more satisfaction to-day than the $500 he personally contributed to the oil producers' fund to defeat the infamous Roberts oil-well casing patent, which for a time was a lying piratical blackmail on every oil well drilled in the oil country. This case dragged along for years in the courts, F. W. Mitchell, of Franklin, Penn., being chairman of the producers' committee for defense, met the Roberts gang at every point in the case. About $30,000 was expended by the producers in this contest, the Economite Company paying one-fourth of the expense of the suit. A complete triumph of justice and right was the result, and their infamous casing patent pretentions went to the dogs.

During the life of Mr. Hess he has met with a dozen or more hairbreadth escapes from death, two of which seem most prominent in his mind. At the age of twelve, while sitting with a boy companion down over the bank of the canal out of sight of the passing boats, except the top of their caps, there was on a canal boat passing at the time a passenger with a gun in his hand looking out for game, seeing just the top of "Michael's" muskrat skin cap worn in those days, he drew fire on the supposed muskrat, the discharge of the gun just grazing Michael's head, who jumped up screaming, badly frightened and somewhat stunned by the seeming blow of a club on the head. The passenger with his gun in hand looked as much frightened as Michael. Soon following this muskrat episode, while on his brother's boat near Saline, N. Y., with the stern of the boat near the canal lock, which was full of water, the lock tender opened the lower gate to empty the lock for the boat's admittance. This rush of water striking the rudder suddenly swept round the

tiller by which the boat was steered, sweeping Michael from the deck over the stern down headlong into the rushing water below, and carrying him immediately under the boat, he being badly stunned by the blow of the tiller. Passing through under the boat, he in some way righted up, then getting a foothold on the bottom of the canal, he succeeded in raising his head above water and, Jonah like, out of the belly of the deep reached dry land.

In December, 1849, Mr. Hess was married to Miss Caroline Shaver, of Jamestown, N. Y., and a better helpmeet and a more agreeable companion would be hard to find. Six children blessed the union, namely: Eugene married a Miss Cameron, and is a resident of Saginaw City, Mich. (late city plumber); Ida is married to F. G. Sacket; Belle is married to G. S. Hamm, of Knox, Penn.; Ernest is married to Ethel Smith; Mary died in Franklin, Penn., at the age of nine years; and Frank died at the age of twenty-four, at Cleveland, Ohio, while under treatment for malignant tumor.

In 1872 M. E. Hess moved to Franklin, that his children might have the benefit of good schools, but in 1874, finding his oil operations so increased in Clarion county as to demand his whole time and attention there, he moved to Shippenville, sending his young people to the Carrier Seminary in Clarion. In 1877, believing Edenburg to be the metropolis of the Clarion county oil developments, he built a residence there, and for twenty years has made that place his home, ever taking an active interest in, and helping largely, during this period, to bring the public schools to the highest point of excellence. On February 12, 1878, after over two years of patient suffering, his wife, Caroline, died of a cancer. In the latter part of that year Mr. Hess married Mrs. Margaret E. Klotz. This agreeable companionship lasted nineteen years, when death again invaded his domicile, his wife Margaret passing away February 24, 1897.

At Edenburg during the past twenty years Mr. Hess has filled at times all of the more responsible positions of the borough, and has twice been elected burgess. Much to his credit he settled up the difficult and intricate indebtedness of the borough, which settlement placed the borough on a sound financial basis, and prosperity and progress have followed. He took an active part, and was largely instrumental, in securing for the borough superior water-supply works; but few boroughs in Pennsylvania can boast of as good for fire protection. He was treasurer of the relief board organized immediately after the great sweeping fire of October 13, 1878, consuming nearly the entire borough; the board consisting of Maj. Maitland, L. D. Crandall, L. F. Barger, H. F. Whiting, Capt. Brown and Mr. Hess. Our subject at the age of seventy-one is hale and hearty, and attends to business as regularly as in former years, and now discharges the duties of the second term of office as justice of the peace. He is also treasurer of the school board and the cemetery association. During the past twenty-eight years he has superintended the various Methodist Sabbath-schools of Petroleum Centre, Franklin, Shippenville and Edenburg, and at one or the other of these points almost continuously; and is yet at the superintendent's desk.

The Hess family are noted for their patriotic record. The great-grandfather, Angus Dennis, was killed in the Indian wars; his son, Honyost, served through the Revolutionary war; his son, George Hess, served in the war of 1812, and Michael E. and two brothers in the Civil war.

CAPT. VALENTINE PHIPPS. In time to come this volume will acquire added value as a repository of records whose historical significance will then be fully appreciated; but readers will doubtless peruse with special interest the stories of gallant service in that great struggle which settled once for all that this nation is, in truth, "one and indivisible." It has often been said that the letters sent home during the war by the soldiers of all grades would make, if published, a better history of the war than has yet been given, and the suggestive views of the conflict in the individual experiences contained in this book certainly give new color to many historic scenes. Among those from Clarion county who took a prominent part in this great conflict none are more deserving of mention than Captain Phipps.

Captain Valentine Phipps was born January 8, 1838, a son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Cook) Phipps. The maternal grandfather, John Cook, was of German descent, and became an early settler of this section of Pennsylvania. Nathan Phipps, the paternal grandfather, was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., of English and Irish extraction, and was also an honored pioneer of this region, having early settled in Ashland township, Clarion county. He died here at a ripe old age, and he and his wife Edith now sleep side by side in the Phipps cemetery on the old home farm. They were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had the honest respect of all who knew them. Their children were: Nathan, Samuel, John, James,

Yours Truly
Capt. D. Phipps

Marshall, Andrew, Elijah, Anna, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Ogden and Mrs. Middleton. Elizabeth (Cook) Phipps, the mother of our subject, was an earnest Christian woman, a faithful member of the Methodist Church, in which faith she died at the age of seventy-two years. Elijah Phipps gave his political support to the Whig party, and he was an advocate of all measures which he believed calculated to advance the general welfare. Valentine is the oldest of his three children, the others being Emma, wife of J. T. Wilson, of Minneapolis, Minn., and J. F., now deceased, who was a member of a Pennsylvania regiment during the Rebellion. The father of this family passed away in middle life.

On the home farm Capt. Phipps passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and, after his own education was completed, he successfully engaged in teaching school for a time. During early life he also engaged in lumbering, rafting on the river and working in a sawmill, at Cooksburg, Penn.; but when the Civil war broke out he laid aside personal interests to aid in the defense of his country. On April 15, 1861, he enlisted as second lieutenant in Company E, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves, and took part in many important engagements, including the battles of Drainesville, Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness campaign and Bethseda Church. At the third named he was wounded in the the left thigh by a minie ball. He was commissioned captain of his company August 1, 1862, and when the war was over was honorably discharged and returned home. He was in command of his regiment in the Wilderness when discharged. After returning home he was brevetted major for gallant service in the Wilderness campaign, For a time he resided in Oil City, first engaging in the lumber business, and later in farming; but in 1884 he purchased what is now the "Phipps House," in Shippenville, which he has since successfully conducted. It is the most popular hostelry in the town, and its service is such as to make it well worthy of the reputation it enjoys.

In 1867 Capt. Phipps married Miss Ada Shaffer, a daughter of Jacob Shaffer, one of the early settlers of Clarion county. They have three children: Emma E., Jacob W., and May E. The parents and children hold membership in the Lutheran Church, and the Captain is now serving as elder. He has been commander of Amos Keiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., and for three years was president of Clarion County Soldiers Association; politically he is one of the most prominent and active members of the Republican party in Shippenville. He has most acceptably filled the office of county commissioner, and has ever discharged all duties devolving upon him in a prompt and commendable manner. A man of strict integrity and sterling worth, one who has attained a fair degree of success in the affairs of life, and whose influence has ever been in the direction of the good and the true, this honored veteran of the Civil war assuredly demands prominent mention in a work of this kind.

The Phipps family is related to Joseph Phipps, who settled in Pennsylvania at an early day. He entertained William Penn at different times, and they worshiped in the same church. A picture of the house built by Joseph Phipps about 1686–1690 is in the possession of our subject.

GEORGE COOK, who throughout his business career has been prominently identified with the agricultural and lumber interests of Clarion county, was born there.

Mr. Cook is a son of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Smith) Cook, natives of Germany. The father's birth occurred in 1799, in Shewsheim, and in his native land he was married and continued to make his home until 1830, when he crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Lancaster county, Penn., where he worked at the wagonmaker's trade for two years. However, the year 1832 found him located in Paint township, Clarion county, on the turnpike two miles east of Shippenville, where he purchased eighty acres of wild land, and erected thereon a round-log house and a hewed-log barn. He cleared a small portion of his land, and later erected a good frame dwelling, but devoted the greater part of his time to wagon making. His wife, who had patiently shared with him all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, passed away in 1855, and he died in 1852.

In the family of this worthy couple were four children: (1) Catharine, born in Germany, in 1827, was brought by her parents to Clarion county, and on reaching womanhood she gave he hand in marriage to Israel C. Bryner, of Centre county, Penn. For a time they lived in Crawford county, but now reside on his farm in Paint township, Clarion county. Their children are: Joseph, David, Sebastian, Israel, Cornelius, George, Barton, Ezra and Lillie. (2) George is the second in order of birth. (3) Sebastian, born in Paint township, in 1839, married Margaret A. Stover, of Elk township, Clarion county, and they began their domestic life upon a farm purchased by her father in Paint township, but

since 1895 have lived in Forest county, Penn. In 1861, he enlisted in the Union service for three years, and later re-enlisted, serving until the close of the war. He was in all the battles in which his regiment participated, was wounded in the foot while making a charge at Black Water, and at Newbern, N. C., was taken prisoner, being incarcerated in Andersonville for eleven months, during which time he suffered all the hardships known to Southern prison life. In his family were seven children, namely: Charles, Ida, Burton, Frank (a popular young man and an earnest Christian, who accidentally shot himself while out hunting), Sadie, Laura and Grace. (4) William, born in Paint township, Clarion county, in 1844, learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for some years, but now owns and operates a fine farm in Elk township, Clarion county.

The public schools afforded our subject his educational privileges, and in early life he learned the millwright's trade, which he has since successfully followed in connection with other lines of business. Being a natural mechanic he engaged in contracting and building some time; in the employ of Thompson Brothers, he has erected sawmills in Virginia, Alexandria, W. Va., and Wyoming, Jefferson, Clarion and Forest counties, Penn., and ranks among the expert and most successful millwrights of this section of the State. After his marriage he located on the old homestead, and now devotes a portion of his time to the cultivation and improvement of his farm.

In 1859 Mr. Cook was married to Miss Opey Watkins, of Clarion county, a daughter of Jesse and Ellen Watkins, of Paint township, and they have become the parents of six children: William A., born in Paint township, in 1859, wedded Lottie Purcell, of Clarion county, by whom he has five children—Dessie, John, Grant, Ettie and Margrie—and they reside on his father's homestead. John Ellsworth, born in 1861, died of typhoid fever at the age of twenty years. Josephine, born in 1863, married Willis Tenney, of Clarion county, and they now reside at Wall, Allegheny Co., Penn., where he is engaged in railroading. Mary, born in 1866, married Samuel E. Kiser, and with their eight children they live upon a farm in Paint township. George Albert, born in 1867, married Ettie Simpson, a native of Chatham, New Brunswick, and has three children—Ruth, Clarence and Mabel. He operates a part of his father's farm. James F., born in 1874, received a good common-school education, and was married in July, 1897, to Mary C. Bish, of Paint township. They live on the old homestead with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook are consistent members of the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, and are widely and favorably known in their native county. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has been called upon to fill various positions of honor and trust. For the long period of twenty-six years he has been an efficient member of the school board, was supervisor of his township one term, overseer of the poor ten or twelve years, auditor a number of terms, and when his present term expires he will have served as justice of peace for twenty years. It is needless to say that his duties have always been most faithfully and satisfactorily performed as his long retention in office plainly indicates that fact. He has the respect of all classes, and it is safe to say that no man in Paint township has more friends than George Cook.

LEONARD M. MONG owns and operates a valuable farm of sixty-seven acres in Beaver township, Clarion county, which is under a high state of cultivation and is well-improved with good buildings. In connection with agricultural pursuits he is also interested in the oil business, and upon his place are six wells, from which he derives a good income. He has made his special field of industry an eminent success, and in business circles stands deservedly high.

A native of Clarion county, Mr. Mong was born September 1, 1838, and is a son of Michael M. Mong, a prominent early settler of the county, and a worthy representative of a good old German family. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Miller, was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., and belonged to a family which was well represented in both the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. Our subject is one of a family of six children, but only three are now living, the others being: George W.; and Jonathan M., of Beaver township, Clarion county. The father, who was a stanch Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious faith, died at the age of forty years, honored and respected by all who knew him. The mother is still living at the advanced age of eighty-nine, and is one of the oldest ladies in the county.

Under the parental roof Leonard M. Mong spent the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads, attending the local schools when his services were not needed at home. During the Civil war he served for four months as a member of the 98th P. V. I., and when discharged he resumed his farm labors.

In 1866 Mr. Mong was united in marriage with Miss Anna, daughter of Francis Conner,

who was of English descent, and to them were born the following children: William F.; Cora E., wife of Samuel Wile; Charles Lester; George Edward; Effa M.; Ira B.; Leonard Alberta, who died at the age of two months; and John Calvin, who died at the age of two years and nine months. The parents and children are all connected with the Reformed Church, and the family is one of prominence in social circles. As one of the representative and prominent citizens of Beaver township, Mr. Mong has ever taken an influential part in political affairs, and is unswerving in his support of the Democracy. He takes a genuine interest in the welfare of his community, and is the encourager of all enterprises tending to its moral, intellectual or financial advancement.

JOHN SCOTT, an experienced farmer residing in Madison township, Clarion county, has always made his home in the same county, his birth occurring there July 5, 1823. His parents, Ira and Jane (Smith) Scott, were natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively, and were early settlers in Clarion county, locating here before it was organized. The mother's death occurred in Toby township, December 25, 1839, and the father died in 1883. In their family were seven children, as follows: James, now deceased; John; Ira, deceased; Matthew, a resident of Ohio; Smith, deceased; George W.; Elizabeth; and Hilloman, of Armstrong county.

On the old homestead John Scott early became familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and in the common schools of the neighberhood he received his education. He now owns a fine farm of seventy-six acres in Madison township, and to its cultivation and improvement devotes his energies, making it one of the most desirable places of the locality. On April 1, 1864, Mr. Scott manifested his patriotism by enlisting at Meadville, Penn., in Company C, 82nd P. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Meadville, Penn. He participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor, and at the last named engagement received a gunshot wound, which confined him in the hospital at Pittsburg for some time. On rejoining the army he was assigned to the Veteran Reserve Corps, and stationed at the defenses about Washington, D. C., where he was honorably discharged July 28, 1865.

In 1848, in Madison township, Clarion county, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Emma Frantz, a native of Armstrong county, Penn., and a daughter of Isaac Frantz. He has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who died in 1885. The children born to them were as follows: Elizabeth Jane, wife of David H. Swartz, of West Virginia; Samuel, a resident of Washington county, Penn.; Isaac F., of McKean county; William L., who resides on the old homestead; Mary Catherine, wife of J. A. Sunville, of Madison township, Clarion county; Ira, a resident of Ringgold, Jefferson Co., Penn.; Mrs. Vianna Shay; Mrs. Sarah A. Leonard; John, who is in the employ of a railroad company and lives in Pittsburg, Penn.; Delilah, who died in 1863; and Lucinda, deceased.

Politically, Mr. Scott affiliates with the Republican party, and has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of township supervisor. He is one of the prominent and representative citizens of his community, and no man in Clarion county is more deserving of the high regard in which he is held.

THOMAS McCLOSKEY. Clarion county has many enterprising and wide-awake citizens whose attention is devoted to both farming and lumbering, and among this class there is probably none who takes higher rank than the subject of this narrative. He is meeting with good success in his operations, and is now one of the prosperous agriculturists of Farmington township.

The parents of our subject were Bernard and Catharine McCloskey, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father on coming to this country first located in New Jersey, where he was married, but in 1843, with his family, came to Pennsylvania, locating on the boundary line between Forest and Clarion counties, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1865. His widow was thus left with ten children depending on her, but her older sons came to her rescue, finished paying for the homestead and cared for her until she, too, passed away.

In the family were the following children: (1) Margaret, born in New Jersey, was married in Forest county to Andrew Yagst, of Mill Creek township, where they now reside upon a farm. Their children are—John, Mary, Thomas, James, Joseph, Stephen, Bernard, and Rose. (2) Frank, born in New Jersey, was reared in Forest county, and in 1861 enlisted in Company F, 63rd P.V.I. He was seriously wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, from the effects of which he died in Washington, D. C. (3) Mary is now the widow of Abraham Songer, of Red Bank township, Clarion county, and the mother of five children—Frank,

George, Katie, Sarah, and Abraham. (4) Hannah, born in New Jersey, married David McDonald, of Farmington township, Clarion county, and died some years ago leaving a family. (5) Thomas is next in order of birth. (6) Catharine is the wife of John Dodson, a farmer of Virginia, and has six children. (7) Bernard and (8) Sarah both died in childhood. (9) Bernard, born on the old homestead in Forest county, still resides there. (10) Bridget married Charles Angles, of Farmington township, Clarion county, and died in 1896. (11) John is still living on the old homestead in Forest county.

In 1843, while his parents were *en route* from their old home in New Jersey to the new home in Forest county, Thomas McCloskey was born, and at the latter place he was reared, acquiring his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. In 1871 was celebrated his marriage to Miss Catharine Heffron, of Farmington township, Clarion county, where he soon afterward purchased ninety-six acres of woodland. Their first home was a log cabin, but four years later it was replaced by a pleasant two-story house, and in 1884 a good barn was also erected. He now has fifty-five acres of his land under a high state of cultivation, and has made many other excellent and valuable improvements upon the place. He is a thorough and skillful farmer and a business man of more than ordinary ability.

Thomas McCloskey and his wife became the parents of seven children, all born upon their present farm: Bernard F., born in 1872, is now working on the oil pipe line in Virginia. Mary Magdalene and Rose Elizabeth were educated in public and parochial schools, and later in the Clarion Normal School. They have successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion county. They keep house for their father, as their mother died in 1893. James F., Charles A., Sarah Alice, and J. Leo are all at home.

Our subject uses his right of franchise in support of the Democratic party, and he and his family are all members of the Catholic Church at Crown. In all of life's relations Mr. McCloskey has been true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, and he enjoys the respect and esteem of the entire community.

J. A. BEATTY, M. D., who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Knox, Clarion county, is a native of Monroe township, Clarion county, and is a representative of two of its oldest and most highly respected families.

Robert Beatty, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Chester county, Penn., was at one time a resident of Westmoreland county, and in 1810 became one of the pioneers of Clarion county. He was the first blacksmith in this region, and, in connection with work at his trade, engaged in agricultural pursuits, opening up a farm of over two hundred acres in Monroe township, which is now owned by our subject and occupied by his three sisters and brother-in-law. Robert Beatty married Miss Ann Henry, a daughter of Robert Henry, of Westmoreland county, Penn., and they became the parents of ten children—seven sons and three daughters—namely: William, father of our subject; John, who died in Strattonville, Penn.; Charles, a resident of Saltsburg, Penn.; Miles, who died in Franklin, Penn.; Miller, who died in Clarion; James, deceased; Robert, who now makes his home in Philadelphia; and Sarah, Esther and Jane, all deceased. The parents of these children died on the old homestead in Monroe township, but, after the death of Mr. Beatty, the mother became the wife of John Sloan, now also deceased.

The birth of William Beatty occurred in Westmoreland county, March 10, 1808, and he was therefore two years old when brought by his parents to the new home in Clarion county, where he was reared amidst the primitive scenes of frontier life. He learned the blacksmith trade, and followed that occupation in connection with farming, never leaving the old homestead in Monroe township. In 1831 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Guthrie, who was the first female white child born east of the Allegheny river in Clarion county, her birth occurring February 2, 1802. Her parents were John and Jane (Maffett) Guthrie, honored pioneers of Clarion county and natives of Westmoreland county, the former of Irish and the latter of Scotch-Irish extraction. Both died in Clarion township. John Guthrie was an officer in the army of the war of 1812, and was captain of a company in the 150th Regiment, Second Brigade, Fifteenth Division of the army.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beatty, as follows: Elizabeth R., now the wife of Samuel H. Williamson, a farmer of Porter township, Clarion county; Lavina M., who lives on the old homestead; Margaret, wife of George T. Henry, of Porter township; Jane B., wife of William F. Guthrie, who operates the old home farm of her father; Sarah A., widow of J. M. Turney, and a resident of Rockford, Ill.; Martha E., who also lives on the old homestead; J. A., of this review; and Mary A., deceased wife of J. L. Dehner, who is engaged in the oil business in

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Clarion county. They also had an adopted son, Charles M. The parents died on a farm in Monroe township, the mother on April 13, 1872, the father on April 30, 1878, and both were laid to rest in the Licking cemetery. Their sterling worth and many excellencies of character won for them a host of warm friends, and they were honored and respected by all who knew them.

Reared on the home farm, Dr. Beatty acquired his literary education in the State Normal School at Edinboro, Erie county, and in other colleges of the State, later entering the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1878. In the following year he began practice, and in 1882 opened an office at Knox, Clarion county, where he is now located. He is a leader in thought and action in the medical world, has always been a progressive physician, and in his chosen calling has met with excellent success.

W. N. WILSON has since 1872 been prominently identified with the business interests of Shippenville, Clarion county. He began operations here as a harness maker, and as he prospered in his undertakings, he added to his stock a line of hardware and carriages, and is to-day one of the leading merchants of the place. He has admitted his son, CHAPIN E., to a partnership in the business, and the firm is one of the most reliable and progressive in the city. Ours is a utilitarian age and the life of every successful man bears its lessons, and as told in contemporary narration perhaps is productive of the greatest good. The life of Mr. Wilson demonstrates what may be accomplished through energy, careful management, keen foresight and the utilization of the powers with which nature has endowed one, and the opportunities with which the times surround him.

He was born April 10, 1837, in Centre county, Penn., a son of John and Sarah Wilson, in whose family were three sons. The mother, who was an earnest Christian woman, lived to the ripe old age of eighty-four years, but the father died in Centre county, in 1839, at an early age. The grandfather, Thomas Wilson, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was a popular and influential citizen of Centre county. He was an active worker in the Methodist Church, and for many years served as a class leader.

W. N. Wilson spent his youth in Centre and Clarion counties, and received a fair education. During the war he served for a time in a Pennsylvania regiment. He was married in 1861, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary J. Hosterman, who was born in Clarion county, July 29, 1835, and is a daughter of David and Susan (Reeser) Hosterman, natives of Centre and Bucks counties, Penn., respectively. Coming to Clarion county in 1828, they here reared their family of five children, namely: Henry, Jacob, John (who was a Union soldier during the Civil war), Mary J., and David. Politically, Mr. Hosterman was identified with the Democratic party, and religiously was a Lutheran, being one of the officers and prominent members of his Church. Mr. and Mr. Wilson have three children, as follows: CHAPIN E., who married Myrtle Hatch, of Cory, Penn., and has two children—William Newton and Margaret M.; Mrs. Hattie M. Wolf, a resident of Toledo, Ohio; and Carrie E., wife of J. F. Bess.

To-day Mr. Wilson is not more honored on account of the enviable position which he occupies in business circles than on account of his blameless life, over which there falls no shadow of wrong. He is public-spirited and enterprising, and in advancing his own interests he has never overlooked the rights and privileges of others. He therefore enjoys the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact either in business or social life.

R. L. SHOUP, although young in years, is one of the most energetic and enterprising business men of Richland township, Clarion county, where, as a member of the firm of Shoup Brothers, he is extensively engaged in the oil business. He was born in that township, in 1865, and is a son of James and Lydia (Frederic) Shoup, natives of Clarion and Berks counties, Penn., respectively. The paternal grandfather, John Shoup, was one of the first settlers of Richland township, where his son James grew to manhood and continued to make his home throughout life. In the midst of the forest he cleared and improved the farm on which our subject is now living, and upon that place his death occurred in 1894. The mother now lives in Clarion county.

In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children, of whom nine are still living, namely: Miles, a resident of Sharpsburg, Penn.; Mrs. Sarah Shakely, of Emlenton; Mrs. Lizzie Burnap, of Denver, Colo.; Amanda, wife of Oliver Neely, of Richland township; John, who is engaged in business with our subject, and is a resident of Emlenton; James, of Sackett, Elk Co., Penn.; R. L., of this sketch; Mrs. Hahn, of St. Petersburg; and Willis, at home.

Reared on the old home farm, R. L. Shoup obtained his education in the schools of the

neighborhood. Since 1889 he and his brother John have successfully engaged in the oil business in Clarion county, their first well being in Richland township on the Montgomery farm. Later they purchased two wells on the Myers & Brown farm in Venango, and two on the Crawford farm in Clarion county, to which they have added from time to time until they now have twenty-five wells located in those counties, and are doing as large a business as any firm of the kind in their community. They are interested in wells in the Richey Run fields, and being upright, reliable business men, the success that they have achieved is well merited. They are worthy representatives of one of the most prominent and honored families of the county, and their popularity is established on a firm basis—that of their own well-tested merit.

SOLOMON FOUST, one of the most successful horticulturists of Clarion county, now carries on operations in Richland township.

Mr. Foust was born in Centre county, Penn., in 1831, a son of Philip and Catharine (Ware) Foust, also natives of that county, where they continued to make their home until coming to Lycoming county. They bought a 200-acre farm, remained on it three years, then sold it, came to Jefferson county, remaining five years, thence came to Clarion county in 1844. Here the father purchased 106 acres of partially-improved land adjoining St. Petersburg, and to its further development and cultivation he devoted his energies until called from this life in 1885. He laid out a portion of the tract into town lots, forming an addition to St. Petersburg, and some of the lots he sold, while he leased others on which buildings were erected. His political support was given the Democracy. After the death of the mother of our subject, which occurred in St. Petersburg, the father was married in that place to Miss Lydia Snyder, now deceased. In his family were nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: Susanna, a resident of Lycoming county, Penn.; Joseph, who died in St. Petersburg in 1889; Mary, a resident of Salem township, Clarion county, now a widow; William, who was accidentally killed in 1892, and left a widow, now a resident of Akron, Ohio; Samuel, of St. Petersburg, who purchased the old homestead in 1894; Philip, who was a Union soldier during the Rebellion, and now lives in St. Petersburg; Benjamin, who died at that place in 1886; and Catharine, who is yet single.

Mr. Foust left his native county at the age of seven years, going to Lycoming county, Penn., where he remained three years, thence went to Jefferson county, Penn., but five years, later came to Stt Petersburg, where he completed his education and grew to manhood. At an early age he began working on the Fox farm, and later engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account for twenty-four years upon the same place, remaining there altogether thirty years. Returning to St. Petersburg in 1884, he erected his present residence, and now owns two good dwelling houses there. For some time he was interested in the oil business, but since 1894 he has turned his attention to the raising of fruit, making a specialty of raspberries. He has four lots, or about three acres planted in this fruit, and the plants, which are now two years old, are of an even growth, well kept and in a healthy condition. He raises some of the finest varieties to be found anywhere, and in his new undertaking is meeting with well-merited success. He also gives some attention to the raising of grapes, and by experience he has found that gas pipes make the most durable support for the vines, so he now uses them altogether. He takes a just pride in the appearance of his well kept raspberry patches and vineyards, which cannot be excelled in this section of the State.

In 1853, in St. Petersburg, Mr. Foust was married to Miss Hannah Gougler, who was born in Richland township, Clarion county, a daughter of Henry and Catharine Gougler, honored pioneers of the county, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Foust have five children: Barney, who owns and operates a farm in Venango county, Penn.; John, a resident of Parker, Penn.; Nelson, of Burlingame, Kans.; Albert, of Foxburg, Penn.; and Mrs. Phebe Ann Ferringer, of Clarion county.

Politically, Mr. Foust is identified with the Democratic party, and has most creditably served as street commissioner and tax collector in St. Petersburg. He is a prominent member of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 166, R. A., and is now serving his tenth year as treasurer of the same. His life has been one of usefulness, wherein he has faithfully performed all duties devolving upon him, and has gained the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

JOHN H. ZIEGLER. The excellent farm in Elk township, Clarion county, now owned and occupied by our subject, invariably attracts the eye of the passing traveler as being under the supervision of a thorough and skillful agriculturist, and a man otherwise of good business qualifications. Like many of the intelligent

men around him, Mr. Ziegler is a native of Germany, his birth occurring in Wurtemburg, in 1845. He is the only child of John and Margaret (Wooster) Ziegler, also natives of Wurtemburg, who in 1852 bade adieu to the Fatherland and sailed for America. Locating in Clarion county, Penn., the father purchased fifty-two acres of timber land in Elk township from Mr. Baughman, and devoted his energies to its cultivation and improvement. The mother died in 1859, and the father afterward married Mrs. Margaret Alt, of Beaver township, Clarion county, who passed to her final rest in 1886. His death occurred in 1885. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

Being but seven years of age when brought to this country, John H. Ziegler was reared in Elk and Washington townships, Clarion county, and in the schools near his home he acquired a good practical education which has been of great use to him in his business career. He has always given his attention to agricultural pursuits, and is now the owner of the old homestead in Elk township, which comprises seventy-two acres of rich, arable land that he has placed under a high state of cultivation, and the larger part of the farm is underlaid with seven feet of coal.

In 1888, in Elk township, Mr. Ziegler was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Cohlhepp, a native of that township, and a daughter of Balser Cohlhepp, an early pioneer of Clarion county, who now makes his home in Porter township. Four children bless this union, namely: Louise, Charley, Viola and Emma.

Politically, Mr. Ziegler is a stanch Republican, and he ever takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, supporting those measures which he believes calculated to advance the public welfare. He is a prominent member and trustee of the Emanuel Lutheran Church of Washington township, and is one of the most progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizens of his community. He is also a member and director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Jamestown, Penn. Those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends, and no man in the county is more honored or highly respected.

ELIJAH COOK, a leading farmer and lumberman of Farmington township, is one of Clarion county's native sons and a representative of one of her most prominent and honored families, whose identification with her history dates from an early period in the development of the county.

John Cook, his father, was born east of the Alleghany Mountains, in Centre county, and when a young man came to Clarion county, where he married (first) Susan Helpman, (second) Katie Ritter, in 1832, the mother of our subject. He first located in Beaver township, where he cleared and improved a farm, making it his home for some years, but in 1826 removed to what is known as Cooksburg, and purchased a large tract of land, lying partly in Forest and partly in Clarion counties. He owned two mills on Toms run, and was extensively engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber, which he floated down the Clarion river to the Pittsburg and Allegheny markets. He also cleared and improved a farm, which he made his home until life's labors were ended in 1858. He was a progressive, energetic and reliable business man, who gained the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact.

The subject of this sketch is one of a family of seven children, the others being as follows: (1) Mary J., like the other members of the family, was born at Cooksburg. She is now the wife of William Henry, of Forest county, Penn., whose farm is on the Clarion river. (2) Sebastian married Sarah Morgan, of Forest county, and with his family still resides in Cooksburg. (3) Sarah wedded John Lindsey, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and died some years ago leaving a family of six children. (4) Martha is the wife of Levi Snyder, of Farmington township, Clarion county, and has a family of children. (5) Levanca married Wilford Slocum, of Farmington township, and died leaving one son, Frank. (6) Squire S. H. married Emma Mays, of Clarion county, by whom he has four children, and they live on his farm in Forest county.

Elijah Cook was born April 19, 1835, on the old homestead at Cooksburg, where he was reared, obtaining his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. With his father he learned both farming and lumbering, and became quite an expert sawyer. In 1862 he was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Violet Phipps, of Clarion county, a daughter of Samuel and Tenny Phipps, and they began their domestic life in Cooksburg, at Judge Cook's mill, where our subject engaged in the manufacture of lumber for some years. In 1884 he removed to the Leeper mills, and there made his home until moving in 1889 on his present farm in Farmington township, Clarion county, known as the Peter Bartlett farm, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with all the accessories

and conveniences found upon a model farm of the nineteenth century. In connection with agricultural pursuits he is still interested in the sawmill business, and is meeting with a well deserved success in his undertakings.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Cook are as follows: Samantha, born at Cooksburg, in 1863, married James Henry, of Clarion county, and they now reside in West Virginia, where he follows lumbering. Their children are: Lyman, Edney Elvirty, Elsey Irene, and John. L. C., a native of Cooksburg, is the wife of George Colmar, a farmer living near Scotch Hill, in Clarion county, and they have one daughter—Nora. Walter C., born in Cooksburg, resides at home on the farm. Alverda, born in Clarion county, is the wife of James Crossgrove, a farmer of Forest county. Carrie Jane, born in Clarion county, married George H. Suter, by whom she has one son—Roy, and they are at present living in Forest county. Marion E., Samuel E. and John H. are all at home. Dellia Louewell, died June 11, 1876, aged seven months and eleven days.

Reared as a Whig, Mr. Cook joined the Republican party on its organization, and on that ticket was elected auditor of Forest county, a position he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He also served as school director in Barnett township, Forest county, and wherever he has made his home, he has been numbered among the valued and honored citizens. He belongs to one of the most prominent and highly respected families of this section of the State. One of his brothers was for a number of years associate judge of Forest county.

JACOB WEAVER. A native of Clarion county, where his life has been passed as a farmer, merchant and hotel-keeper, Mr. Weaver is at present the accommodating and obliging landlord of the "Coulter House" at Clarion.

Charles and Elizabeth (Aaron) Weaver, his parents, were natives of Baden, Germany, and Westmoreland county, Penn., respectively. Charles Weaver was brought to this country when seven years of age. He was reared on a farm, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Clarion county throughout his lifetime. He passed away at the old homestead in Washington township in 1869; his wife survived him many years, dying in 1890. Both were estimable people. Of their three sons, Jacob is the only one now living, and is the youngest. He was born in 1840, and was raised on the home place in Washington township, there remaining until he attained the age of twenty-three years. From 1863 until 1873 he stayed on the farm, and from 1873 until 1891 he engaged in merchandising in his native township. In 1891 he purchased the well-known hostelry at Clarion styled the "Coulter House," and has since conducted a first-class hotel, and established a reputation as a landlord second to none in the borough. The "Coulter House" is large, and centrally located. It has fifty rooms, of which thirty odd are sleeping apartments, all are well furnished, light and airy rooms. There is a good bar, well-stocked, billiard and pool room in connection with the house, where the wants in this line of the guests and patrons can be gratified. A commodious feed barn and other stable arrangements for the accommodation of the farmers is attached. The landlord is popular, he and his good wife understanding how to cater to the tastes and provide for the comforts of their many patrons.

In 1863, Mr. Weaver was married to Susan Eisenman, daughter of Christian Eisenman, who died February 9, 1898, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, one month and twenty-one days. Thirteen children have come to this union, the names of those living being: Clara (Mrs. O. V. Fulton), Ida (Mrs. Frank Frederick), Vincent, Bertha, Jennie and Otto. The children deceased are: Emma, John, Frank, Oscar, Edward, George and James. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Politically, he is a Democrat.

B F. NEELY, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Beaver township, has spent his entire life in Clarion county, his birth having occurred on the old Neely homestead in Beaver township, May 28, 1841. The family is of German origin, and the name was originally spelled Neighleigh. Members of the family have been prominently identified with both the civil and military history of the country. Capt. H. Neely, an uncle of our subject, commanded a company of 100 men at the battle of Erie, during the war of 1812, and was a brave and gallant officer. His death occurred in Clarion county.

John Neely, our subject's father, was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., in 1791, a son of Paul and Frances (Shoup) Neely, the latter of Holland descent. On attaining to man's estate, John Neely wedded Miss Mary Berlin, who died, during the infancy of our subject, at the age of forty-four. By her marriage she became the mother of the following children: Hezekiah,

Mahala, Polly Ann, Israel (who died in 1897), Lavia, Susan, Cyrus, Humphrey, John, Mary Ann, Betsy Jane, Frances, Paul M., and Richard H. Lee and B. F., twins. The father was a successful agriculturist, and became the owner of a valuable farm of 212 acres in Clarion county. He was an active and influential member of the German Reformed Church, and served as elder for some years.

The subject of this sketch lived with his brothers throughout the greater part of his boyhood and youth, and was reared in much the usual manner of farmer lads, aiding in the work of the fields and attending the district schools when his services were not needed at home. Later he spent some years in the oil fields, and then again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, locating upon his present farm in Beaver township, Clarion county, in 1873. Here he has thirty-three acres under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings.

At the age of twenty-five Mr. Neely was married to Miss Sarah Fillman, who was born, reared and educated in Richland township, and is a daughter of Michael and Susan Fillman. She is one of a family of eight children, six still living, namely: Sarah; Lucinda; Josiah (who was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war), Mrs. Mary Rupert, John and Chistopher. Mr. and Mrs. Neely have three children: (1) Elmer died in June, 1897, leaving a widow, and two children—Percy Merle and Alma Clove. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was loved and respected by all who knew him, and his funeral was one of the largest ever held in Clarion county. (2) Elsie is the wife of B. F. Way, of Richland township, and has three children—Lotta, Cleveland and Dolly Marie. (3) Oliver, also a resident of Richland township, is married and has three children —Alverta, Lester Franklin and Mary Ann.

Our subject gives his support to the men and measures of the Democratic party, and, socially, affiliates with the Knights of the Maccabees. He and his wife are both earnest and consistent members of the Reformed Church, and have the confidence and high regard of all who know them.

SAMUEL FOUST, a well-known agriculturist residing in St. Petersburg, Penn., was born in 1846, in Centre county, Penn., and is a son of Philip and Catharine (Ware) Foust, who were born, reared and married in eastern Pennsylvania. In 1849 the family removed to Clarion county, and the father purchased an improved tract of land upon which St. Petersburg is now located. Dividing some of his property into town lots, he commenced selling the same in 1872, which now constitutes the northern part of the village. Here he continued to make his home until life's labors were ended in 1881. He was widely and favorably known throughout this section of the State.

When our subject was only three years old he lost his mother, and Philip Foust later married Mrs. Lydia Snider, who died in St. Petersburg in 1892. There were six sons and three daughters by the first marriage, namely: Joseph, deceased; Solomon, a prominent citizen of St. Petersburg; William, deceased; Philip, a resident of St. Petersburg; Samuel; Benjamin, deceased; Mrs. Susan Eck, of Jersey Shore, Penn.; Mrs. Mary Kribbs, of Salem township, Clarion county; and Catharine, who is now housekeeper at the Fox mansion. Mrs. Snider's children were: Mrs. J. W. Shoup; Mrs. Andy Lowars; Mrs. Edinger, of Richland township, Clarion county; and Mrs. Miller, of Pittsburg, Penn. There were no children born to the second marriage of Philip Foust.

Coming to St. Petersburg at the age of three years, Samuel Foust was here reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day. Since starting out in life for himself he has always engaged in teaming and farming, and now owns twenty-nine acres of the old homestead, which is well improved and under excellent cultivation.

In 1868, in Richland township, Clarion county, Mr. Foust was married to Miss Esther Goughler, a native of the township and a daughter of Henry and Catharine (Beck) Goughler, who were pioneers of the county, and are now both deceased. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Foust are as follows: W. H., who is married and now lives in Lockhart, N. Y., is a teacher in Clark's Business College, and previously taught in New Castle and Oil City, Penn.; E. C., a fireman on the Pittsburg & Western railroad, is married and resides in Richland township, Clarion county; Anna is now Mrs. Horam, and still lives with her parents.

As a Democrat Mr. Foust takes quite an active interest in politics, and on his party ticket has been elected a member of the city council. Socially he belongs to Ivanhoe Lodge No. 166, R. A., and religiously he is a member of the German Reformed Church, while his wife and family are connected with the Lutheran Church. Throughout his active business life he has been prominently identified with the growth and prosperity of his adopted county, and has given his

support to all objects tending to its upbuilding. He is therefore justly numbered among its valued and useful citizens.

DAVID MONTGOMERY, who throughout his entire business career has been interested in farming and oil producing, and now carries on operations in Richland township, Clarion county, was born December 19, 1843, in Venango county, Penn., a son of David and Julia (Kephart) Montgomery, the former of Yankee stock, and the latter a daughter of Elias Kephart, who was of German descent. For many years they made their home in Venango county, where the father served as foreman in the different iron works, and he died there in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which he was a consistent member. He left a widow and three children, namely: Barbara, now Mrs. Taylor, of Butler county, Penn.; Henry, also of that county; and David, of this review. The mother afterward married William Layton, by whom she had eight children.

On a farm in Venango county, Mr. Montgomery, whose name introduces this sketch, grew to manhood, and in connection with agricultural pursuits, he became familiar with the work in the oil fields. In February, 1863, he laid aside all personal interests, and enlisted in the 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, but was later assigned to Company I, 190th P. V. I., under Capt. W. Coleman. The regiment was assigned to the Fifth Army Corps, under Gen. Crawford, and with that command participated in many important battles, including the Wilderness, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. Being seriously wounded by a ball in the back of the head, he was sent to hospital, where he remained some nine months, and since his discharge has never regained his former health and strength. After the war he spent eleven years at Oil City, Penn., and in 1882 removed to his present farm of twenty acres in Richland township, Clarion county, where he has four good oil wells in successful operation.

In 1871 Mr. Montgomery was married to Miss Mary Sutton, a native of Butler county, Penn., and a daughter of John and Mary Sutton, who had a family of eight children, five of whom are still living: Jeremiah, James (who was a Union soldier during the Civil war), John, Sarah and Mary; those deceased are Joseph, Eliza Jane and Jonathan D. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, and a Democrat in politics, died at the age of sixty-four, and the mother was called to her final rest at the age of seventy. Three children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, namely: Anna Laurie, David Vernette and Florence Helen. The parents are Methodists in religious belief. Fraternally, Mr. Montgomery affiliates with Emlenton Post No. 248, G. A. R., while his wife belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps. Their genuine worth and many excellencies of character commend them to the confidence and esteem of all who know them. Politically, Mr. Montgomery is identified with the Republican party.

W. K. GIBSON, one of the leading and popular citizens of New Bethlehem, is now successfully engaged in contract sawing in Clarion county. He is a native son of Pennsylvania, born in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, August 15, 1841, and is a representative of two of the prominent pioneer families of that region, both his grandfathers having assisted in the erection of the old block house on Plum creek, in that county, that served as a place of refuge for the early settlers during Indian disturbance.

John A. Gibson, the father of our subject, was a native of Armstrong county, and a son of Levi and Jane (Rankin) Gibson, natives of Indiana county and Lancaster county, Penn., respectively, the latter died at the age of seventy-seven years. John A. Gibson always followed agricultural pursuits, and continued to operate the old homestead farm in Armstrong county, which his father had opened up, until his death, in 1861. He had married Miss Mary Jane Kennedy, who was also born in Armstrong county, and died there in 1848. They had three children, who are now living: Mrs. Martha Jane Hepler, of Nebraska; W. K., of this sketch; and Mrs. Margaret Matilda Shoup, of Kansas.

During his childhood and youth, W. K. Gibson attended the public schools near his home, and remained under the parental roof until after the outbreak of the Rebellion. Feeling that his country needed his services he enlisted in Armstrong county, August 15, 1861, in Company A, 78th P. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was sworn into the United States service at Kittanning, Penn., the following October, the regiment becoming a part of the Middle Division, Army of the West. Mr. Gibson participated in the battles of Stone river and Murfreesboro, Tallahoma, Dug Gap or Bailey Cross Roads, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek and Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta and Jonesboro. He was one of forty detailed to do scout duty, of whom only fifteen or sixteen were left at the close of the

war. For some time he was confined in a hospital with smallpox, and was finally honorably discharged in November, 1864, with an enviable war record. Returning to Kittanning, Mr. Gibson remained a resident of Armstrong county until 1885, when he came to New Bethlehem, where he has since made his home. In his present business he is meeting with a fair degree of success, and furnishes employment to five men.

In 1865 Mr. Gibson was married in his native county to Miss Rebecca Ann Gibson, who was born in Butler county, Penn., a daughter of James and Jane (Sloan) Gibson, the former a native of Butler county, and the latter of Armstrong county. Her father died in Butler county, but her mother, a daughter of Walter Sloan, an early settler of Armstrong county, is still living and now resides in Allegheny county, Penn. To our subject and his wife have been born three children, who are still living: John Harney, who is engaged in the cigar business in Fairmount, Clarion county; Maud and Ellen.

Mr. Gibson holds membership in Putneyville Post, G. A. R., at Putneyville, Armstrong county. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and is now a candidate for postmaster of New Bethlehem. His pleasant, genial manner has made him a host of friends in the village where he now makes his home, and as a brave soldier, loyal citizen and honorable business man, he justly deserves the high regard in which he is held.

JAMES G. WEAVER, a representative farmer of Washington township, Clarion county, has the reputation of a strictly first-class business man, reliable and energetic, and is a citizen of whom any community might be justly proud. He is the offspring of excellent stock of stanch German ancestry, his father, Sebastian Weaver, having been a native of Baden, Germany. On his emigration to America, he first located in Red Bank township, Clarion county, and then removed to a farm near Fryburg, where he carried on agricultural pursuits for many years. In this State he married Miss Mary Greenawalt, a native of Westmoreland county, and they became the parents of the following children: Anthony; Charles, deceased; James G.; Henry; Susan; and Lucinda, deceased. The father, who was a stanch Democrat in politics, died at the age of seventy-eight years, and the mother passed away when ninety years of age. Both were communicants of the Catholic Church, and reared their children in that faith.

James G. Weaver was born July 9, 1841, on the old homestead in Washington township, where he still lives, and there grew to manhood, assisting in the labors of the farm and attending the district schools. He now owns the place, which consists of 100 acres of rich and arable land under excellent cultivation and improved with a comfortable residence and good barns and outbuildings. He thoroughly understands the vocation which he follows, and is therefore meeting with a well-deserved success. Feeling that his country needed his services, Mr. Weaver enlisted July 25, 1862, in Company G, 155th P. V. I., and met the enemy in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and other important engagements. He was honorably discharged in December, 1862, but being ill at the time it was six weeks before he was able to return home.

As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Mr. Weaver chose Miss Sarah Capp, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Henry Capp, now deceased. She had two brothers, Henry and George Capp, who also served in the Union army during the Civil war. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are as follows: William; Frederick; Kirk; Walter, a carpenter, now deceased; Mrs. Amanda Fletcher; Mrs. Tilla Wolbert; Mrs. Emma Wolf; Lotta; Anna; Dora; John and Ralph. The sons are enterprising, reliable business men, and the family is one of prominence in the community. Politically, Mr. Weaver is unwavering in his support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has held several township offices with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He is a Catholic in religious faith, and is a prominent member of the Grand Army Post No. 475, of Shippenville. Honest, industrious and enterprising, his influence in the township is extensive and well merited, and he has the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

JOHN WHITE, at this writing senior member of the well-known livery firm of White & Shaw, of Knox, Clarion county, was born in Clinton county, N. Y., June 6, 1845, a son of M. and Fanny (Cotter) White, who were born, reared and married in Ireland, and belonged to good old Catholic families, noted for their industry and integrity. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. White immigrated to Canada, and after living there for a few years removed to New York. In 1850 they went by lake to Milwaukee, Wis., and from there by team to Green county, that State. They located close to the Illinois line, near Monroe, Wis., where the father took up 160 acres of government land, and he soon

transformed the wild tract into a highly cultivated and productive farm. He was one of the first settlers of that county, as well as one of its highly respected citizens and successful farmers and stock raisers. His wife died at the age of ninety and he at the age of ninety-four, being at that time one of the oldest men in that section of the State. He was a Democrat in politics.

The family of this worthy couple numbered eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Mrs. Mary Deyo, now deceased; Kate, wife of John Macey, of Monroe, Wis.; Maggie, wife of J. W. Burnette, of Oil City, Penn.; Edmond, who served in Company K, 45th Ill. V. I., under Capt. Cowan, during the Civil war, and died at the age of nineteen years; John; D. O., a resident of Knox, Penn.; James, of Chicago; and Fanny, wife of Henry Stover, of La Fayette county, Wisconsin.

The subject of this sketch was but five years old when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Wisconsin, and amid pioneer scenes he grew to manhood. He was provided with a fair common-school education, such as a frontier settlement then afforded, and during his youth he aided in the arduous task of converting wild land into highly cultivated fields. Although only sixteen years of age he donned the blue in January, 1862, and until the close of the war valiantly aided in the struggle to preserve the Union. He was a member of Capt. George F. Gardiner's company, of Monroe, Wis., which was a part of the Fifth Wisconsin Light Artillery, and he participated in the battle of Rocky Face Ridge, the Atlanta campaign, and was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea; was also in the Carolina campaign, and the battles around Richmond, Va., and, subsequently took part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C. In September, 1864, he was wounded at Jonesboro by a minie ball, and still carries the Rebel lead in his side, a painful reminder of his army life. At that time he was confined in the hospital for ten days, and later for a period of three months. When hostilities had ceased he was honorably discharged at Madison, Wis., June 14, 1865, and returned to the old homestead in Green county, where some time was passed before he regained his former strength.

During the oil excitement, Mr. White came to Oil creek, Penn., and passed twenty-five years in the oil fields of this State, after which he spent a short time in Wood county, Ohio. Returning to Pennsylvania, he located in Knox, Clarion county, where he has practically made his home since 1876. For a time he was engaged in the livery business with Robert Orr, and on March 15, 1897, formed his present connection with Charles Shaw. Their stable, which is 40 x 100 feet, is one of the best in the county. It is well arranged and stocked with a fine line of carriages and excellent horses, both safe and speedy. It is the most popular livery stable in the town, and enjoys a liberal patronage.

In 1867 Mr. White was married to Miss Mary J. Phillips, a successful teacher of Green county, Wis., who died in 1868. Three years later he wedded Miss Artecinecia L. Fulkerson, who was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., but was reared and educated in Franklin county, Penn. Her father, Cornelius Fulkerson, died in McKean county, Penn., in 1886. Two children graced the second marriage—Maud, now the wife of S. S. Sweet, of Knox, Penn., and Lou Edith, who died at the age of six years.

Our subject is unswerving in his support of the Republican party, and has been called upon to serve on the city council and as judge of elections. Fraternally, he is an honored member of George H. Covode Post No. 112, G. A. R., of which he has been commander, and he is a charter member of the Knights of the Maccabees in Knox. An upright, honorable business man, he has gained the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and has made a host of warm friends in his adopted county. His estimable wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DA. BRYNER, one of the leading and influential citizens of Clarion county, is now successfully engaged in the lumber business at Shippenville. He is a native of Clarion county, born in Paint township, July 9, 1853, and is a son of I. C. and Catharine (Cook) Bryner, prominent and highly respected people of that township. I. C. Bryner was born in eastern Pennsylvania, at an early day became a resident of Clarion county, and is still living on the old home farm at the age of seventy-four. His estimable wife is a daughter of Sebastian Cook, also an honored pioneer of Clarion county. In the Bryner family were ten children: Joseph C., David A., Sebastian S., Israel C., Cornelius B., Barbara E. (deceased), George I., Bart W., Ezra W. and Lillian C.

The public schools of Paint township afforded our subject his educational privileges, and upon the home farm he was reared to habits of thrift and industry. At the age of fifteen years he commenced working for the lumber firm of W. H. H. Black & Co., of Shippenville, which was a stepping stone to an education in the lumber

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business, beginning first to cut the timber into saw logs, advancing next to a mill hand, and finally taking charge of the measuring and selling of the lumber He remained with the firm for six years, and then secured the position of bookkeeper and salesman for the lumber firm of Hahn, Wagner & Co., serving as such for twelve years—four at their yards at Elk City, and near Edenburg, and eight at their mills in Paint township. On January 1, 1888, he resigned this position to accept a similar one with the lumber firm of Vowinckel & Corbett, who had purchased a large tract of timber, and erected a saw and planing mill near Shippenville, the tract of timber joining the farm on which Mr. Bryner was reared. This position he held until July, 1895, when he purchased Mr. Corbett's interest in the business, and under the firm name of Vowinckel & Bryner the same has since been successfully conducted.

On October 9, 1879, Mr. Bryner was married to Miss Maggie E. Nelson, daughter of Hosea and Margaret Nelson, of Lawrence county, Penn. Four children bless this union: Kate, Belle, Zoe and Jessie.

Socially, Mr. Bryner is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has attained the Knights Templar degree. Politically, he is one of the leading members of the Democratic party in his community, but has never held any important public office. His ambition is—success for his political friends, and victory for his party. As a business man he possesses untiring energy, is of keen perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution. His close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity he to-day enjoys.

J W. YOUNG, one of the leading and progressive farmers and lumbermen of Paint township, belongs to an honored pioneer family of Clarion county, and now resides upon a part of the old homestead where Daniel Brenneman located on first coming to the county. His father, who also bore the name of John, was born in 1802, near Freeport, Westmoreland county, Penn., and accompanied his parents on their removal to Paint township, Clarion county. He aided in the arduous task of clearing and developing the home farm, and to its cultivation and further improvement devoted his time and attention until called from this life in 1879. He had married Miss Margaret Dougherty, who died in 1869.

Our subject is the fifth in order of birth in their family of seven children, the others being as follows: (1) John, born in 1829 in Clarion county, where he grew to manhood. He married Miss Susan Whitehead, of Armstrong county, and with their family they now live in Missouri. (2) Barbara became the wife of Duncan McNotten, of Highland township, Clarion county, and died leaving three children—Hannah E., Magdalin and Francis M. (3) George, born in 1832, married Barbara Adams, of Blair county, Penn., and made his home in Armstrong county, where he died leaving a family. (5) S. D., born in 1834, married Priscilla Brenneman, of Clarion county, and resided upon a farm adjoining our subject's in Paint township. His children were—John; S. W.; Alice, wife of John Wagoner, of Tylersburg, Penn.; Orphie, who married Christ Johnson, a native of Denmark, now residing in Texas; Ruby, and Daisy. (6) Harriet, born in 1837, married Gideon Gilson, of Warren county, Penn., and lives in Tidioute, that county. They had two children—Lillie, who died in childhood, and Amma. (7) Mathew is married, has a large family, and resides in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania.

J. W. Young was born in June, 1836, on the old homestead in Paint township, and in the common schools of the locality received his elementary education, which was supplemented by a course in the select schools of Beaver Furnace. In January, 1861, he was married to Miss Jane R. Brenneman, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Daniel and Deborah Brenneman, well-to-do farming people of Paint township; but the same year he left his young bride to enter the service of his country.

In Clarion county, Mr. Young enlisted in Company E, 10th Pennsylvania Reserves, under Capt. Knox of the same county, and in July, 1861, was sworn into the United States service at Harrisburg for three years, the regiment being among the first to enlist for so long a period. Their first engagement was at Drainesville, December 20, and the Union forces were victorious. In 1862, under McClellan, they took part in the seven-days' engagement from Mechanicsville to the James river, and were also in the Peninsular campaign. At Harrison's Landing, on the Fourth of July, of that year, Mr. Young contracted a fever and was sent to a hospital in Philadelphia, where he remained until March, 1863. As he then had rheumatism, he was honorably discharged on account of physical disability and returned home.

For a time Mr. Young engaged in the lumber business, and also built coal boats for the Pittsburg and Allegheny markets until 1865, when he secured a position as engineer at a furnace in

Sligo, Clarion county. Later he engaged in the oil business in Butler county, Penn., until 1880, when he purchased eighty-five acres, of Daniel Brenneman, in Paint township, Clarion county, and has since engaged in its cultivation and improvement. He has erected a good two-story residence and a substantial barn, and the well-tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance of the place testify to his skill and ability as an agriculturist.

Our subject has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who died in 1891. Nine children were born to them, as follows: W. E., born in Paint township, in 1861, now lives in Marionville, Forest Co., Penn.; Ida, born in Clarion county, in 1865, married Bernard Goff, of McKean county, Penn., by whom she has one son, Bernard W., and they live in Kane; Ada, born in Clarion county, died at the age of eleven years; Robert Lincoln, born in Sligo, in 1867, died when only a year old; Deborah, born in Butler county, died at the age of eight; Daniel B., born in Butler county, in 1873, married Carrie Wike, of Clarion county, and they have two children—Edna B. and Claud; they now reside near Monroe in Clarion county; Maggie, born in Butler county, in 1875, was educated in the public schools of Clarion county, and is living with her father; Harry H., born in October, 1877, in Butler county, is at home; Jessie, born April 16, 1883, is also at home.

In his political views Mr. Young is a Republican, and he has been honored with a number of local offices, being auditor of his township one term, school director and secretary of the board three years, and since 1890 has most acceptably served as constable of Paint township. In that year he was also appointed census enumerator for Paint and Highland townships. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is also an honored and prominent member of Amos Kiser Post No. 475, of Shippenville, in which he has served as commander.

E. C. BEECHER, one of the representative business men of Foxburg, now engaged in merchandising, was born May 25, 1842, in Chautauqua county, N. Y., a son of David and Electa (Campbell) Beecher. John Campbell, his maternal grandfather, aided the colonies in their struggle for independence during the Revolutionary war. The father was born in Castleton, Vt., but was married in Ticonderoga, N. Y., where his wife was reared. With an ox-team they removed to Chautauqua county, where in the midst of the forest the father cleared and improved a farm, making it his home until 1864, when he sold the place and located in Clymer, N. Y. There his wife died April 30, 1887, aged eighty-three years, and he passed away January 22, 1890, aged seventy-seven years, honored and esteemed by all who knew them. In their family were four children, namely: Ira T., a resident of North East, Erie Co., Penn.; E. C.; Emma, wife of T. D. Ayer, of Clymer, N. Y.; and one who died in infancy.

E. C. Beecher grew to manhood in his native county, attended the schools of Clymer, and later was a student for one term in an academy in Ripley, N. Y. On August 25, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company H, 112th N. Y. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was sworn into the United States service at Jamestown, N. Y., September 11. For the first eighteen months Mr. Beecher was located near Suffolk, Va., John A. Dix, commander, and assisted in building all the forts in that locality, after which he went to Polly Island, in Charleston harbor, under Q. A. Gillmore. Subsequently he did garrison duty at Jacksonville, Fla., for six months; and then with General Butler went up the York river to Fort Darling and later to Cold Harbor, Va., where he received a gunshot wound in the left thigh which confined him in the hospital until March, 1865, when he was honorably discharged in Washington, D. C. Afterward he was employed at Annapolis, Md., in the New York State Military Agency until the close of the war, and in July, 1865, returned to his home in Clymer.

During the winter months Mr. Beecher engaged in teaching in Chautauqua county for some time, and was also interested in mercantile pursuits there until 1872, when he went to Spartansburg, Penn., where he also followed merchandising. He spent some time in both Butler and Clarion counties, and finally located in Foxburg in 1876. At this place he was first engaged in selling books, later clerked in a store, and in May, 1889, was appointed postmaster, which office he most creditably filled for four years and a half. Since then he has conducted a store, and from the public receives a liberal patronage, being today numbered among the leading merchants of the place. In August, 1897, he was again appointed postmaster, which position he now holds.

At Clymer, N. Y., in 1868, Mr. Beecher was united in marriage with Miss Marion Hapgood, a native of Rushford, that State, and a daughter of Dexter M. Hapgood, a resident of Clymer. She died in Foxburg April 2, 1897, leaving one daughter, Ethel R.

Fraternally, our subject is a charter member

of Foxburg Post No. 249, G. A. R., in which he has served either as commander or adjutant since its organization, and is now filling the latter office. He is also a prominent member of Olive Lodge No. 515, F. & A. M., at Sherman, N. Y., and Fox Lodge No. 825, I. O. O. F., in which he has served as secretary for the past eight years. The Republican party always finds in him an earnest advocate and stanch supporter, and he heartily endorses all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. He never acts except from honest motives, and in all his varied relations in business affairs and in social life he has maintained a character and standing that has impressed all with his sincere and manly purpose to do by others as he would have others do by him.

JOHN A. CULBERT, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Elk township, Clarion county, was born September 29, 1840, in New York City, and is a son of John Culbert, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and in his native city was married to Miss Ruth Benson, also a native of Ireland, and of Scotch descent. At the age of twenty-one the father emigrated to this country and lived in New York until 1844, when he removed to Pittsburg. By trade he was a ship carpenter, and always worked at carpentering and joining, being in the employ of James McCully and Judge Breckenridge for many years. On becoming an American citizen he joined the Whig party, and on its dissolution affiliated with the Republicans. In religious belief he and his wife were Episcopalians. He died at the ripe old age of eighty-four, while she departed this life in 1845, leaving four children: Mary A., William A., John A. and Ruth.

The early life of our subject was passed in Pittsburg, Penn., and Annapolis, Md., and during his youth he learned the trades of plastering and painting, at which he worked until the Civil war broke out. Responding to the President's call for volunteers, he enlisted in May, 1861, for three years in Company C, Eighth Pennsylvania Reserves, and participated in the seven-days' battle of the Peninsula, second battle of Bull Run, and in the Antietam campaign. At Charles City Cross Roads he was taken prisoner, and after being confined for ten days in Libby prison, he was sent to Belle Isle, where he was held for thirty days. On being exchanged he joined General Pope's command, and remained in the service for two years. He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant and returned home.

Shortly afterward Mr. Culbert went to Little Kanawha river, Va., where he was engaged in the oil business, and in the latter part of the year 1863 removed to Oil City, Penn., during its palmy days. There he made his home for nine years, and gave his attention principally to the oil business. He then came to Edenburg, and in Clarion county has since worked at his trade, doing all kinds of fine plastering and stone work. He has a fine residence in Haynie, built in the latest style of architecture and supplied with all modern improvements.

In Oil City, in 1866, Mr. Culbert was married to Miss Olive McIntyre, a native of Shippenville, Penn., and a daughter of John McIntyre. To them were born four children, John B. being the only one now living. Those deceased are: Sumner, who died in infancy; Homer, who died at the age of twenty-four years; and Ambrose, who died at the age of seventeen. The family receive and merit the high regard of the entire community. In politics Mr. Culbert is identified with the Republican party, and in his social relations is connected with Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville. His public and private career are above reproach, for his life has been characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty.

DR. P. GATES. The history of this gentleman, who is one of the leading farmers of Beaver township, Clarion county, is a forcible illustration of the exercise of perseverance and resolution under the pressure of financial disaster as well as amid the sunshine of prosperity.

Mr. Gates was born January 31, 1840, in the township where he still continues to reside, a son of Henry and Dorothy Ann Gates, who reared a large family of children, the others being: George, Frederick, Joseph, Henry, John, Jacob, Kate, Betsy, Margaret, Anna and David. The father was a son of Henry Gates, Sr., and was a native of Centre county, Penn., of German extraction. He was a farmer by occupation, a Whig in politics, and a Lutheran in religious belief. He died at the age of sixty, and the mother when our subject was only six years old.

D. R. P. Gates was reared in the manner of most farmer boys of his day, and during his youth worked at farming or in the oil fields. Like many other brave boys, he donned the blue, enlisting October 13, 1861, in Company K, Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry. He participated in the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg, after which he was appointed orderly for Gen. Humphrey, and served as such at the battle of Fredericksburg and in other engagements. When

the war was over and his services were no longer needed, he was honorably discharged July 1, 1865, with the rank of sergeant. For some time after his return home Mr. Gates worked at the Black furnace, but in 1886 located upon his present farm of fifty acres in Beaver township, Clarion county, and has since devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits and the oil business with good success. He has a good house and barn and fine orchard upon his place, and the fields are under a high state of cultivation.

On November 3, 1868, Mr. Gates was married to Miss Catherine Emminger, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Elias Emminger, who had one son—John—in the Union service during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Gates are the parents of seven children, as follows: Dorothy, Bertha, Parley, Ola, Perthena, Curd and Oren.

In politics our subject is a stanch Republican, always adhering to the principles formulated by that party. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and is serving as deacon of his Church. Industry, energy and perseverance have brought a merited success to crown his efforts, and he is everywhere recognized as one of the most honorable business men as well as one of the most popular citizens of his community.

LEVI COLLNER, a wide-awake and progressive business man of Richland township, Clarion county, was born July 24, 1842, on the old homestead, near St. Petersburg, where his father, Lewis Collner, had located in 1837, when twenty-six years of age. The latter was a native of Germany, and on commencing life here was in very limited circumstances, but he made the most of his opportunities, and by industry and perseverance secured a comfortable competence and became one of the leading and most successful business men of his community. At one time he owned stores in Salem and Beaver townships, besides one at St. Petersburg. By trade he was a shoemaker. Lewis Collner was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Fry, a lady of intelligence and worth, and a daughter of Samuel Fry, who was one of the prominent pioneers of Clarion county, and a man noted for his size and strength. Eight sons were born of this union—Levi; William F., a resident of Clarion; Samuel and Joseph, both of St. Petersburg; Harrison and Lemuel, merchants of St. Petersburg; Calvin one of the prominent citizens of that place, who died at the age of thirty years; and George, who died in childhood.

On the old homestead near St. Petersburg, Levi Collner spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and attended the public schools of the locality. In early life he was employed at various occupations, working on the farm for a part of the time and driving a team for a store. He worked in his father's store in Salem township, and also in St. Petersburg. For a number of years he boated oil on the Allegheny river to Pittsburg. He is now the owner of a nicely improved farm in Richland township, near St. Petersburg, and in connection with agricultural pursuits, is also an oil producer.

At the age of twenty-five, Mr. Collner was married to Miss Sarah Ashbaugh, born June 10, 1848, a native of Richland township, and a daughter of John and Eva (Duretta) Ashbaugh [for ancestral data of Ashbaugh family see sketch of John J. Ashbaugh], prominent citizens of that township, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Collner have three children: Howard C., at home; Elmer H., who married Ida Uncapher (a daughter of pioneer settlers of Westmoreland county, Penn., who now make their home near Foxburg, Clarion county), and operates a farm, where he has a fine residence; and John L., at home.

Mr. Collner is unwavering in his support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and takes an active and prominent part in political affairs. He has served as overseer of the poor eight years, as a member of the school board and also as treasurer of his township. He was reared in the Reformed Church, and socially is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Blairs Corners, the Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum, of St. Petersburg. As a citizen he stands ready to discharge every duty devolving upon him, and the best years of his life have have been given to the building up and advancement of his native county. Few men are better known throughout this section, and none are held in higher regard or are more deserving the esteem of their fellow citizens than Levi Collner.

Samuel Fry, our subject's maternal grandfather, was born October 17, 1789, in Westmoreland county, and became one of the pioneers of Richland township, Clarion county. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and died August 2, 1871.

EDWARD SWARTZ, whose loyal defense of the Union during the Civil war, and whose faithful discharge of the duties of citizenship in times of peace, well indicates his patriotic devotion to his country, was born on January 19, 1843, in Salem township, Clarion county, on the farm where he now makes his home.

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John Swartz, his father, was born in Union county, Penn., in 1800, and was descended from an old Pennsylvania, Dutch family. Two representatives of the name were soldiers in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Magdelene Niece, and was a daughter of Henry Niece, a native of Germany. Her father was one of a family of seven children, and on coming to this country he was sold to pay his passage over. He was thus taken into the house of a rich man, by whom he was well treated, and in the New World he grew to manhood, afterward marrying and establishing a home of his own.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Swartz were born fourteen children: Isaac, Kitty, Jacob, Henry, Sarah, John A., Mary, Edward, William, Christian E., David, Daniel, Rebecca, and one daughter, who died in infancy. Of this family, John A. was a soldier in the Union army and died in the service, his remains being buried at Fairfax, Va. The parents both died on the old homestead in Salem township, Clarion county, the father, at the age of seventy-six years, the mother, when seventy-five years of age. The father was a Democrat until the war, when he became a stanch Republican. Both he and his wife held membership in the Lutheran Church, and reared their children in that faith.

Edward Swartz spent his boyhood days upon the old homestead, and aided in the labors of field and meadow. He acquired his education in a log school house, and in early life learned the mason's trade, which he followed for forty years. He is an expert workman in that line and a good general mechanic. He put aside all personal considerations, however, at President Lincoln's call for 300,000 troops, and joined the boys in blue of Company G, 155th P. V. I., for three years' service. He participated in the battles of Sharpsburg, Fort Stevenson and other important engagements, and was then in the hospital for some time owing to an attack of catarrhal fever. He had also had his great toe badly frozen, which disabled him for some time. On recovering he was transferred to Company I, of the Veteran Reserve Corps, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He met President Lincoln a number of times, and is said to resemble him, their height being the same—six feet and four inches.

When the war was ended and the country no longer needed his services, Mr. Swartz returned to his home, and on August 17, 1865, was married to Sarah M. Slater, a daughter of Christian and Polly (Gould) Slater, both now deceased, the mother dying at the age of ninety-five years, in Butler county, Penn. Their son, Eahen Slater, is a resident of Reedsburg, Penn. To Mr. and Mrs. Swartz have been born twelve children, of whom only four are now living, namely: William, a resident of Wood county, Ohio; Ira P., who is also living in that county; Ruby; and John Christopher. Of those deceased, Mary H. and Permilla McGary were married; Alguire died at the age of twenty-four years; Rosilla Viola died at the age of fourteen years; one died at the age of eighteen months; and the others died in infancy. The father of this family is a stanch Republican in his political views, and warmly advocates the principles of the party, keeping well-informed on the issues of the day. He belongs to Nickleville Post No. 354, G. A. R., and holds membership in the Evangelical Church, in which he is one of the officials. He is an honorable business man, a valued citizen, and in the regard of friends and neighbors he holds an enviable place.

F P. KING, one of the representative and prominent business men of Richland township, Clarion county, has for twenty years been actively identified with the oil interests of this section of the State, and in his operations has prospered. His business has taken him all over Venango and Clarion counties, where he has become widely and favorably known. Besides the five good oil wells upon his own place in Richland township, he also owns and operates wells in Venango county, and with his brothers, G. W. and J. H., he is interested with the same business in Butler county, Penn., buying and leasing oil lands, sinking wells, and later selling them.

Mr. King was born in Richland township, Clarion county, about forty years ago, and is a worthy representative of a prominent and highly respected family which was founded here in 1834, by his ancestors who were of German descent and first lived in Huntingdon county, Penn., and later in Westmoreland county. The grandfather of our subject, Samuel King, spent his last days in Venango county. The father, Peter King, was one of the first millers in this region, having erected and operated a mill on Ridge Run, over half a century ago, but he has now retired from active business and is enjoying a well-earned rest. He married Miss Margaret E. Myers, a native of Venango county, and a daughter of George Myers, one of the old settlers of that county. Mrs. King, who was a most estimable lady, departed this life in 1880, at the age of fifty-five years, leaving seven children,

namely: George W., J. H., Mary E. (at home), Mrs. S., Curtis, Margaret, and Ada (wife of D. A. Leslie, of Armstrong county). The father gives his political support to the men and measures of the Democratic party, and is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the public schools near his childhood home F. P. King acquired a fair education, and his business training was obtained upon the home farm and in the mill. He now has a comfortable home in Richland township, where he has resided since 1884. Three years previous he had married Miss K. T. McCalmet, a lady of intelligence and culture, who was reared and educated in Clarion county. Her father was Alexander McCalmet, of Venango county. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. King, namely: Darrel F., Kitty Margaret and Carmen Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. King hold membership in the Evangelical Church, and Mr. King belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while politically he is identified with the Democratic party. Having spent his entire life in Clarion county, he has, therefore, witnessed the greater part of its growth and development. In its progress he has manifested a deep interest and has ever taken his part in support of those measures calculated to prove of public good. His strict integrity and honorable dealing in business commend him to the confidence of all; his pleasant manner wins him friends; and he is one of the popular and honored citizens of his community.

O E. OLSON. No foreign element has become a more important part in our American citizenship than that furnished by Sweden. The emigrants from that land have brought with them to the New World the stability, enterprise and perseverance characteristic of their people, and have fused these qualities with the progressiveness and indomitable spirit of the Americans. A prominent representative of this class is Mr. Olson, now one of the leading oil-producers of Beaver township, Clarion county.

Mr. Olson was born in 1853, in Sweden, where he was reared and educated, and in 1870 accompanied his parents, Benjamin L. and Anna (Eliason) Olson, on their removal to the United States. After a residence of five years in Brookville, Penn., the parents returned to their native land, where they are still living. By occupation the father is a farmer and carpenter. The family numbers five children: Mrs. Lena Bartleson, of Sweden; Hannah; Mrs. Anna Carlson, of Sweden; Ingar, of Pawtucket, R. I.; and O. E., of this sketch.

On coming to the New World, O. E. Olson located in Brookville, Penn., and for two years worked on the Allegheny Valley railroad. Later he was connected with the Rhode Island railroad, and for a time was employed on a farm near Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Penn., where he had removed from Pawtucket, R. I., in 1876. In 1878 he came to Beaver township, Clarion county, where he first engaged in pumping in the employ of others. In 1891 he sunk his first well on the Henry Knight farm, originally known as the old Kribbs farm, and the same year drilled two other wells, while in 1892 he drilled another. These four wells are still in operation, and for nineteen years he has now successfully engaged in the oil business.

In Beaver township, in 1884, Mr. Olson was married to Miss Lena, daughter of Henry and Clara (Sweitzer) Knight, a prominent citizen of that township. She died in 1887, and their only son is also deceased. Mr. Olson was again married, in 1893, the lady of his choice being Miss Emma Clarissa Sweitzer, a native of Beaver township, and a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Johnson) Sweitzer, prominent and highly respected people. Her father died in 1891, but Mrs. Sweitzer still lives, residing on the old homestead in Beaver township. A daughter, Lena Marie, graces the second union of Mr. Olson.

In 1883 Mr. Olson made a visit to his old home in Sweden, where his parents and sisters are still living. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party, and socially affiliates with the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Knox, the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and Knox Lodge No. 954, I. O. O. F. Both he and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church, and are the center of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who esteem them highly for their genuine worth.

SAMUEL B. McLAINE owns and operates a good farm of fifty acres in Highland township, Clarion county, whose neat and thrifty appearance well indicates his careful supervision. Substantial improvements are surrounded by well tilled fields, and all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm are there found. In connection with general farming he engages in lumbering, handling square timber, and he also devotes some attention to boat building.

Mr. McLaine was born in Farmington township, Clarion county, in May, 1843, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Schrum) McLaine, and a

grandson of James McLaine, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was an old and honored pioneer of Clarion county. The father was a native of Beaver township, where he grew to manhood, but after his marriage he located in Farmington township, where all of his children with the exception of the two youngest were born. Their births occurred after the removal of the family to Highland township, in 1847. There the father purchased a tract of land two miles north of the city of Clarion, where he opened up a farm, and in connection with agricultural pursuits followed lumbering, rafting square timber down the Clarion river to the Pittsburg and Allegheny markets. He also built flatboats for coal, and sold the same in Pittsburg. He passed away upon the old homestead in Highland township, but his estimable wife is still living and makes her home with her sons.

In their family were the following children: (1) Sarah is the wife of J. F. Foust, a farmer of Highland township, by whom she has several children. (2) David W. married Ellen Reed, of Highland township, and lived on the old homestead there until his death; he was a member of a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil war, and died some years after its close, leaving a wife and five children—Mary, Thomas B., Rufus S. and Joseph W. (3) Henry, who was also a Union soldier for two years, wedded Mary Bashline, of Clarion county, and is engaged in farming in Monroe township, that county. (4) Samuel B. is next in order of birth. (5) Rachel became the wife of John Reed, of Highland township, and they lived near Big Run, in Jefferson county, Penn., where he died in 1897, leaving a wife and family. (6) George W., residing on a part of the old homestead, married Martha Slagle, of Porter township, Clarion county, and has four children—Sheldon E., Nora May, Kirby L. and Roy. (7) Frank P. married Mollie C. Slagle, of Highland township, and now resides on what is known as the Foust farm, adjoining his father's place; he has three children—Clyde, Minnie and Bertha. (8) Jacob, also a farmer of Highland township, married Annie Schrum, of Sligo, Clarion county, and has eight children.

Samuel B. McLaine received his literary education in the common schools, and his business training was obtained on the home farm and in the lumber woods. In 1865 he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Slagle, of Porter township, who is the eldest of the three sisters who married into the McLaine family. Her parents are George and Catharine Slagle, well-to-do farming people of Porter township. Mr. and Mrs. McLaine have eight children, all born in Highland township: (1) George E., born in 1865, married Hulda Black, of Perry township, Clarion county, and lives upon a part of his father's farm; he has one daughter, Lena. (2) Nettie J. died at the age of eight years. (3) Myrtie A. is at home. (4) Louella married Hugh L. Carson, of Clarion county, and they live near her father; their children are Glenn and Sara C. (5) Frank married Blanche Devilder, of Highland township, by whom he has two daughters—Elsie G. and Willard—and they reside in Paint township, Clarion county, where he is engaged in lumbering. (6) Martha Belle, at home, began her education in the common schools, but is now a student in the Clarion Normal, where she is preparing to enter the teacher's profession. (7) Matilda May and (8) Ida C. are both at home.

During the Civil war, Mr. McLaine was a member of the State Militia for ninety days and assisted in the capture of the notorious Morgan while on his raid in Ohio. In politics he is a pronounced Democrat, and has served as supervisor of Highland township three terms, and is now school director. He and his family are all faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as elder for nearly thirty years, and they have given liberally of their means to the support of all Church and religious work.

W. H. EICKE, manager of and stockholder in the Mineral Ridge Coal Company, of West Monterey, Clarion county, whose activity in business circles, combined with his sterling worth, has made him one of the leading citizens of the community, was born August 19, 1834, in Hanover, Germany.

Mr. Eicke acquired a good education in his native land, and for several years was engaged in clerking in the town of Minden, Hanover. At length he determined to see if the opportunities afforded by the New World were not superior to those of the Old, and so crossed the Atlantic in 1859, taking up his residence in New York. There he secured a situation as salesman, continuing in that city until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he entered the service of a Boston firm and was sent as its representative to Ridgway, Elk Co., Penn., where for several years he managed their interests. He purchased an interest in the Mineral Ridge Coal company, at West Monterey, and as manager of the latter company he has high standing among the business men of the community. This company does an extensive business in the mining and shipping of

gas and steam coal of superior quality for manufacturing and domestic uses. They mine 50,000 car loads per annum, supply the Allegheny Valley railroad, and employ from sixty to eighty men. Mr. Eicke has entire management of the business at this point, and his keen discrimination, splendid executive ability, careful management and enterprise, have contributed largely to the success of the company whose confidence and approval he has in an unqualified degree.

Mr. Eicke was united in marriage, in Elk county, to Theresa Rosenhover, who was born and reared in Germany, and has been to her husband a faithful companion and helpmate. She holds membership in the Catholic Church, while Mr. Eicke was reared in the Lutheran faith. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and has served in several local offices with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. Socially, he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Monterey, and the Masonic fraternity at Kittanning, and his pleasant, genial manner and sterling worth render him a social favorite. His business career has been one of success, owing to his well directed and able efforts. He came to this country with little capital, but his hopes of advancement have been realized, and he is now the possessor of a comfortable competence.

MAJ. CYRUS NEELY. From the ranks of the quiet, persevering yet prominent citizens of Clarion county—prominent on account of what they have accomplished in life—there is no one more deserving of mention in a volume of this character than the gentleman whose name introduces this article. He is one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Beaver township, and in advancing his own interests he has materially promoted the welfare of the community.

A native of Clarion county, Mr. Neely was born April 24, 1827, and belongs to a family which was founded in this country by his great-grandfather, a native of Wittenberg, Germany. In that country the name was originally spelled Neighleigh, and now in Westmoreland county, Penn., Naly. Paul Neely, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Bucks county, Penn., and on reaching manhood married Frances Shupe, who was born in Northampton county, of Holland descent. They became the parents of four sons and six daughters, namely: Captain Henry, who commanded a company at Lake Erie during the war of 1812, and died in Clarion county; John, a farmer, now deceased; Jacob, who died unmarried in Beaver township, Clarion county; Paul, who died in Salem township, same county; Mrs. Margaret Leasher, a resident of Ohio; Elizabeth, who married George Belin, and died in Clarion county; Anna, who married Samuel Fry, and died in Richland township, Clarion county; Mrs. Susan Swartz, who died in Westmoreland, Penn.; and Mrs. Sally McKever, who died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

John Neely, our subject's father, was born in Westmoreland county, in about the year 1790, and was reared on a farm. In that county he wedded Miss Mary Berlin, who was born there, a daughter of Jacob Berlin. About 1823 they migrated to Clarion county, and took up their residence in Beaver township, where they made their home until life's labors were ended, the father dying at the age of sixty-four, and the mother at the age of forty-four. A farmer and stock-raiser by occupation, he became the owner of a valuable tract of 212 acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation and well improved. He was a Jacksonian Democrat in politics, took an active interest in public affairs, and creditably filled some township offices. For many years he served as elder or deacon in the Reformed Church, of which he was one of the most active and zealous members, and he was one of the most liberal supporters of the old stone Church in Beaver township. His sterling worth and strict integrity won for him the high regard of all with whom he came in contact. The children born to John and Mary (Berlin) Neely were as follows: Hezekiah, Mahala, Polly Ann (who died when young), Israel Shupe (who died in 1897), Lavina, Susanna, Cyrus, Humphry, John, Mary Ann, Harriet Jane (deceased), Frances, Elizabeth, Paul M., Richard, Henry Lee (deceased), and Benjamin F., twin brother of Richard. The first four children were born in Westmoreland county, and the others in Clarion county.

In an old log school house, furnished in a most primitive manner with slab seats, Cyrus Neely pursued his studies during boyhood, and upon the old homestead acquired a thorough knowledge of agricultural pursuits. At the age of sixteen he joined the Uniformed State Militia, was later commissioned captain of the Clarion Blues, and subsequently major of the Twelfth Division, First Brigade. In 1861, when the Civil war broke out, he offered his services to the government, but was exempted on account of physical disability. However, he took quite an active part in securing volunteers, and in that way aided his country. In 1860 he located upon

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his present farm of 106 acres, and has now 260 acres of rich, arable land in Beaver township, and upon the place he, in 1886, erected a fine residence at a cost of $3,500, also a barn at a cost of $1,800. He now has one of the most desirable farms in Clarion county, and besides his property he at one time owned 200 acres of timber land in Forest county, Penn., where he owned a sawmill, and for some years successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He has also given considerable attention to the raising of fine stock, making a specialty of Norman and Clydesdale thorough-bred horses and Durham cattle.

In Clarion county, in 1850, Mr. Neely was married to Miss Mary Ann Shaffer, a native of Lehigh county, Penn. Her parents, Charles and Saloma Shaffer, were born in the same county, and are now deceased. Six children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Neely: Calvin Bigler, married to Laura Smith, and now a resident of Venango county, Penn.; Eliza Jane, wife of Jonathan Mong, of Beaver township, Clarion county; William Douglass, of Clarion county; Sarah, wife of David U. Kline, an oil operator of Beaver township; Cora Juniata, wife of Joseph Collner, of St. Petersburg, Penn.; and John Charles, field superintendent of a large oil field in Wood county, Ohio. The family is one of the highest respectability, and the parents and children are connected with the Reformed and other Churches.

Mr. Neely is a firm Democrat in his political views, and on his party ticket was, in 1893, elected county commissioner for a term of three years. He is an influential citizen, taking an earnest interest in political affairs, and by his honest and efficient discharge of his official duties has gained the respect and confidence of his fellowmen. He is a keen, practical man, well gifted with mental and physical vigor, and in his chosen calling has met with a well-merited success.

THOMAS J. CALLEN, a thrifty farmer of Piney township, Clarion county, was born there February 1, 1842, and is a representative of one of its highly-respected old families.

Hugh Callen, his great-grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and at an early day crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence near Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Penn., where Hugh Callen, Jr., grandfather of our subject, was born June 5, 1773. The latter laid out the present village of Callensburg, in Clarion county, and it was named in his honor. As he died while on a visit to Clarion county, his remains were interred in the cemetery at Callensburg. By occupation he was a farmer. His wife, Mrs. Mary Callen, was born October 3, 1775. In their family were nine children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Thomas, September 28, 1797; John, October 31, 1799; Sarah, wife of Samuel Wilson, September 18, 1801; David, November 9, 1803; Mary, wife of Michael Reichardt, February 16, 1806; James, March 21, 1808; Samuel, August 6, 1811; Hugh, September 2, 1813; and Watson, February 2, 1816.

The parents of our subject were James and Eliza (Laughlin) Callen, natives of Clarion and Juniata counties, Penn., respectively. Both had been previously married, the father having wedded Mary Wilson, June 30, 1836, but had no children by that union. The mother first married William Dixon, by whom she had three children: Nancy J., wife of Andrew J. Reece, a farmer of Piney township, Clarion county; John L., deceased; and James A., who operates the old homestead. In Clarion county the parents of our subject were married, and upon a farm in Piney township they established their home. The children born of this marriage were Thomas J.; Mary A., wife of Augustus Able, a merchant of Falls Creek, Jefferson county, Penn.; Sarah, who was born August 7, 1846, and died October 1, 1880; William, who was born November 27, 1848, and died November 29, 1878, and David R., born in 1852 and died March 4, 1874. The mother died in the spring of 1874 at the age of sixty-six years, the father in 1893, at the age of eighty-three, and both were laid to rest in the Callensburg cemetery. They were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and were highly esteemed by all who knew them. In politics the father was a Democrat.

Until he had attained his majority, Thomas J. Callen remained under the parental roof, and then worked for one year in a sawmill. In February, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, 103d P. V. I., the company being first commanded by Capt. R. Laughlin and later by Capt. A. A. Alexander. On receiving his discharge our subject returned home, and a short time afterward went to Monroe township, Clarion county, where he rented a farm for four years. He then purchased his present place of ninety-six acres in Piney township, which he has placed under excellent cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings.

On September 19, 1869, in Limestone township, Clarion county, Mr. Callen was married, by Rev. Elder, to Miss Clarissa L. Smith, who died May 3, 1888, and was buried at Mt. Pleasant. Her father, Lucius Smith, was a native of

Connecticut, but spent his last years in Clarion county. The following children graced this union: Mary E., born April 11, 1871, is the wife of H. Bashline, a farmer of Sligo, Penn.; Hugh S., born September 20, 1872, married Ella Peters, and is engaged in lumbering, lives in Reidsburg, Penn.; Edward C., born February 23, 1874, is engaged in lumbering in Jefferson county; Mertie, born January 25, 1877, died on the 1st of the following March, and Verda L., born February 18, 1878, James H., born February 15, 1880, William, born November 22, 1883, and Sula, born October 14, 1886, are all at home.

In December, 1889, our subject was again married, this time to Miss Rose E. Mooney, ceremony being performed by Rev. McCurdy. Her father, John Mooney, a retired farmer residing in Churchville, Penn., was born in Centre county, January 30, 1827, and is a son of Adam and Leah (Dunlap) Mooney, natives of Centre county, where they continued to make their home until coming to Clarion county in 1840. Six years later they located in Rimersburg, where Adam Mooney engaged in the hotel business. He died at that place of typoid fever, at the age of sixty-nine, and his wife, Mrs. Leah Mooney, died in Curllsville, at the age of forty-nine. The remains of both were interred in Licking cemetery, Clarion county. Their children were: John, father of Mrs. Callen; James and William (deceased); Catherine, widow of Alfred Sarvey, of Curllsville; Sarah (deceased); Malissa, wife of Jefferson T. Lee, of Curllsville; Mrs. Ella Hallock; Mrs. Susan Gould, a widow; and Samuel, a painter, of Bradford, Penn. After the death of his first wife, Adam Mooney married Mary Edmonds, and to them were born five children, namely: William, who conducts a restaurant in Falls Creek, Penn.; Curtin, a cook living in Michigan; Alice, widow of Thomas Hewey, of Falls Creek, Penn.; Lotta, who is married and lives in Du Bois, Penn.; and Haze, who lives in the West. The father of Adam Mooney was Patrick Mooney, a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, who came to America about 1795 and located at the foot of Tussey Mountain in Centre county, Penn., where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He was twice married, the first time in his native land, and his wife died while on the way to the New World. Their only child he carried across the mountains, and later gave to a private family to rear.

On June 3, 1847, in Monroe township, Clarion county, John Mooney was married to Sabina Lobaugh, who was born in that county, March 4, 1828, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Reichert) Lobaugh, of Westmoreland county, Penn., who became pioneers of Clarion county, where they spent their remaining days. The children born to John Mooney and wife are as follows: Hannah M., born December 22, 1847, is the wife of Amos Myers, a farmer, of Sligo, Penn.; John A., a merchant, of Curllsville; Rose E., born September 6, 1851, is the wife of Thomas J. Callen, the subject of this sketch; Candace M., born March 1, 1854, is the wife of T. J. Kear, superintendent for the Standard Oil Company at Peru, Ind.; Allena J., born August 8, 1856, died October 23, 1856; Frances A., born November 4, 1857, is the wife of George Myers, who is engaged in the livery business in Clarion; Lillie L., born May 17, 1861, died March 27, 1882; William M., born August 20, 1864, is a farmer of Churchville, Penn.; Alfred J., born June 13, 1867, is engaged in teaching music and going to school in the Grove City College; Benjamin C., born January 21, 1872, is clerking in Clarion, Penn.; and Edward L., born May 22, 1874, lives with our subject, while he engages in teaching during the winter and in farming through the summer months.

Our subject belongs to Murphy Grange of Clarion county, and to the Grand Army Post of Sligo; and in religious belief both he and his wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church. They are widely and favorably known throughout the community, and their circle of friends is only limited by their circle of acquaintances.

HARVEY E. GARDNER, a prosperous and progressive agriculturist of Toby township, Clarion county, was born there May 25, 1845, a son of Ephraim and Catherine (Eaton) Gardner, who were natives of Centre county, but were married in Clarion county. They took up their residence here when most of the land was still in its primitive condition, and became important factors in its upbuilding and prosperity. From her youth the mother was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and although not a member of any religious denomination the father's views were in harmony with the teachings of that Church. He died in 1867, aged eighty-two years, she in 1873, at the age of sixty-one, and both were laid to rest in the Rimersburg cemetery.

Ephraim Gardner was twice married, his first wife being Hannah Austin, by whom he had seven children, namely: Jane, who married William Armstrong, and both are now deceased; Jeremiah, deceased; Nancy, widow of Robert Fulton, of McKees Rocks, Penn.; Levina, who mar-

ried Daniel Armstrong, and both are now deceased; Lott, deceased; Boston S., who resides on the old homestead in Toby township; and James, a physician of East Liverpool, Ohio. Our subject is next to the youngest of the children born of the second union, the others being as follows: Hannah, wife of G. W. Yingling, a merchant of West Freedom, Penn.; George W. and Polly A., both deceased; Matilda, who married Rev. D. Latshaw, but both are now deceased; Charlotte, deceased wife of Ithel Snyder, a miller of Venango county, Penn.; Emily, wife of William Gardner, a farmer of Centre county; Johnson, an artist living in Brookfield, Linn Co., Mo.; and Jesse F., a merchant of Rimersburg.

At the age of seventeen Harvey E. Gardner started out in life for himself, and was first employed in the oil fields at Oil City, Penn., where he remained until the fall of 1866. On his return to Toby township, he worked on a farm near Sligo for one year, and the following year was similarly employed on another farm at Sligo. After a year spent as superintendent of the farm for Lyons, Shorb & Co., he returned to Oil City, where he was engaged in tool dressing and drilling from 1869 until 1875. Since that time he has made his home upon his present farm, and has successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is now building an elegant residence upon his place, and everything found thereon testifies to the skillful management of a progressive and industrious owner.

In Venango county, November 21, 1864, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gardner and Miss Patience E. Fink, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Houton. She died in August, 1873, aged twenty-eight years, and was buried in Hillville, Armstrong Co., Penn. She left four children: Eva, wife of F. C. Betts, a lumber man of Forest county, Penn.; Forest, who married Nellie Stroup, and is engaged in the railroad business at Foxburg, Penn.; John, who is engaged in the oil business near Alexis, Ohio; and Catherine, at home. Mr. Gardner was again married, in 1875, in Toby township, his second union being with Miss Jennette Kerr by whom he had one son—Edgar, now deceased. For his third wife, he chose Miss Kate Fryer, and Rev. Hoves performed the ceremony in Madison township, Clarion county, March 21, 1882. The children born to them are: Ralph, Howard, Mary, Jesse and Grace, all at home.

Mrs. Kate Gardner was born on the present site of East Brady, Clarion county, April 21, 1852, a daughter of Abraham and Mary (Old) Fryer, natives of Butler county, Penn., and Somerset, England, respectively. Her parents were married in Pittsburg, whence they removed to East Brady in 1841, and in Madison township, Clarion county, the father engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He died in 1876, at the age of seventy years, and his wife passed away December 23, 1894, when over eighty years of age, the remains of both being interred in the Rimersburg cemetery. They were sincere and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew them. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Gardner were Abram and Mary Fryer, who spent their entire lives in Butler county, where the former engaged in farming. James Old, the maternal grandfather, married Elizabeth Old, who, although of the same name, was no relative. In 1827 they left England and came to this country, taking up their residence in Pittsburg, where the grandfather engaged in merchandising, a business he had previously followed in his native land.

To Abram and Mary (Old) Fryer were born the following children: James, who was killed during the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula during the Rebellion; Edward, who is engaged in the oil business in Butler county; Mary A., wife of Hunter Hull, a merchant of Butler county; Anna, wife of Charles Whippo, a carpenter of the same county; Elizabeth, who still resides on the old homestead; Catherine F., wife of our subject; John, who also lives on the home farm; William, deceased; and Emma, wife of Allison Mortimer, a farmer of Madison township, Clarion county.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Gardner a stanch supporter, and he has been called upon to serve in the offices of township chairman and overseer of the poor for six years. In the Methodist Episcopal Church he and his estimable wife hold membership, and in the social circles of the community they occupy an enviable position. Their influence is always found on the side of right and progress, and it is safe to say that no couple in Toby township have more friends than Mr. and Mrs. Gardner.

J R. DOWNS, a leading farmer and stock raiser of Clarion county, is pleasantly situated in Porter township, where he owns a valuable and productive farm of 117 acres. The well tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance of the place plainly indicate his careful management, progressive ideas and industrious habits. The buildings are commodious and substantial, and the farm is well supplied with good water from

never-failing springs. In connection with general farming he is engaged in stock raising, having a fine grade of hogs, horses and Holstein cattle upon his place.

Mr. Downs was born February 19, 1840, in Clarion county, and is a son of Thomas Downs, one of its early settlers, who was born in County Derry, Ireland. The grandfather, Thomas Downs, Sr., was also a native of Ireland and of Scotch-Irish descent, while, religiously, he was connected with the Associate Presbyterian Church. On coming to the New World, he located near Greenville, in Limestone township, Clarion Co., Penn., where he spent his remaining days. His children were: Mrs. Jane Smith; Mrs. Lucinda McGarny, of Toby township, Clarion county; Mrs. Mary Somerville, of Toby township; Joseph, of the same township; Robert, of Limestone township; James, who died in Toby township; John, a resident of the State of New York; William, who was lost at sea; and Thomas. On attaining to man's estate the last named married Miss Elizabeth Rankin, who died at the age of fifty-five years, leaving four children, namely: J. R., of this sketch; David, a resident of Porter township, Clarion county; Mrs. Elizabeth Bashline, who lives near Los Angeles, Cal.; and Mrs. Sarah Yates, of Madison township, Clarion county. The father now makes his home in Franklin county, Kansas.

J. R. Downs, early became familiar with the labors of the farm, and to agricultural pursuits has devoted his entire time and attention, having owned and operated his present farm since 1868. The knowledge he acquired in the public school has been supplemented by reading and observation in later years, and he has become a well-informed man of broad and liberal views.

At the age of twenty-two our subject was united in marriage with Miss Martha Hetrick, who was born in Limestone township, Clarion county, a daughter of Leonard and Mary (Davis) Hetrick, both now deceased. Her father was one of the prominent early settlers of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Downs have four children: Mary E., at home; Thomas, who is married and lives in Rimersburg, Penn.; Jenny Rachel, who was for a time a successful and popular teacher, and is now the wife of John Mortimer, of Madison township, Clarion county; and Sarah Belle, wife of Philip Mortimer, of the same township.

At the polls, Mr. Downs always casts his ballot with the Republican party, and is one of its most earnest advocates. He and his family are all prominent and active members of the Associate Presbyterian Church of Rimersburg, and hold an enviable position in social circles. In business transactions he has always been found straightforward and reliable, and the confidence and respect so freely accorded him is certainly well deserved.

SAMUEL R. SHANER. Like many of the leading citizens of Clarion county, the subject of this sketch devoted his energies principally to the oil business. Since 1871 he has resided upon his present farm of thirty acres in Salem township, and upon the place are three valuable oil wells which add materially to the income derived from agricultural pursuits. He is an energetic, reliable business man who gains the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact. Mr. Shaner was born February 22, 1842, in Beaver township, Clarion county, a son of Samuel and Harriette (Bry) Shaner, who were born, reared and married in Berks county, Penn. The paternal grandfather, Henry Shaner, was a Revolutionary hero, having assisted the Colonies in achieving their independence. The maternal grandfather was Michael Bry, who spent his last days in Venango county, Penn. Throughout his active business life Samuel Shaner, Sr. engaged in farming. He was a pronounced Republican in politics, was a deacon in the Lutheran Church, and was held in high regard by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He died at the age of seventy-two; his widow is still living at the ripe old age of eighty years. In the family of this worthy couple were nine children, as follows: Henry; William, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war, and now lives in Mercer county, Penn.; Mary (deceased); Samuel R.; Thomas, who laid down his life on the altar of his country at the battle of the Wilderness; Jeremiah A.; Charles; James; and Mrs. Anna Orr.

Upon the home farm, Samuel R. Shaner, of this review, early became familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and his literary training was obtained in the district schools of the neighborhood. His patriotism and loyalty to his native country was manifested, in August, 1861, when he joined Company E, 78th P. V. I., for three years. With his regiment he took part in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga and many others, being under fire most of the time until honorably discharged in November, 1864, at Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

At the age of twenty-two Mr. Shaner was married to Miss Maria, daughter of Paul and Mary M. (Best) Fry, of Alum Rock, Clarion county, and they have become the parents of ten children, namely: Allen L., Mary Nelly, William

H., George C., M. O., Paul Fry, Lester M., Arthur C. and Margaret, all living; and Richard S., who died in infancy. Politically the father of these is an ardent Republican, and his fellow-citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have several times elected him to office. Although Salem township is strongly Democratic, he was elected tax collector by a majority of thirty, and acceptably served in that position for six years. He filled the office of constable for the same length of time, and was supervisor three years, discharging the duties of the positions in a prompt and creditable manner. In John Koch Post, G. A. R., of Nickleville, Penn., he holds membership, and both he and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church. As a prosperous business man he has given close attention to his private affairs, but has never forgotten or ignored the bond of common interest, which unites the people of every community, and he is always willing to give his support to any enterprise for the public good.

A J. DAVIS was born in Clarion county, Penn., in 1847. He lived on a small farm, and attended a country district school until he was fourteen years old, when he became a student in the academy at Rimersburg. At fifteen he left home and worked on a neighboring farm as a full hand at $6 per month; the same year he went to Oil City, in the days of the early oil developments, but in a few months took sick and returned to the farm. About this time the Civil war was at its height, and he enlisted in Battery B, 3rd Pennsylvania Artillery, serving nearly two years in the Naval Brigade, commanded by Gen. Graham, and doing duty in the waters of southeastern Virginia and eastern North Carolinia. He was with Grant during the siege of Richmond and Petersburg, and participated in a number of skirmishes and battles.

After the war Mr. Davis attended the Rimersburg Academy, and the following year taught a country school. He continued teaching in the winter and attending school in the summer until 1869, when, at the age of twenty-two, he took charge of the West Freedom Academy, and conducted a successful school. While principal at West Freedom, he organized a National Guard Company, and in March, 1872, was elected captain. He has been a member of the National Guard for twenty-six years, and has held almost all grades from private to battalion major, and division judge advocate. In 1874 Mr. Davis was elected principal of the academy at Rimersburg, and the following year was elected county superintendent of schools. He was twice re-elected, and in all served eight years. In 1883 he was invited by State Superintendent Higbee to accept a position in the department of public instruction at Harrisburg. This position he held four years, during which period he went to Alaska, in 1885, to organize the "Industrial Training School for Natives," which had been erected at Sitka through the efforts of Dr. Sheldon Jackson. On his return from Alaska, Mr. Davis engaged actively in the establishment of the State Normal School at Clarion, and succeeded in securing its recognition by the State authorities on February 15, 1887. He was immediately elected principal, which position he has held for over eleven years. The school has been prosperous under his management, over 4,000 students having been entered upon its rolls, and over 500 having been graduated in its various courses.

Mr. Davis has had a busy career, never having been out of employment a single week (except when sick) since he left his home at the age of fifteen. He learned a trade, taught in all grades of schools from the country ungraded school to high school principal, principal of academy, county superintendent, superintendent of Indian Training School, school department officer and normal school principal. He tried the mercantile business for a short time, was twice nominated for Congress by the people of Clarion county and once by the conferrees of his district. He declined the honor, and did not stand for election. He is a member of the Grand Army and is a past commander of Post 205. He also belongs to the Masonic Lodge, and is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry. He is a member of, and ruling elder in, the Presbyterian Church.

Principal Davis' family is large, his wife, Mary Kerr Davis, having borne him eleven children, eight of whom are living, and range in age from eight months to twenty years.

GEORGE W. McCLAIN is the owner of one of the most attractive and valuable farms of Highland township, Clarion county, and in connection with its cultivation he devotes considerable attention to lumbering. He was born in 1848, near Shippenville, a son of Joseph and Margaret McClain, who were pioneer settlers of Highland township, and were widely and favorably known throughout the county. Upon the farm where he is now living our subject grew to manhood, and in the local schools acquired his education.

In 1872 Mr. McClain was married to Miss

Martha Slagle, of Clarion county, a daughter of George and Catharine Slagle. Four children bless this union, namely: Sheldon E. received a common-school education, and married Stella Mahle, of Highland township, by whom he has one daughter, Ruth. They now reside in Elk county, Penn., where he is engaged in lumbering. Nora M., born in Highland township, in March, 1874, married Frederick Williams, of Mill Creek township, Clarion county, and they have one son, George Leroy. They live on a farm in Highland township. Kirby L., born in Paint township, Clarion county, in 1877, and Roy T., born on the old homestead in Highland township, in 1888, are both with their parents.

After his marriage, George W. McClain located on the Clarion river at the mouth of Toby creek, where he engaged in building coal boats as a contractor for T. W. Raine and also for Corbett & Wilson. In 1882 he purchased the old McClain homestead where he had been reared, and the following year erected thereon a pleasant residence. He has also built good barns and made many other improvements upon the place, which add greatly to its value and attractive appearance. In connection with the operation of his land, he still devotes a part of his time to logging and jobbing in square timber for S. Winfield & Edward M. Wilson. He possesses a thorough knowledge of the lumber business and boat building as well as agricultural pursuits, and has therefore met with a fair degree of success in his undertaking.

Politically, Mr. McClain is an adherent of the Democratic party, and he has most acceptably served as supervisor and auditor of his township. He and all his family are consistent members of the Methodist Protestant Church of Clarion, and do all within their power for the betterment of mankind. A man of known reliability, Mr. McClain has the confidence and high regard of all with whom he comes in contact in either business or social life.

JACOB YOUKERS has for several years been one of the most highly esteemed and valued citizens of Elk City. He is of foreign birth, but his duties of citizenship have ever been performed with a loyalty equal to that of any native son of America, and when the nation was imperiled by the hydra-headed monster, rebellion, he went to the defense of the Union and protected the cause of his adopted country on many a Southern battlefield.

Mr. Youkers was born March 25, 1843, in Baden, Germany, of which kingdom his parents, Jacob and Barbara (Walters) Youkers, were also natives. His paternal grandfather, who also bore the name of Jacob, was a brave and gallant soldier in Napoleon's army, and was present when that great general set fire to the city of Moscow. One of his sons served under Kossuth during the Rebellion of 1848, in Germany, and was condemned to be shot, but managed to escape, and is now living in Kansas. He has the rope with which his captors had bound him. A maternal uncle of our subject, Capt. Jacob Walters, was an officer in the State militia during the '50s.

In 1848, Jacob Youkers (our subject) accompanied the family on their immigration to America and located in Butler county, Penn., where he grew to manhood and was educated. In 1862, on President Lincoln's call for 300,000 volunteers to serve for nine months, he responded, and participated in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and others. After being honorably discharged May 26, 1863, he located in Venango county, Penn., where he engaged in the oil business and in boating. For some time he was also employed in roller mills in Portsmouth, Ohio, St. Louis, Mo., and at other points, but since 1876 he has made his home in Elk City. He is now interested in the oil business.

In 1868, at Portsmouth, Ohio, Mr. Youkers was married to Miss Caroline Vollmer, a native of Baden, Germany, and to them have been born seven children, namely: George, John, William, Ed, Alfred, Laura and Caroline. The parents are both consistent members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as elder for some time, and they take an active and prominent part in all Church work. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party. Being an intelligent, progressive and public-spirited citizen, he takes a commendable interest in all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community. His pleasant, genial manner wins him hosts of friends, and he is held in high regard by all who know him.

JOHN L. CRIBBS, one of the most prominent citizens of New Bethlehem, Clarion county, is a well-known contractor and builder, of whose skill many notable examples are to be seen at various points in this region. Thoroughly reliable in all things, the quality of his work is a convincing test of his own personal worth, and the same admirable trait is shown in his conscientious discharge of the duties of different posi-

tions of trust and responsibility to which he has been chosen in business and political life.

Mr. Cribbs was born in Monroe township, Clarion county, in 1842, and is a son of David and Catharine (Near) Cribbs. The birth of the father occurred January 16, 1816, in the same township, of which the grandfather, John Cribbs, was one of the very earliest settlers. The latter was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., and became actively and prominently identified with the early history of this section, serving as the first county treasurer, and aiding materially in the growth and development of the county. He was always an ardent Democrat in politics, and was one of the most influential citizens of his county. His death occurred in Monroe township. In his native township David Cribbs was reared and married, and there continued to engage in farming and teaming until his removal to New Bethlehem in 1853. He died at that place July 10, 1880, and his estimable wife in 1891. In their family were six children: John L.; Charles W., a resident of New Bethlehem; Sarah, wife of R. B. Lyle, of Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., who was a Union soldier in the Civil war; Mrs. Mary C. McCormick, of Driftwood, Penn.; David F., of New Bethlehem; and Mrs. Jane E. Dales, of Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

John L. Cribbs was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to New Bethlehem, and there he secured his education in the public schools. At that place he enlisted, July 4, 1861, in Company E, 62nd P. V. I., for three years, and served in the Second Brigade, First Division, Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. He participated in the siege of Yorktown, the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula, the second battle of Bull Run, the engagements at Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and later in the Grant campaign around Petersburg. His term of service having expired, he was honorably discharged at Pittsburg, July 13, 1864, and returned to New Bethlehem. For a number of years he worked in a flouring-mill, but since then he has successfully engaged in contracting and building.

In 1865, in New Bethlehem, Mr. Cribbs was united in marriage with Miss Susannah C. Mohney, a native of that place and a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Kaster) Mohney, who were born in eastern Pennsylvania and became pioneers of New Bethlehem. Mr. and Mrs. Cribbs have a family of seven sons, namely: Edward V., who is married and lives in Ridgway, Penn.; Curtis C. and Frederick M., both residents of Sistersville, W. Va.; and John L., Ross, Daniel O. and Mead A., all at home.

Socially, Mr. Cribbs is a member of the Veteran Legion at Brookville, Penn.; New Bethlehem Lodge No. 522, F. & A. M.; New Bethlehem Lodge No. 725, I. O. O. F.; and Dorset Lodge No. 434, K. P. Politically, he is an active and effective worker in the interests of the Democratic party, was a popular and influential member of the General Assembly in 1891 and 1892, and capably filled a responsible position in the adjutant-general's office in Harrisburg in 1894, 1895 and 1896. He is possessed of a sturdy American character and stalwart patriotism, and as a private citizen, brave soldier and able statesman, he certainly merits the respect and esteem which is so freely accorded him. He is emphatically a man of enterprise, positive character, indomitable energy, strict integrity and liberal views, and is thoroughly identified in feeling with the growth and prosperity of his native county and State.

DANIEL BARNETT, a well-known resident of Beaver township, Clarion county, was born August 13, 1845, in that township, and is a son of Joseph Barnett, a native of Westmoreland county, and of Pennsylvania-Dutch extraction. The grandfather was Henry Barnett. Having arrived at years of maturity, Joseph Barnett was united in marriage with Miss Mary Bennet, a native of New Jersey. By their union were born four children: Daniel, Sarah J., Catherine L. and Joseph H. The father was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit as a life work. His political support was given the Democracy; his death occurred in Farmington township.

The parents of Daniel Barnett having died when he was six years old, he was reared by his uncle, Daniel Smith, on the farm a part of which his father formerly owned. He spent the days of his boyhood assisting in the cultivation of the fields through the summer months, while in the winter season he attended the public schools For seven years he followed the carpenter's trade, but throughout the greater part of his life has carried on agricultural pursuits. On March 31, 1864, he responded to his country's call for aid, becoming a member of Company A, 78th P. V. I., with which he served until September 11, 1865, when, the war having closed, he was honorably discharged. He participated in the battles of Resaca, New Hope Church, and Nashville, and was ever found at his post of duty, faithfully defending the old flag and the cause it represented.

In 1867 Mr. Barnett was married to Miss Mary E. Stanford, a native of Beaver township,

and a daughter of Dr. James and Mary (Albert) Stanford (the Doctor during the Civil war was a member of Company A, 103rd P. V. I.), prominent citizens of Clarion county. She is also a sister of John Wesley Stanford, of Clarion county, who was a member of Company K, 56th P. V. I., in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Barnett have a family of four children: James M.; Mrs. Etta May Gloss, who has three children—Vernie M., Effie M. and Vincent E.; Calvin O.; and Mrs. Laura B. McElhalten, who has one son—Glenn D. They also lost three children: Carrie E., Ida Alice and Cora E.

In April, 1871, our subject took up his residence upon his present farm, a well improved property containing forty acres, on which stand a substantial house and barn. There are also three good oil wells upon the place, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the entire property well indicates the careful supervision of the owner. In his political views Mr. Barnett is a Silver Republican, and he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a strong advocate of temperance, a warm friend of the cause of education, and is deeply interested in all matters pertaining to the public welfare and the advancement of the best interests of Clarion county. His duties of citizenship are ever faithfully performed, and he is accounted one of the valued residents of Beaver township.

ADAM JOHNSON, an enterprising and prosperous oil producer, of Richland township, Clarion county, was born in that township, March 20, 1842, a son of Peter Johnson, who was born in Berks county, Penn., in 1812. The paternal grandfather, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, born of German descent, passed his last years in Berks county, where his death occurred. Peter Johnson grew to manhood in Berks county, and after his arrival in Richland township, Clarion county, wedded Miss Christina Hale, a native of that township, and a daughter of Jacob Hale. Her parents were born in the eastern part of the State, came to Clarion county at an early day, and from a wild tract of land developed a fine farm in Richland township. Both died on the old homestead. Peter Johnson was also an agriculturist, and owned a good farm of one hundred acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good buildings. Upon that place his widow is still living, surrounded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciate her sterling worth. Fourteen children were born to them, three of whom died when young; the others were: Adam, of this review; Daniel, a resident of Geauga county, Ohio; Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, of New York State; Maria, wife of John Moyer, of Beaver township, Clarion county; Mrs. Mary Switzer, of the same township; Mrs. Judy Ault, of Foxburg, Penn.; Louise Fye (deceased); Sarah, wife of H. Knight, of Beaver township; George Johnson, of Ohio; Frank, of Beaver township; and Mrs. J. Wilcox, of Richland township.

Reared in Richland township, Adam Johnson received his education in its public schools. On starting out in life for himself he was employed at day labor, and later successfully engaged in teaming for twelve years. He purchased his first oil well in 1887, and as he prospered in this business venture, he has added to his property from time to time until he now owns more wells than any other one man in Richland township, having eighteen in all. Two are located in Salem township, four in Beaver township, and the rest in Richland.

On February 7, 1878, in Franklin, Penn., Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Emily Stitt, a native of Armstrong county, where she was born in 1857, a daughter of George and Susanna (Heighfield) Stitt, the former of whom was a soldier in the Civil war and died in Libby prison. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born nine children, as follows: Luella May, Dessie (deceased), Stella Bell, Sarah (deceased), Grover C., Effie Grace, Ruth E., Esther Blanch and Henry Clyde. The family make their home in Richland township, where Mr. Johnson owns a small farm of twelve acres, and also had twenty-two acres additional in the same township, and a tract of 108 acres in Beaver township. The land is all under excellent cultivation and well improved, showing the owner to be a thorough and systematic farmer, as well as a wide-awake, progressive business man. Probably no man in Clarion county is a better representative of the purely self-made man than Mr. Johnson. All that he has has been honestly acquired through his own efforts and good management, and his great success should furnish both lesson and incentive, as does his life and example of honest worth and unswerving integrity. Although never an office seeker, he is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, and takes an active interest in all measures calculated to prove of public benefit.

JOHN J. ASHBAUGH, a highly respected and influential citizen of St. Petersburg, was born November 26, 1842, on the farm in Richland township, Clarion county, which he still owns.

Adam Johnson

The family is of German origin and formerly spelled the name Eschbach. Daniel Ashbaugh, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and in early manhood married a Miss Likes. At an early day they migrated to Clarion county, and died near St. Petersburg. Their son Daniel was a soldier of the war of 1812.

Jacob Ashbaugh, our subject's father, was born in Sugar township, Armstrong Co., Penn., in 1800, and was eight years old when brought by his parents to Richland township, Clarion county, where he was reared amid pioneer scenes. He became a very successful agriculturist and transformed a wild tract of land into a highly cultivated and desirable farm. Politically, he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and religiously was a faithful member of the Reformed Church. As a public-spirited citizen, he was thoroughly interested in whatever tended to promote the moral or material welfare of the community.

In Richland township was celebrated the marriage of Jacob Ashbaugh and Elizabeth Jackson, who was born near Allentown, in Berks county, Penn., and whose father was a native of eastern Pennsylvania. She died in 1844, at the age of thirty-six years, and the father of our subject passed away on the old homestead in Richland township at the ripe old age of eighty-nine. They were the parents of four children, namely: Elizabeth, deceased wife of Abraham Soliday; Mary, wife of Reuben Sterner; Mrs. Sarah Shoup, of St. Petersburg; and John J., of this sketch.

During his boyhood and youth, our subject attended the common schools and assisted in the labors of the home farm. On January 4, 1862, he joined Company H, 103rd P. V. I., commanded by Capt. J. F. Mackey and Col. T. F. Lehman, and with his regiment participated in the battles of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Chickahominy Swamp, White Oak Swamp, seven-days' fight on the Peninsula, Charles City Cross Roads, Kingston, where the regiment lost eighty-eight men, White Hall and Goldsboro. He was captured at the surrender of Plymouth, N. C., and was held a prisoner at Andersonville, Ga., and Florence, S. C., from April 20, 1864, until the 11th of the following December. He was paroled in April, 1865, and sent to Roanoke Island. During the latter part of his service he was a musician in the drum corps, and when the war was over, he was honorably discharged June 25, 1865, and returned to his home in St. Petersburg, where he still lives. He owns a fine farm of eighty-four acres adjoining the town, but his residence is within the corporate limits. In connection with farming he is also interested in the oil business, and is successfully carrying on operations along both lines.

Mr. Ashbaugh was married in 1866, the lady of his choice being Miss Hannah, daughter of John and Rebecca (Sipler) Vensel. Her father is now deceased, but her mother is still living at the age of eighty years. Mr. and Mrs. Ashbaugh have five children: William A., who is now cashier of the St. Petersburg Savings Bank; Howard W., also a resident of St. Petersburg; Forest C., who is clerking in a general store in St. Petersburg; Nettie R.; and Charles B. They have also lost one daughter—Lottie, who died at the age of three years. The children all have been provided with good opportunities for obtaining an education.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Ashbaugh is a Democrat, and he has faithfully served his fellow citizens as assessor, member of the city council and burgess for two terms. He is one of the leading members of Lookout Post No. 425, G. A. R., and is the present commander. He belongs to the Reformed Church, was a member of the building committee at the time of the erection of the house of worship, has served as trustee, and is now an elder in the Church. His influence is great and always for good, and his sympathy, his benevolence and his kindly greetings have gained for him the friendship of a wide circle of acquaintances. He is a man of the times, broad-minded, public-spirited and progressive.

OSCAR A. ROSE, a leading wagonmaker and blacksmith of Shippenville, Clarion county, has been prominently identified with the industrial and business interests of that place since 1875.

Born in Jackson, Ohio, March 24, 1842, Mr. Rose is a son of Robert and Elmira (Edsal) Rose. The father was also a native of Ohio, his birth occurring in 1809, in Mahoning county, but the grandfather, David Rose, was born in Pennsylvania, of Puritan ancestry. The mother of our subject was a native of New York City, where she successfully engaged in teaching for a time, and later became one of the first teachers of Mahoning county, Ohio. In early life her husband was a tin peddler, traveling through Ohio, but later purchased a farm in Mahoning county, and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Rose died upon that place in 1865, and his death occurred in Jackson in December, 1889. In the family of this worthy couple were four sons and two daughters, namely: Henry, who still resides on the old home farm in Ohio; Oscar

Thomas B. and James D. both served their country in the Civil war. Thomas B. was a member of Company K, 103d Regiment, and served for three years. He is now a resident of Nebraska. James D. was in Company H, 155th Regiment, and died November 30, 1864, from wounds received in battle. Six daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hepler, and all have been provided with excellent educational privileges, and are refined and cultured young ladies. They are as follows: Emma Zelda, now the wife of Amos Swartzfoger; Ida Bell, wife of D. L. Weater; Mary Alice, a popular and successful teacher; Sada Ellen; Mattie J., who is also successfully engaged in teaching; and Elmira Pearl.

Mr. Hepler is a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, in which he holds membership, and he has filled all the chairs in Captain Core Post No. 239, G. A. R. In manner he is quiet and unassuming, yet his sterling qualities command the respect and confidence of all, and have secured him the high regard of a large circle of friends. He has manifested the same loyalty in days of peace as in days of war, and all who know him have for him the highest esteem.

HARRY R. WILSON, a prominent attorney of Clarion, of the firm of Wilson & Gordon, is a son of the late Judge Theophilus S. and Amanda L. Wilson, and grandson of Samuel Wilson and William H. Lowry.

Born at Clarion, Penn., his present home, September 3, 1864, he received his early education in the public schools of the borough. He was specially prepared for college under Prof. and Mrs. Thrasher, at the Clarion Normal School, then called Carrier Seminary, and entered La-Fayette College in September, 1880. He completed his four-year course there, and graduated above the average grade of his class in his nineteenth year, and at once registered as a student-at-law with Wilson, Jenks & Reed, where he remained until the dissolution of the firm, in November, 1885, upon the retirement of Hon. Theo. S. Wilson, who had been elected president judge of Clarion and Jefferson counties. On November 8, 1886, he was admitted to practice in the several courts of Clarion county. In January, 1887, Mr. Wilson succeeded Hon. George A. Jenks, ex-Solicitor-General of the United States, in the firm of Jenks & Reed, and continued in active practice of the law as the junior member of the firm of Reed & Wilson, who did a large volume of legal business in Clarion and surrounding counties, and also in the Supreme and United States Courts, for the next eight years, when Hon. John W. Reed was appointed, and afterward elected, president judge of Jefferson county. Upon the retirement of Mr. Reed from the firm, Mr. Wilson, having more legal business than he and his assistants could do, associated Cadmus Z. Gordon, Esq., with him, and the new firm of Wilson & Gordon continues to keep the legal business of this firm up to the same high standard established by their predecessors, Wilson & Jenks, from 1870 to 1885, Jenks & Reed, from 1885 to 1887, and by Reed & Wilson from 1887 to 1895. The first ten years of the business life of Mr. Wilson, from 1886 to 1896, from when he was twenty-two to thirty-two years of age, were brimful of activity. In addition to the exacting duties and responsibilities of his profession, which, with him, were always the first consideration, and were never neglected for politics or outside business interests; he as a traveler visited each township and borough in his native county; each county in his native State; each State and Territory in the United States. He also visited Mexico and Canada, and all the principal cities of the United States. He also rode, in 1889, over eighteen hundred miles through different countries in Europe on a bicycle, and visited Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Austria and Italy. While absent on these trips, entertaining and instructive letters from him were published in the Clarion newspapers. In the spring of 1898 Mr. and Mrs. Wilson made a three-months' cruise to points around the Mediterranean Sea, up the Nile and a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and returned through Italy, Switzerland and Germany.

Soon after he became of age he was selected and acted as executor and guardian in several estates, and settled and filed his final accounts therein without any differences. He was the counsel for the executors in the largest decedent's estate, and for the assignee in the largest assigned estate that has ever been settled in Clarion county. He has averaged from ten to twelve hours steady work a day for the past twelve years, and now with an established reputation, business and property, has something to show for it, and prospects of still better results. Associated with business partners, he has purchased and developed coal lands in Clarion county, and timber lands in Forest county, where Wagner & Wilson are now operating several thousand acres of timber land with saw, shingle, lath and planing mills; also operating seven miles of railroad, and give steady employment to a large force of men. Mr. Wilson has carried

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interests in oil and gas wells; built houses, and bought at private sale and re-sold lots and residence properties in Clarion borough, farms in Clarion county, and real estate in Jefferson, Venango, Forest and other counties. Financially he is a self-made man. He started on a law clerkship of twenty-five dollars per month, and his credit has since always been good to borrow any capital needed for any promising purchase.

As a Republican he has presided over the County Convention, as a committeeman elected from Clarion borough, and he was a delegate to the State Convention in 1887, and a delegate from the 28th Congressional District to the Republican National Convention at St. Louis in 1896. He was offered and declined the Republican nomination for Representative to the Legislature, and for State Senator in his District, at different times before he was twenty-six years old. He has never aspired to any office, as it has been more of an effort for him to keep out than to get into politics. He was chairman of the Clarion County Republican Committee in 1895, and re-elected chairman for the Presidential campaign of 1896; he perfected the organization and led the campaign in Clarion county for 1896. He made speeches at all of the series of about twenty-five meetings, and did much work, the result of which showed in the increase of the vote for the Republican nominees about eight hundred in Clarion county over that of 1892.

On October 24, 1894, at Elnora, N. Y., Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Hattie Davie Critchlow, and the union has been blessed with two sons: Harold M. and Lawrence E. Wilson. The father united with the Presbyterian Church in 1891, and served two terms of three years each as one of the Board of Trustees, and upon the expiration of his second term in 1895, he was elected by vote of the congregation as one of the presiding elders. He was one of the early promoters and largest subscribers for the building of the new stone church edifice, and the first to sign and circulate the subscription list in 1892, and takes an active interest in the progress and work of the Church. He is a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge and Chapter of Clarion and Knight Templar Commandery of Franklin, Pennsylvania.

The diversified interests which have received the attention of the subject of this sketch have not, however, weakened his professional standing or prevented him from having earned the reputation and being recognized as a hard-working, conscientious, safe, honest and able attorney and counselor-at-law. Among his clientage are seven of the nine banks in the county. He is counsel for several boroughs and townships in the county, supervisors, overseers of the poor, and school boards and for many of the private business corporations, business firms and individuals. He has a commodious brick office well located near the court house, with the largest and most valuable law library in the county—of about one thousand, five hundred volumes. As he grows older and has become the senior member of the firm, he is dropping all outside business interests and politics (except for recreation), and is concentrating his attention and work more and more on the practice of the law in all its branches, and stands prominent among the fellow-members of the Clarion Bar for promptness, industry, courtesy and ability.

HON. THEOPHILUS STRATTAN WILSON (deceased), one of the most talented and distinguished members of the Clarion county Bar, and who at the time of his death was Judge of the 18th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, was born April 17, 1837, at Strattanville, a village of Clarion county, Penn., located three miles east of the county seat.

Judge Wilson's ancestors were among the pioneers of that section of country, and in their history are to be found rare elements of romance. At the beginning of this century that portion of the State in which are now Clarion and Jefferson counties was an unsettled wilderness. Hither, in 1801, came a band of earnest, energetic patriots, determined to do their part in extending the settlement of their country. They numbered ten men, among whom was Samuel Wilson, the great-grandfather of Judge Wilson. They reached their destination after experiencing all the privations that in those days attended the progress of the early settlers, their journey requiring the opening up of an unbroken forest, at a period not long after a time of fierce Indian conflicts. Samuel Wilson died within a year afterward. His widow and five sons settled on the land he had broken, and to one of these sons, Robert (the second man married in Clarion county), was born a son Samuel, the third one in the family of that name, and who became the father of Judge Wilson. In 1836 Samuel Wilson (3) married Elizabeth Moran, of Haddenfield, N. J., who was of the family of John Strattan, the founder of Strattanville, from which family Theophilus, their first born, received his second name.

Samuel Wilson began life as a clerk in the store of Hon. Charles Evans, the pioneer merchant in his section, but in 1834, when only

twenty-six years of age, he started in business for himself. He was a shrewd and far-seeing man, was remarkably successful, and rapidly accumulated a fortune. When the iron industry started in Clarion county, he was one of the first to invest in it, and became a heavy manufacturer, building, in company with his brother John, St. Charles furnace, in Porter township. He afterward purchased Helen furnace, in Highland township, where he made thousands of tons of pig iron. He also interested himself in boat-building, acquired extensive lumber interests, owned several stores, and employed several hundred men in various enterprises. On the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion Gov. Curtin specially commissioned him to purchase supplies for the quartermaster's department. He was president of the First National Bank of Clarion, a position which he held until his death, which occurred at his home in Strattanville, January 21, 1879, when he was aged seventy-one years.

Theophilus Wilson had the advantage of being well prepared for his college education, first by private tutors, afterward at the public schools, and then at the Brookville Academy, in Jefferson county. He received his collegiate education at Allegheny College, Meadville, Penn. In 1854, while he was yet a lad, his father chose him to fill out a year's leave of absence of his chief clerk—a most responsible and difficult position. At the close of his term in charge of the business, Theophilus was sent to Helen furnace, which was owned by his father, where was manufactured a superior brand of iron, known to the trade as "Charcoal Iron," its consistent parts being red hematite ore, limestone, and oak charcoal. At first Theophilus took charge of the Furnace store, soon he was promoted to chief bookkeeper, and, showing a broad understanding of business principles, became manager of the entire business. The qualities of fine intelligence, persistent application, and indomitable energy, he displayed, thus pushed him to the forefront of a vocation he was only destined to follow temporarily, but which was of great advantage to him in his future career, having been, as he himself since remarked, "more beneficial to him in his profession and in his judicial career than his classical education." In 1860, the market for pig iron having become unprofitable, Mr. Samuel Wilson determined to close out his business in that line, and it was permanently discontinued. This made it necessary for Theophilus to decide upon his future course, and he chose the profession of law. The same year he was registered a student and entered the office of George W. Lathy, at that time the oldest practitioner at the Bar of Clarion county. In the spring of 1861 he moved from Helen furnace to Clarion, and in September of the same year passed a creditable examination before the board of examiners, and was admitted to the Bar before Hon. Gleni W. Scofield, Presiding Judge of the Warren District and then holding a special term in Clarion, and afterward one of the judges of the United States Court of Claims, at Washington. Mr. Wilson practiced law in Clarion for over a year, when the appointment of Mr. John Keatly, of Strattanville, Additional Paymaster of United States volunteers, gave the young lawyer a new experience. Heavy bonds being required for the Paymaster, Mr. Wilson's father and father-in-law furnished them, and Theophilus was made Paymaster's clerk. The young man was then twenty-four years of age, active, ardent and patriotic, and not in the least inclined to follow a then comparatively inactive and uneventful profession while the whole country was alive and so much of importance was "making history" and stirring men's blood. The war was well advanced, and the Paymaster's department was a responsible, active, and even dangerous one. Mr. Keatley and Mr. Wilson were first assigned to duty in the pay department of Kentucky, with headquarters at Cincinnati, Ohio, ex-Gov. Cumback, of Indiana, in charge. Soon they were ordered to Washington to pay the troops in the Army of the Potomac, and later were assigned to the department of Maryland, with headquarters at Baltimore, Major C. W. Brice, afterward Paymaster-General, in charge. In addition to paying the troops in Maryland, they were sent into the Shenandoah Valley, and paid all the troops in and around Harpers Ferry, Winchester, Romney, and Martinsburg, W. Va. At Winchester, in 1862, when Gen. Milroy was attacked by the whole of Lee's army and had to cut his way out by night with immense loss, they were near being captured with their treasure of three hundred thousand dollars. They succeeded in eluding the Confederates, and the funds were safely returned to Washington, at night, by special train, the second division of 8th Army Corps thus losing their pay for the time being. The following year, 1863, they were ordered to report at Harrisburg, to Col. W. M. Wylie, where they remained, paying discharged soldiers, until they were mustered out of the service; they paid out twelve million dollars, and within one year afterward their accounts were adjusted and settled to the entire satisfaction of the United States authorities. In January, 1866, Mr. Wilson returned to Clarion, and, having determined to settle there permanently, erected for his family a

costly and beautiful residence on the most eligible site in the town, opposite the public square. The following year he resumed the active practice of his profession, and from that time his success was phenomenal. His business rapidly accumulated, and soon, as the court records show, attained proportions exceeding that of all other lawyers in the neighborhood, necessitating the employment of several law clerks, he having more cases than all the members of the local Bar combined. In the Common Pleas Court alone the appearances on the docket were more than twelve hundred cases annually, while in every other branch of the law he held the same proportion.

In 1872, Mr. Wilson formed a co-partnership with George A. Jenks, of Brookville (afterward Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Solicitor-General of the United States), under the firm name of Wilson & Jenks, to which, later, John W. Reed, Esq., was admitted, which continued until dissolved on the election of Mr. Wilson as president judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District. During the existence of this partnership the firm stood at the head of the profession in Western Pennsylvania. They were employed in many important cases, their services being in demand both within and without the district. The discovery and production of petroleum in large quantities greatly augmented their business. As an instance of this it may be mentioned that from one bank in the county, which had sufficed for a number of years, seven more were organized and doing business, and Wilson, Jenks & Reed were attorneys for seven out of these eight institutions. They were recognized universally as safe counselors, experienced in their profession, always accessible, and ready to attend to the interests of their clients. The practice of the firm in the supreme court of the State was large and important, and embraced many cases outside of their own district. The United States Courts at Pittsburg also received a share of their attention. It was seen with appreciation that all cases undertaken by them received the most careful and methodical attention, even to the minutest details, a fact which resulted in gaining the entire confidence of the business public. Mr. Jenks took part in all jury trials, being seldom at the office except during such trials, the regular and special terms of court and argument courts. The reputation of the firm for quick incisiveness of understanding was remarkable. No client found it necessary to give them instructions about getting cases ready for trial; neglect was never imputed to them; their office papers were always models of neatness and accuracy. The late Justice Trunkey of the supreme court, presiding at a special court in Clarion, remarked that nowhere in the State had he found the standard of excellence up to the manners and forms of practice adopted and in use by the firm of Wilson, Jenks & Reed. A rigid adherence to the rules of court and practice established for them a record quite exceptional. With regard to their ability, probity, fidelity to their clients, and kindred qualities, the well-known record of this firm speaks more emphatically than could any ordinary words of eulogy. During the continuance of this co-partnership, Mr. Wilson was engaged in extensive outside business transactions, for which his early education and experience gave him exceptional advantages. In company with a practical man as partner, he bought five thousand acres of the best pine timber land in Clarion and Jefferson counties, and employed large numbers of men in manufacturing lumber. At first he attended simply to the financial part of the business, the purchase of supplies, etc., but finally bought out his partner and conducted the business alone for many years, adding to it the manufacture of coal boats for the transportation of bituminous coal from Pittsburg to New Orleans. He also held large interests in oil production, which he managed successfully. A big hearted, man, recognizing the value of the men who served him, his relations with them were always kindly and congenial, and it is a remarkable fact in his life that he never had a lawsuit with one of his employees. Generous as well as just in all his dealings with men, his benevolence was proverbial. His purse was always open to any charitable object and his name led the subscription lists for Church and other charities with the largest sum. One simple but most thoughtful instance of his character in this regard, out of many that may never be known, may be properly given here. Hearing of the sudden and imperative need of the people of a neighboring town, which had been destroyed by fire, he sent to each of more than fifty families, a barrel of flour, a munificent gift, the adequacy and wisdom of which will be readily conceded. Being a Republican in a Democratic county, giving a majority of usually eighteen hundred, Mr. Wilson had no opportunity for political preferment, though he controlled the State and Federal Republican patronage for more than twenty-five years, and generally either went a delegate to the Republican conventions or was represented in them by his friends. In 1882 he was specially selected to present to the Republican State convention the name of ex-Senator Greer, of Butler, as a candidate for Secretary of

Internal Affairs, who was nominated on the first ballot. In 1879 the Legislature passed a judicial apportionment bill, erecting Clarion into a separate judicial district. As soon as the bill passed the members of the Clarion Bar and the officers of the court, without distinction of party, in a strong petition to the governor recommended Mr. Wilson for appointment as president judge. No other name was presented. The bill, however, was afterward vetoed by Gov. Hoyt. In the last judicial apportionment, Clarion county was made a separate judicial district, it having more than forty thousand population required by the constitution. Jefferson county being contiguous and having less than forty thousand population, was attached to Clarion for judicial purposes, the two forming the 18th Judicial District. In the year 1881 an election for president judge was held in the 18th District. In Clarion county the Democrats nominated James B. Knox, and the Republicans unanimously nominated Theophilus S. Wilson; but as it was apparent to the political sagacity of Mr. Wilson that the Democratic nominee would certainly be elected, he declined to be a candidate, and the result proved the wisdom of his judgment, for Judge Knox was elected, his majority in Clarion county being over seventeen hundred. He was commissioned and entered upon his duties in January, 1882, and died in December, 1884. A successor was then appointed by the Democratic governor, Pattison, and served during 1885. At the next election he obtained a plurality vote at the primary meeting, after a vigorous contest. Meanwhile Mr. Wilson's name was presented, with his consent, before the Republican primary. As soon as it was known that he was willing to run, no other name being offered, he received the whole party vote at the primary meeting in Clarion county, and was unanimously declared the choice of the county convention. In Jefferson county no name was publicly announced except his, and when that county convention assembled he was the only candidate. On the day preceding the State convention the judicial district convention met in Jefferson county, and on the first ballot Mr. Wilson was made the nominee, and was the unanimous and unopposed choice of his party. In regard to this, many of Mr. Wilson's friends considered the nomination an empty honor in view of the preponderating Democratic strength in the district. But Mr. Wilson having entered the lists, was not there for defeat. Possessing remarkable political gifts, a skill in organization rarely equalled, and an energetic determination that filled his followers with enthusiasm, these qualities were at the service of his friends. The result was a campaign of masterly ability, which succeeded in turning the vote to the extent of an average of fifty in every election district in Clarion county. The situation was deemed so important that the State organizations took an active part in the campaign, State Chairman Hensel sending Democratic speakers into the county, and State Chairman Cooper and United States Senator Quay aiding the Republican side with effective efforts. The returns surprised even the most sanguine supporters of the Republican candidate. Not only was Mr. Wilson elected, but, in a district frequently giving a Democratic majority of three thousand, stood a Republican majority of over four hundred—a phenomenal result that was the subject of the liveliest congratulations among the Republicans throughout the State. On the Bench Judge Wilson continued to have the same success and to hold the same exalted reputation that had accompanied him through all his professional experience. He soon became noted for the remarkable method and order which characterized his judicial work. His mind never wandered or was confused; his rulings of law were seldom questioned; his memory exhibited a rare tenacity; his industry was unflagging. It is said of him that where formerly many writs of error were taken annually from the Clarion courts to the supreme court, and many decisions reversed, during the first two years of Judge Wilson's term only two writs were taken, one in each year, and in each case his decision was affirmed. One of the cases thus appealed was the celebrated King homicide case, of which the Supreme Court said, in affirming it: "The assignments of error must all be dismissed, for the charge of the learned and able Judge was full and complete on every point, and we do not see how a better one could be framed." A man of fine presence and address, Judge Wilson was gifted with peculiar qualities for the acquisition and retention of the affection and esteem of those who knew him. Genial and frank in his manner, he was possessed of a dignity which made him an imposing figure in whatever society he entered. A thoroughly educated and highly cultured gentleman, he had also a bonhomie which rendered him strikingly attractive to his associates.

In 1859, Judge Wilson was married to Amanda Lowry, eldest daughter of William H. and Eliza Lowry, whose father was one of the most prominent citizens and merchants in Clarion county, and to the union were born five children: Edward M., Minnie, Harry R., Elizabeth and Theophilus L. Judge Wilson died while holding court for Judge White, at Indiana, Penn., July 6, 1891.

DAVID W. GOHEEN, of New Bethlehem, belongs to one of the leading pioneer families of Clarion county. His grandfather, James Goheen, a native of Lancaster county, Penn., was of Welsh lineage, a Presbyterian in religious belief and a farmer by occupation. He spent his last days in Porter township, Clarion county, dying there at an advanced age.

Davis Goheen, father of our subject, was born in 1802, in Lancaster county, where he grew to manhood, and in Boalsburg, Centre Co., Penn., he married Miss Sarah Marian, who was born in that county, of Scotch ancestry. Coming to Clarion county in 1837, he purchased a large tract of land in Porter township, which he converted into a fine farm, making it his home for many years. He, too, was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a cheerful contributor to all objects calculated to promote the moral, educational or material welfare of the community. On the organization of the Republican party he became one of its stanch supporters, and previous to the war he had kept a station on the famous "underground railroad," aiding many a poor negro on his way to Canada and freedom. He was a very large man, and one who enjoyed the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. He died in 1877 at the age of seventy-five years, having long survived the mother of our subject, who departed this life at the age of thirty-five.

In the family of this worthy couple were nine children, four sons and five daughters, namely: John, a resident of North Point, Indiana Co., Penn.; Mrs. Elizabeth Shoemaker, of Porter township, Clarion county; Mrs. Nancy Kirkpatrick, of Clarion county; James, who died in 1859 on the Plains *en route* to California; Mary and Sarah Ann, both deceased; George, a member of Company A, 105th P. V. I., who was wounded at the second battle of Bull Run, August 29, 1862, and died July 11, 1865, at North Point, Indiana Co., Penn., leaving a widow and two children; David W.; and Ruth, who married C. D. Brown, and died leaving two children.

The birth of our subject occurred May 26, 1843, in Porter township, Clarion county, where he passed the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads, aiding in the work of the fields and attending the common schools. Later he was also a student in an academy in Centre county when the Civil war broke out. On August 23, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, 105th P. V. I., under Colonel McKnight, who was killed at the battle of the Wilderness. Mr. Goheen was in active service until hostilities ceased, and, having re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer in the same regiment, participated in many hotly-contested battles, including those from Yorktown to Appomattox Court House. He was wounded in the mouth at Locust Grove, having two teeth knocked out, and was also wounded at Petersburg, Va., and at Gettysburg, Penn. When the war was ended and his services were no longer needed, he was honorably discharged July 11, 1865, and returned to his home in Porter township. In 1875 he moved to the city of Philadelphia, Penn., where he remained until after the close of the Centennial. Since 1887 he has made his home in New Bethlehem, Penn., and devoted his time and attention to fire insurance and pension business. He has been one of the most successful pension agents in the county, having practiced before the pension bureau for twenty-five years; he does quite an extensive insurance business, and represents some of the best old-line fire insurance companies in the United States. He served a term as justice of the peace, and has been a notary public for sixteen years.

On May 7, 1867, Mr. Goheen was joined in wedlock with Miss Ella Ardery, a daughter of John and Susan (Lowery) Ardery, of Corsica, Penn., both now deceased. In their family were only two children: Mrs. Pence, of Limestone, Clarion county, and Mrs. Goheen. To our subject and his wife have been born four children: Ivy M., Ruth Garfield, Nellie, and a son who died in infancy. Mr. Goheen has ever been a loyal citizen, co-operating in all that is calculated to promote the interests of his town, State or country. The Republican party has always found in him a stanch supporter; he has served as a delegate to many of its conventions, and has always kept well informed on the issues and questions of the day. He was a charter member of Captain Core Post No. 237, of Piollett, Clarion county, and is now commander of Colonel Lemon Post No. 260, G. A. R., of New Bethlehem. Reared in the Presbyterian Church, he has always adhered to that denomination.

SQUIRE JAMES S. CRAIG. The invariable law of destiny accords to tireless energy, industry and ability a successful career, and the truth of this assertion is abundantly verified in the life of Mr. Craig, who since 1885 has successfully conducted a drug store in St. Petersburg, Penn., and been numbered among its leading business men. He is a registered pharmacist, and has had eighteen years experience in his present business. His fine store is stockep with a full and complete line of drugs, patent

medicines, etc., and it is also headquarters for the long-distance Bell telephone.

Mr. Craig was born July 21, 1846, in Liberty township, Mercer Co., Penn., his parents being James Boggs and Elizabeth (Simpson) Craig. The father, a native of Liberty township, Mercer county, was a farmer and stock-dealer by occupation, and died in Grove City, in 1892, at the age of seventy-one. The mother is now in her seventieth year, and is still a resident of that place. Being of Scotch-Irish descent, the father was reared in the Presbyterian Church, and was always a firm adherent of that faith. His political support was given the Democracy; for thirteen years he capably served as constable in his township.

The subject of this sketch is the oldest in a family of ten children, the others being as follows: Mrs. Mary Long, of Whitehall, Mich.; Mrs. Maggie Barr, of Pierport, Mich.; Ermina, wife of Albert Mechling, of Sunbury, Penn.; John F., a druggist of Clintonville, Penn.; W. H., proprietor of a restaurant in Grove City, Penn.; Ollie, a registered nurse in the State Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio; David and Laura, who died in youth; and Martha, who died at the age of twenty-seven years.

During his boyhood and youth James S. Craig attended the common schools, and also became quite familiar with the cattle business and the work of the farm. On starting out in life for himself he was engaged for several years in the oil-fields of Butler and Clarion counties as an operator and producer; since then he has given his attention exclusively to the drug business in Byrom Center, Butler county, and St. Petersburg, Clarion county.

In 1867, in Mercer county, Mr. Craig was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth McConnell, who was born in Butler county, and successfully engaged in teaching for several years previous to her marriage. Her parents, Samuel and Sydney Elizabeth (Rainey) McConnell, were natives of Ireland, and, when children on the same ship, came to America. They were married in Butler county, Penn., and there died. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Craig numbers five children: Harry F. and Samuel B., both druggists of Noblestown, Penn.; Burt James, who is engaged in the same business in Chicora, Penn.; Laura Jean, a graduate of the high school at St. Petersburg; and Bessie McConnell, a student in the high school of St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania.

Squire Craig is one of the leading members of the Reformed Church of St. Petersburg, has served five years as deacon, and for the past ten years has been superintendent of the Sunday-school, during which time he has been instrumental in increasing the membership from forty to two hundred and twenty-five. He has also been very prominent in fraternal organizations, belonging to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Royal Arcanum, Camby Lodge No. 520, F. & A. M., in which he served as worshipful master in 1893. The Democratic party has always found in him an earnest advocate, and he has been a delegate to a number of county conventions, and on his party ticket was elected county coroner, and is now serving his second term, which will expire in 1899. Mr. Craig has served for twenty years as justice of the peace, and on February 15, 1898, was elected for another term of five years, dating from the first Monday in May, 1898, it being his third term in St. Petersburg borough. He is a progressive man who has always sought to enlighten and elevate the people among whom he has lived, and his life is exemplary in all respects.

WHALL SLOAN, who is one of the active, energetic merchants of the borough of Clarion, Clarion county, where he is conducting a first-class grocery, is a native of the county, born May 16, 1851, in Limestone township.

Samuel and Eliza (Sloan) Sloan, his parents, were natives of Pennsylvania, born May 25, 1808, and 1815, respectively. They were farming people of industrious habits and Christian lives. He was greatly interested in the Church and in educational matters. She died in 1882, and he in 1887. Their children were Wilhelmina, Margaret J., Harriet E., Mary A., Caroline, John W., S. Grier, W. Hall, John E. (deceased), and Rosa (deceased).

W. Hall Sloan was reared on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits until 1890. In his youth he attended the neighborhood schools, and passed one year at Clarion Academy (now the State Normal School). In 1890 he disposed of a portion of his farm and went into the grocery business in Clarion. Since that year he has conducted one of the best groceries of the borough, keeping a choice stock of the very best goods in the market. He is obliging and accommodating, and is meeting with that success that comes from close application to business and the properly caring for of their patrons. He also owns a farm of forty acres whereon oil is produced, which yields him a good royalty.

Mr. Sloan was married to Miss Rose Guthrie, who was born at Clarion, Penn., and is a daughter of John L. Guthrie, of Clarion. To this

marriage six children were born, namely: Samuel J., Alice, Edward, Elizabeth, William R. and John E. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has cared nothing for public favor, and has not been an active politician. He has been a member of the borough council, and his services in that body of the city were appreciated. He is a man of good judgment, and his ideas are practical. Socially he stands high in the community.

W. S. MITCHELL, a prominent representative of the industrial and political interests of East Brady, Clarion county, belongs to that class of men whose discretion, enterprise and sound judgment have been the essential factors in promoting the prosperity of the community with which they are connected. He was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., February 14, 1854, and is a son of Thomas and Mary Ann Mitchell, natives of England, in which country they were reared and married.

Coming to America, they located in Schuylkill county, Penn., where the father worked in the mines. He afterward removed to Irwin, Penn., and in 1869 to Catfish, Penn., where he was employed as mine boss until 1879. In that year, in company with Mr. Stevenson, he opened the Pine Run Mine, which he operated until 1887, when he opened the Diamond Mine, in Madison township, Clarion county. In 1892 he went to Virginia, where he organized the Pine Run Coal & Coke Company, conducting a mine for some time, when he sold out. He died in East Brady in 1892, the result of blood poison. He was a Republican in politics, and acceptably served in the office of burgess. During the Civil war he manifested his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting in Westmoreland county, as a member of the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, in which he served for more than three years. He afterward became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife died in East Brady in October, 1895. This worthy couple had a family of ten children, namely: W. S.; George, of East Brady; Mrs. L. R. Lane and Mrs. Nettie Wiseman, both of East Brady; Mrs. Sarah Campbell, whose husband is railroad agent at Red Bank; John; Adda; William; Mrs. Deborah Morrison, of East Brady; and Thomas, who died in 1870.

W. S. Mitchell was reared in Schuylkill county until fifteen years of age, and then removed to Westmoreland county, where he attended school in Marion. He learned telegraphy in East Brady, in 1869, and the following year entered the employ of the Allegheny Valley railroad at Catfish, afterward being located at various points along their line. He remained continuously with the company until 1887, and has since at various intervals been in their service for a limited period. At the time of the Johnstown flood he acted as telegraph agent at Red Bank. Thinking to find a more profitable field of endeavor in the coal regions, however, he became connected with that industry in 1887. The Diamond mines in Madison township, Clarion county, of which he is now proprietor, were sunk in 1887, and now furnish employment to about forty-five men, which number is increased when working to the full extent. The investment is a profitable one, and his business interests are well managed.

In 1876 Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Truby, a native of Catfish, and a daughter of Henry Laffer and Ann Eliza (McClure) Truby, natives of Clarion county, and of German ancestry. Her father died many years ago, the mother in 1890 while returning by train to her home. In their family were six children: Mary Ann, wife of Frank Hoon, of Jamestown, N. Y.; Jacob, of Avalon, N. J.; Mrs. Susan Harringer, of Du Bois, Penn.; Mrs. Rupert, who died in Madison township, Clarion county, in November, 1890; Harry L., of Chicago; and Mrs. Mitchell. To our subject and his wife have been born six children: May, Arthur, Pearl, Gertie, Harry, and Earl. In his political affiliations Mr. Mitchell is a Republican, and has been honored with several local offices, having served as auditor of East Brady, as a member of the council in 1890, and in November, 1896, he was elected burgess, being the present incumbent in that office. He discharges his duties with promptness and fidelity, and is accounted one of the leading citizens of the community. Socially, he is connected with New Bethlehem Lodge No. 522, F. & A. M., and he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Mitchell is one of the progressive business men of East Brady, whose success has been self-achieved and is well merited.

JOSEPH SCHMADER devotes his time and energies to farming and lumbering in Farmington township, Clarion county, and the industry which characterizes his business career has brought to him a fair measure of success. He was born in Knox township, same county, in 1852, a son of Simon and Mary A. Schmader,

natives of Germany, who came to America in 1847. They located in Knox township, Clarion county, where the father has since followed the occupations of farming and lumbering. His worthy wife departed this life in 1892. In their family were eighteen children, namely: Eli, Jacob, Samuel, Joseph, John, Sebastian, Simon and Peter (twins, who died in childhood), Henry and Simon (living), Paul (who died when young), Sabina (living), Mary (who died in 1890), Elizabeth, Catharine, Annie, Maggie and Anna M.

As his parents were in limited circumstances, Joseph Schmader was early forced to earn his own livelihood, and as a boy worked in the lumber woods and at boat building by the day. In 1879 he wedded Miss Mary T. Wolbert, of Clarion county, whose father, Conrad Wolbert, was a well-to-do citizen of Farmington township. After his marriage Mr. Schmader purchased sixty-six acres of woodland in Farmington township, and at once commenced to clear and improve it. He rafted the square timber and logs taken from his land down the Clarion river to the Western markets, and in this undertaking met with excellent success. His farm is now under a high state of cultivation, and he has erected thereon a large two-story residence and good barn. Throughout the summer months he engaged in agricultural pursuits, while in the winter he followed rafting and teaming until 1893, but since that time has given up the latter occupations. Adjoining his farm he purchased forty acres of the old Buzard, Ritts & Co.'s land and mill site, and has since cleared a portion of that tract. He also serves as general agent for the Chamberlin screw stump-puller, and also for the McCormick Harvesting Machinery Co., and is recognized as one of the wide-awake and most progressive business men of his community.

The first wife of our subject died January 21, 1893, leaving ten children, all born on the present homestead of the family, namely: Catharine C., Minnie M., Otillia S., Rosie C., Conrad S., Mary B., Clara, Jennie, Augusta, and Charles W. Mr. Schmader was again married, on October 1, 1895, the lady of his choice being Miss Katie Zagst, of Clarion county, and to them have been born two children: J. M. and S. P.

In politics our subject is identified with the Democratic party, and he has most acceptably served as constable of Farmington township for three years, and tax collector four years. In religious belief the family are Catholic, belonging to Lucinda Church. Although he started out in life for himself a poor boy, and worked for years for others, Mr. Schmader was at length able to engage in contracting in lumber on his own account, and, by close attention to business, economy and good management, has accumulated a handsome property, having one of the best cultivated farms in the township. He has also gained the confidence and high regard of all who know him, and his friends are many throughout his native county.

J. B. WOOD, a well-known carpenter and contractor of Elk township, Clarion county, and one of its progressive and wide-awake business men, was born in that township, in 1856. His father, George Wood, was a native of Seneca county, N. Y., born October 8, 1819, and was a son of Barnard and Hannah (Pullman) Wood, natives of Washington county, N. Y., and early settlers of Cattaraugus county, N. Y. The grandfather, who was a millwright by trade, died in that county, and the death of his wife also occurred in the Empire State.

In Cattaraugus county George Wood was reared and educated, and also learned the carpenter's trade. He came to Clarion county, Penn., in 1841, locating in Elk township, where he purchased a tract of 150 acres of woodland, on which Pitch Pine is now located. He was married near Tionesta, Penn., to Miss Julia Ann Noble, a native of Forest county, Penn., where her father had located at a very early day. She died in Elk township, Clarion county, in 1858, leaving the following children: Albert, a resident of Ashland township, Clarion county; Mrs. Lydia Swah, of Pitch Pine; Mrs. Aurilla Glass, who died in Elk township; George W., of Venango county, Penn.; J. B., of this sketch; and Perry, who died in Elk township.

After the death of his first wife George Wood was married in Ashland township to Miss Mary Helm, a native of Germany, and to them were born seven children, namely: Charley, a resident of Pitch Pine; Mrs. Lucy Sandrock, of Forest county; Henry, who resides on the old home farm; Millie; Mrs. Lizzie Kitchen, of Pitch Pine; Elmer, of the same place; and Salome, at home. For his third wife the father wedded Mrs. Jane Courtney, who still survives him. In religious belief he was a Dunkard and for some time was a minister of that Church, while in politics he was a Democrat. He died on the old homestead in Elk township, in 1895, honored and esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

At Pitch Pine, J. B. Wood grew to manhood, his education being obtained in the district schools near his home. During early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since

successfully followed, and is now the owner of thirty acres of land in Elk township, Clarion county, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and continues to operate. In 1879, in Ashland township, Clarion county, he married Miss Marietta Dietrich, who was born in that township, of which her parents, William and Catharine Dietrich, natives of Germany, were honored pioneers. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have seven children, namely: Milton G., Charley, Perry, Harvey, Warren, Stella and Annie.

Mr. Wood is not bound by party ties, but casts his ballot in support of the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. His sterling integrity, inflexible honesty, and general high principles, have won him the respect of the entire community in which he makes his home, and he is to-day one of the most esteemed and valued citizens of Elk township.

WILLIAM FRENCH, a popular and successful merchant of Lawsonham, Penn., was one of the brave boys in blue during the Civil war, and was one of the youngest soldiers to enlist from this section of the State, being only sixteen years old at the time he entered the service. He was, however, brave and fearless, and was always found at his post of duty, valiantly fighting for the old flag and the cause it represented.

Mr. French was born June 19, 1847, in Madison township, Armstrong Co., Penn., and belongs to a most highly respected and honored family. His grandfather, Elijah French, was a native of Connecticut, and died at the advanced age of ninety years in Armstrong county, Penn., of which he was one of the early settlers. David French, our subject's father, was born in that county, and was there reared and educated. On reaching manhood he married Jane Zillafrow, who was of German descent and a daughter of Rhode Zillafrow, who was noted for his great strength and muscular power, which was often demonstrated at wrestling matches in pioneer days, in the lumber camp, on the river or at a "raising." To Mr. and Mrs. French were born four children: Elijah S., who was a member of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Civil war, and died in Armstrong county, in 1876, leaving a widow and children; Joseph, who died when young; Jane, who died at the age of four years; and William, the only one now living. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1851, when our subject was only four years old, and the mother was called to her final rest in 1879. They were faithful members of the Dunkard Church, and highly respected by all who knew them.

During his childhood William French attended the common schools of his native county, and was there reared to habits of industry and thrift. In February, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, 139th P. V. I., and with his regiment took part in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor. At the last engagement he was wounded by a minie ball on the index finger of the left hand, and for some time was in the hospital at Pittsburg. On his recovery, he rejoined the command, and was at Appomattox Court House at the time of Gen. Lee's surrender to Gen. Grant. After participating in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., he was honorably discharged at Harrisburg and returned home.

In 1868 Mr. French wedded Miss E. Jane Flick, a lady of intelligence and refinement, and a daughter of Casper Flick. Her brother, George W. Flick, was also a Union soldier, and is now living near Pittsburg, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. French had eight children, namely: Mrs. Effie Hull, Mrs. Hattie Lambert, Charlie, Kitty, Zella, J. Zetta; and two, Lorlee and Cora, deceased.

In 1872 our subject embarked in the fire-clay business near Brookville, Penn., where he carried on business for ten years, and then removed to Portland, Ore., but after sixteen months spent in that State returned to Pennsylvania, locating in Avondale, where he engaged in the lime business for six years. Since then he has made his home in Lawsonham, Clarion county, and has successfully engaged in merchandising, winning a liberal share of the public patronage by fair dealing and handling good goods. Besides his property in this place he also owns real estate in Kittanning, Penn. He is a progressive, enterprising business man, and a valued citizen of the community. For the past ten years his health has been rather poor.

Fraternally, Mr. French affiliates with the Grand Army Post of Rimersburg, and, politically, is identified with the Republican party. He was elected justice of the peace in 1895, and is now acceptably serving in that position.

CHARLES JOHNSON, merchant tailor and dealer in gents' furnishing goods, is the proprietor of the leading and most popular establishment of the kind in Clarion county, where he has now successfully engaged in business for over twenty years. Being an expert and practical workman himself, he controls a large busi-

ness and furnishes employment to a great many hands. Many of his customers have dealt with him since he first established business here, and his patronage extends from all over the country. For style and workmanship the clothing he turns out cannot be excelled in the State, and he keeps on hand both domestic and foreign fabrics. His store room, which is 22 x 50 feet, is stocked with a fine line of gents' furnishing goods and clothing of the latest styles, and his reputation for good work and honorable dealing has secured for him an extensive trade.

Mr. Johnson was born in Sweden in 1853, and is a representative of a most highly respected family, noted for honesty and industry. He obtained a fair education in his native tongue, and soon after leaving school at the age of sixteen he, in May, 1869, came to the United States. Since 1874 he has made his home in Foxburg, and has been prominently identified with its business interests. He is also interested in the oil producing business, and is the owner of some valuable property in that line. To-day he is numbered among the most substantial, reliable and enterprising business men of the place, and the success that he has achieved is certainly well deserved. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Odd Fellows Lodge of Foxburg, and in politics is an ardent Republican.

HOMER N. LOGUE, a leading general farmer and oil operator, residing at Sligo, in Piney township, Clarion county, is a man whose successful struggle with adverse circumstances shows what can be accomplished by industry, perseverance and good management.

Born September 26, 1855, in Perry township, Clarion county, Mr. Logue is a son of Andrew and Margaret (Rupert) Logue, who were married in that county, March 13, 1840, by the Rev. Mashawon, a Methodist Episcopal minister. They became the parents of the following named children: Clarion J., born March 13, 1841; Elsie J., who was born in April, 1843, and is now the widow of John Logan, of East Brady, Penn.; Mary E., wife of David Zillafro, who is engaged in the oil business in Rixford, Penn.; Oliver, who conducts a livery stable in California; Maria, wife of John Kisinger, who is engaged in the oil business in West Virginia; Henry C., who died in California; Homer N., of this sketch; Bordley A., who is interested in the oil business in Ohio; Margaret, deceased wife of Charles Faulkner, who is engaged in the same business in Mannington, Va.; and Cora, wife of N. H. Martin, who is in the oil business in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Logue, the father of our subject, was born at Grass Flats, near St. Petersburg, which is one of the most noted oil fields and the best in Clarion county. In 1837 he removed to Perry township, the same county, where he continued to live until 1868. He then spent two years in Missouri, but owing to ill health he returned to Perry township, Clarion county, where he died April 17, 1888, at the age of seventy-seven years, his remains being interred in the Concord Church cemetery of Clarion county. His estimable wife now lives with our subject at the age of seventy-eight.

Our subject's paternal grandfather, John Logue, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and at the age of thirteen was bound out to become a sailor. After a few trips to America, he became infatuated with this country, and in order to remain he deserted the crew. He located east of the mountains, and later on Bear creek in Butler county, Penn., his farm being now known as the Sheppard farm, very rich in oil. He wedded Mary Sproul, who was also born on the Emerald Isle and came to the United States shortly after he located here. When crossing the mountains to make a new home in Clarion county they had three chiildren, two of whom they placed in sacks with their heads out, and these sacks they hung across the back of a horse. Their family consisted of the following named: William, Catherine, Sarah, James, John, Robert, Andrew and Elizabeth. All but Elizabeth are now deceased.

Mrs. Margaret Logue, our subject's mother, was born in Clarion county, October 19, 1820, and is a daughter of William and Christina (Glass) Rupert, natives of Germany, who crossed the Atlantic and first located in Ohio. At an early day, however, they removed to Clarion county, where both died and were buried at the Stone church. They were Lutherans in religious belief, and the father was a gunsmith by trade. In their family were the following children: Sarah, Samuel, Elizabeth, Jacob, David and John, all deceased; William, who is living retired in Easton, Penn.; and Margaret.

Homer N. Logue was reared in the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, and remained with his parents until nineteen years of age, after which he spent two years on the old homestead at Grass Flats, where he continued work for his father for two years. A year later he removed to Butler county, and after spending two years there, he went to Bradford, McKean county, where the following five years were passed.

During this time he was in the employ of a pipe line company, serving as foreman of a crew for the last four years.

On March 22, 1883, at Emlenton, Penn., Homer N. Logue was married to Miss Mary Rowe, Rev. G. B. Fox, a Lutheran minister, performing the ceremony. They now have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Parmer A., February 9, 1884; Coyle, November 3, 1885; Lyle, June 27, 1889; and Marjorie, June 10, 1891. Mrs. Logue was born in Cranberry, Venango Co., Penn., June 29, 1860, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Strauch) Rowe, who were born, reared and married in Germany. Her paternal grandfather, Peter Rowe, Sr., spent his entire life in that country, engaged in farming, but the maternal grandfather, Stephen Strauch, left Germany and came to America with Mrs. Logue's parents.

In 1846 Mr. and Mrs. Rowe crossed the Atlantic, and, after spending a short time in Pittsburg, Penn., came to Clarion county and located in Monroeville. Nine years later, however, they removed to Venango county, where the following nine years were passed, and then returned to Clarion county. Here the father died in October, 1878, at the age of fifty-nine, the mother in July, 1893, at the age of sixty-nine, and both were laid to rest at the Jefferson Stone church in Clarion county. In Germany he had followed weaving, but in this country devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious faith, always taking an active part in all Church work, and serving as deacon at the time of his death. His estimable wife belonged to the same Church. In their family were the following children: Louisa, who died at the age of twelve years; John, who is engaged in farming and oil producing near Edenburg, Penn.; Agnes, who married H. Exley, of Clarion county, and died in 1890; William A., a farmer and oil producer of Edinburg; Emma, wife of S. M. Best, a farmer and oil producer of Jefferson, Penn.; Mary E., wife of our subject; and Lavina, wife of W. W. Graff, a farmer and oil producer living near Edinburg.

After his marriage our subject rented a farm at Canoe Riffle, Clarion county, for two years and a half, and then became interested in the oil business, purchasing his first well on the Rowe farm near Edenburg. As his financial resources increased, he bought others from time to time until he owned an interest in eleven wells, but has since sold his property, having now only the first two wells purchased—those on the Rowe place. Going to McKee's Rock, Penn., in 1890, he worked for the Bear Creek Refining Company for five years, and then retired from that business owing to ill-health. In January, 1895, he purchased his present fine farm in Piney township, Clarion county, for $4,000, mainly for the purpose of surrounding his children with the wholesome influences incident to farm life. He has an elegant home in Sligo, in fact, one of the best in Clarion county, and here he expects to rear his children, so that they will become useful and honored members of society. Fraternally, Mr. Logue belongs to the Masonic lodge, No. 505, F. & A. M., of Port Allegheny, and, religiously, he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Being a strong temperance man, he is unwavering in his support of the Prohibition party, and he does all in his power to advance those interests which he believes calculated to promote the welfare of his fellow-men. It is safe to say that no man in his community is held in higher regard than Homer N. Logue.

JOHN M. LONG is proprietor of the "Edenburg House," of Knox, Penn., and is one of the best-known and most popular hotel men in Clarion county. On coming to this place in 1893, he purchased the house of Robert Orr, who had conducted it for many years as one of the leading hotels in this section of the State. It contains twenty-eight well-furnished rooms, the table is unsurpassed by any hotel in the county, and the service throughout is excellent. The guest is made to feel perfectly at home, and sighs as he departs that business or pleasure does not make his stay longer. Although comparatively young in years, Mr. Long is old in the hotel business, and is therefore able to manage the "Edenburg House" in the most approved style.

Mr. Long was born October 30, 1856, in Alexandria, Westmoreland Co., Penn., a son of Jacob L. Long, now a resident of St. Petersburg, Clarion county. In the county of his nativity, our subject spent his boyhood days, attended its public schools, and later pursued his studies at Antwerp, Penn. Before attaining the age of sixteen he spent twelve years and a half in Indiana county, Penn., and then went to the oil fields, where he was engaged in business for some years. In 1883 he began conducting a hotel at Blair's Corners, Clarion county, and soon made his place a very popular hotel. Since coming to Knox he has been numbered among the most enterprising and progressive business men of the city, and, besides carrying on his hotel, he is now proprietor of Long's Billiard Hall, and owner

and proprietor of the Knox Opera House, which has a seating capacity of 400.

On May 26, 1881, Mr. Long was united in marriage with Miss Tillie Vensel, who was reared and educated in St. Petersburg, Penn., and is a daughter of David Vensel, now deceased. They have one son—Bennie A., born April 17, 1882. Mr. Long always uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and does all in his power to advance its interests. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 875, at Blair's Corners, and is one of the stock-holders and president of the Knox Canning Company. A frank, jovial and honorable business man, he is popular with all classes of people, and easily wins the friendship of all with whom he comes in conatct.

T. F. YOUNG has now been actively identified with the business interests of Foxburg, Clarion county, and vicinity for twenty years, and during that entire time has given his attention principally to the oil industry, with which he is still connected. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1840, in Butler, Butler county, and is a son of Loyal and Margaret (Johnson) Young.

The father was born in Upshur county, W. Va., and was reared in that State. For thirty years he labored in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church at Butler, Penn., and from fifteen to twenty years elsewhere in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. He was married in Forks of Yaw, this State, to Margaret Johnson, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Robert Johnson, who was also a Presbyterian minister. She died in 1889 in Washington, Penn., and Rev. Young in 1891 in Butler, after a long and useful life devoted to the service of his Master. In the family of this worthy couple were seven sons and one daughter: (1) Robert went into the Civil war, enlisting in Butler county in the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry for one year, and is now a resident of Indiana. (2) Watson also enlisted in Butler in the 73d P. V. I., served for nine months, and is now living in Michigan. (3) T. F. is next in order of birth. (4) James enlisted in Butler in the nine-months' service, and when his term had expired he enlisted with our subject, and faithfully followed the old flag on Southern battle fields until hostilities ceased; he engaged in teaching for some time in Alaska, and now makes his home in the State of Washington. (5) Henry lives in Kentucky. (6) Samuel Hall also spent ten years in Alaska, and for some time was pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Wooster, Ohio; in 1897 he returned to the Northwest, and is now a missionary at Dawson City, Canada. (7) Walter is engaged in the oil business in Los Angeles, Cal. (8) Lydia Ellen resides in Butler county, Pennsylvania.

In the county of his nativity T. F. Young, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated, and, on first starting out in life for himself, engaged in farming. At the time of the beginning of the Civil war he was located in Armstrong county, and in January, 1864, he enlisted at Kittanning for three years or during the war. After being mustered in at Pittsburg, his regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, Ninth Army Corps, and he was first stationed in front of Petersburg, where he received a wound in the shoulder, which confined him in the hospital at City Point for two weeks. He participated in the battle of the Wilderness, and all the engagements in which his command took part until after Lee's surrender; was in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C.; and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Penn., in June, 1865. Returning to Armstrong county, Mr. Young spent some time there, and was later employed in the oil refinery at Petroleum Center, for three years. In 1877 he came to Richland township, Clarion county, where he was first engaged in pumping, and in 1893 he purchased six wells on the Martin farm (now the Fox estate). He has been very successful in his operations, his name is a synonym for honorable business dealing, and he has always taken an active interest in those enterprises that tend to public development. Thus he has become numbered among the valued and honored citizens of Foxburg.

In 1867 Mr. Young was married in Armstrong county, to Miss Anna Henry, a native of Philadelphia, and a daughter of James Henry, who was born in Ireland, and became an early settler of Armstrong county, where his death occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Young have one daughter, Maud, a graduate of the Clarion State Normal School, class of '97, and will follow teaching as a profession. Politically, Mr. Young is an ardent Republican; socially, he is a member of Foxburg Post No. 249, G. A. R.

MICHAEL KISSINGER, a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Madison township, Clarion county, has owned and operated a fine farm in that township for several years, and is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. He was born here August 14, 1844, and is a son of Isaac Kissinger, whose birth occurred near Bruin, Butler county, Penn. The paternal grandfather was of Penn-

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sylvania-Dutch lineage, and a native of Little York, Penn. He married Miss Catherine Grossman, who was born in Butler county, Penn., of German descent.

On the home farm, Isaac Kissinger grew to manhood, and obtained a limited education in the primitive schools of his day. On attaining to man's estate he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Conner, who was born, reared and educated in Clarion county, and is a daughter of Thomas Conner, a native of County Kilrain, Ireland. To this worthy couple were born two sons, the brother of our subject being John Kissinger, a resident of Red Bank, Armstrong county. The parents are still living, the father, at the age of eighty-one, and the mother, at the age of eighty-eight. The latter is with our subject, and the father is making his home with the other son. Isaac Kissinger has worked as a laborer throughout the greater part of his life, and has proved a valued and useful citizen of the community where he has made his home. During the dark days of the Civil war he enlisted in the Second Ohio Cavalry, and was later transferred to the Fourteenth Independent Ohio Battery, in which he valiantly aided in the preservation of the Union. His estimable wife is a member of the Catholic Church.

Michael Kissinger remained under the parental roof until the outbreak of the Rebellion, and then, in 1861, enlisted in Company F, 103rd P. V. I., with which he faithfully served for eleven months, participating in the battles of Williamsburg and Fair Oaks. At the latter place he was wounded in the head and otherwise injured, and was first confined in a hospital at Savage Station, subsequently was transferred to a tent hospital at White House Landing, from there sent to Yorktown, and later to New York, where he was honorably discharged June 30, 1862. It was some time after his return home before he regained his strength.

In early manhood Mr. Kissinger married Miss Cynthia A. Hicks, a native of Ohio, by whom he had three children: Mary Elizabeth, now the wife of William Wallrobenstein, of East Brady, Clarion county; James P., a resident of East Brady; and Cinderella Catherine, who died in childhood. The wife and mother, who was a devout Catholic and a most estimable lady, died May 18, 1875. Mr. Kissinger was again married December 20, 1878, his second union being with Miss Mary E. Greer, a native of Mercer county, Penn., and a daughter of John Greer. She, too, was a faithful member of the Catholic Church, and died December 17, 1896. In his political affiliations Mr. Kissinger is a Democrat, and being a progressive, public-spirited man, he takes a deep and commendable interest in the welfare of his country, and in days of peace, as well as in days of war, he has ever been found true to his duties of citizenship.

CHARLES BROWN. Among the reliable and substantial farmers of Red Bank township, Clarion county, there is probably none who stands higher in the public estimation than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He was born May 7, 1847, on the farm where he still makes his home, and to its cultivation and improvement he now devotes his energies. It comprises fifty acres of rich and arable land under a high state of cultivation and well improved with good and substantial buildings.

The paternal grandparents of our subject, William and Nancy (Scott) Brown, were natives of County Donegal, Ireland, where they lived for many years, but spent their last days in Red Bank township, Clarion county. They were Episcopalians in religious belief, and most estimable people. The parents of our subject, Robert and Margaret (Hume) Brown, were also born and reared in County Donegal, Ireland, but soon after their marriage they bade good-bye to the Emerald Isle and came to the United States. They located upon the farm now owned by our subject, and there the mother died at the age of fifty, and the father at the age of eighty-one. They were earnest, consistent Christian people, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and politically Mr. Brown was a stanch Republican. Their family numbered ten children: John H. (who served as a soldier in the 103rd P. V. I. during the war of the Rebellion, and is now a resident of Kansas), William A., Ann J., Amelia, Martha, Scott, Elizabeth, Charles, Samuel and Mary.

Charles Brown was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, pursuing his studies in the country schools and aiding in the work of the fields. At the early age of sixteen years he manifested his patriotism by enlisting at Red Bank in the 152nd P. V. I., or the Third Heavy Artillery, and was mustered into the United States service at Camp Copeland, Pittsburg, February 14, 1864. As a member of Capt. Kirt's company and Col. Roberts' regiment, he was first stationed near the James river, and later took part in the battles of Petersburg and Bermuda. He belonged to an independent battery, and while stationed at Fortress Monroe had the honor of guarding Jefferson Davis when the Confederate President was a prisoner at that

place. As the war had ended and his services were no longer needed, Mr. Brown was honorably discharged in November, 1865, and returned home.

At the age of nineteen Mr. Brown married Miss Josephine Lavan, a native of Summit county, N. J., who at that time was only seventeen, and she has proved a true and faithful helpmeet to her husband. She is the fourth in the order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being: Kinyon, Sarah, Elias, Mary, Martha, and Milroy. Her parents, Lorenzo S. and Elizabeth (Slack) Lavan, were both natives of New Jersey, but the mother died in Clarion county, Penn., at the age of fifty-nine, and the father in Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., at the age of seventy-one. Both were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had the respect of all who knew them. The father, who was a blacksmith by trade, served for three years as a soldier in the Union army, belonging to Capt. Means' company, 62nd P. V. I. His son, Kinyon, now a resident of Venango county, Penn., was for three years in Capt. Brady's company, Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves, and Elias was for fourteen months a member of the Pennsylvania Cavalry, and is now a resident of Clarion county.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have four sons living: Irvin C., Emory C., Samuel P., and Robert L.; and one, Malcolm P., who died at the age of seven years. The parents both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, socially, occupy an enviable position. Mr. Brown affiliates with the Republican party, and is very popular in the neighborhood where he has so long made his home.

JOHN W. MILLER, an oil producer of Turkey City, and one of the leading business men of the community, was born December 11, 1852, in Clarion county, and belongs to a family noted for its patriotism and bravery, having been well represented in the different wars of this country.

Jacob Miller, his grandfather, a soldier of the war of 1812, was born in Northampton county, Penn., of Scotch ancestry, and married Lavina Flick, daughter of Jacob Flick, of German descent. In 1831 they located in Clarion county, but later migrated to Dane county, Wis., where they spent their remaining days. The grandfather died at the age of eighty-four, and the grandmother at the extreme old age of ninety-nine, being at that time the oldest woman in the Badger State. He was a farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics, and both he and his wife were faithful members of the Reformed Church. In their family were the following children: John, Charles, Elizabeth, William, George, Betsy, Peggy Ann, Reuben, Polly, Lydia and Jasper.

George Miller, our subject's father, was born August 22, 1829, in Toby township, Clarion county, and was here reared to manhood. On the 4th of July, 1861, he enlisted for three years in Company E, 62d P. V. I., and participated in the battle of Yorktown, the second battle of Bull Run, the engagement at Fredericksburg, the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula, and the battle of New Hope Church. At North Anna he was wounded in the left elbow by a minie ball, but refused to go to the hospital. His term of service having expired, he was honorably discharged July 14, 1864, and returned to his home, but never regained his health. He was first married to Sarah Ann Boyd, who died during his service in the Union army. Of the six children born to them, three are still living: John W., Jacob and Matilda. William died November 21, 1897. In 1865, Mr. Miller was again married, his second union being with Catherine, daughter of H. Hile, and to them were born the following children: Lydia, Maggie A., Lizzie, George, Huldah, Isabel, James, Algena and Mary.

John W. Miller spent the days of his childhood in much the usual manner of farmer boys, attending school, when his services were not needed at home. He now owns a tract of twenty acres in Richland township, Clarion county, upon which are good and substantial buildings and three oil wells. He gives the greater part of his time and attention to the oil business, and is meeting with a fair degree of success in his undertakings. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, while, socially, he affiliates with the Knights of the Maccabees, and, religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Church. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and he has many warm friends throughout his native county.

In 1874 Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss E. Jenny Shoup, and they have become the parents of the following children: Edward, Archie H., Homer M., Charles Wesley, Myrtle May, Jessie, Francis M., all living, and Freddy, who died at the age of five years.

William Shoup, the father of Mrs. Miller, has for the past two years successfully engaged in merchandising at Chestnut Ridge, and also owns and operates a farm of eighty-five acres in Richland township, Clarion county. He was born in that township, July 4, 1826, and is a son of David and Rose Ann (Shakely) Shoup. His

father, a native of Armstrong county, and of German extraction, opened up a farm in Richland township, and for many years successfully operated the same. He died in May, 1888, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years and sixteen days, and his wife, who was a native of Butler county, Penn., died in 1850. Her father, Milford Shakely, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and a pioneer of Butler county. David Shoup was the father of fourteen children, eight by his first marriage, of whom six are still living: William; Mrs. Texas, of Richland township; Mrs. James; Mrs. Holmes; Mrs. Susan Jackson, of Richland township; and David, of Red Bank, Clarion county. For his second wife David Shoup married Lavina Gouther, who still lives on the old farm, and is the mother of six children, five still living.

William Shoup was reared and educated in Richland township, where he wedded Mary Ann Heator, a native of the same township, and a daughter of Jacob Heator, a Revolutionary hero, and a pioneer of Clarion county. Nine children graced this union—Mrs. Susan Neeley, of Richland township; Jane, wife of John W. Miller, of this review; Jacob Wesley, who died August 4, 1897; David, a resident of Richland township; William, of Ohio; Solomon, of Richland township; Frank, at home; Eddie, of Richland township; and Myrtle, at home.

BENJAMIN F. AMSLER, a worthy representative of the agricultural and industrial interests of Clarion county, is now carrying on operations as a farmer in Washington township, and also owns and operates a portable sawmill of twenty-three horsepower, with a capacity of 20,000 feet of lumber per day. In both occupations he is meeting with a well-deserved success, and is justly ranked among the substantial and reliable business men of the community.

Mr. Amsler was born February 13, 1855, on the farm where he still continues to make his home, a son of Rudolph Amsler, whose birth occurred August 5, 1813, in Canton Aargau, Switzerland. The grandfather, John Amsler, was born in the same locality, and in 1816 brought his family to America. He located near Fryburg in Clarion county, Penn., where he died at a ripe old age. Upon that farm Rudolph grew to manhood, assisted in the labors of the fields; and when his services were not needed at home during the winter months, he attended the public schools of the locality. He married Miss Sarah Best, a native of Centre county, Penn., and a daughter of Conrad Best, who was born in this State, of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock, and became a pioneer of Clarion county, where he spent his remaining days.

Five children were born to Rudolph Amsler and wife, namely: S. J., now a resident of Butler county, Penn.; Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Warren county; Mrs. Delilah Rearden, of Bradford, Penn.; Benjamin F., of this review; and Mrs. Adaline C. Sheetz, of Clarion county. In 1842 the parents located upon the present farm of our subject, which comprises ninety-seven acres of valuable and well-improved land. There is a fine large residence upon the place, a good barn, an orchard, and indeed all the accessories which make up a model farm of the nineteenth century. Here the father died at the age of seventy-nine, honored and respected by all who knew him, but the mother is still living on the old homestead at the age of seventy-eight. He was originally a Whig in politics, and later a Republican, and was called upon to serve on the school board and as tax-collector of his township. For over forty years he was officially connected with the Lutheran Church to which he belonged, and has also served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school.

Benjamin F. Amsler was reared to habits of industry upon the home farm, and in the common schools of the neighborhood acquired his literary education. On August 28, 1875, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Lavina McKissick, who was reared and educated in Centreville, Penn., and is a daughter of Thompson McKissick, an honored citizen of this section of the State. They have become the parents of five sons, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Ervin L., March 12, 1876; James F., March 23, 1878; Lawney M., December 19, 1880; John W., June 22, 1883, and Benjamin T., Jr., September 22, 1887. The oldest son is now married, and lives on a farm in Washington township, Clarion county.

Politically, Mr. Amsler is identified with the Republican party, and socially, affiliates with Tecumseh Lodge No. 1033, I. O. O. F. He and his wife are both sincere members of the Lutheran Church of Fryburg, and give an unqualified support to all measures calculated to advance the moral interests of the community. They are also faithful temperance workers, and do all in their power toward the elevation of humanity or the betterment of mankind.

A. C. HARDING, the well-known and popular proprietor of the "Allegheny Hotel," Foxburg, Clarion county, has for many years been associated with hotel life, and is therefore

in close touch with the traveling public. He is now conducting as fine a hotel as can be found on the Allegheny Valley railroad between Pittsburg and Oil City. It is a commodious building pleasantly situated on the banks of the Allegheny river, containing thirty-six rooms, and the attendants are all pleasant and accommodating, taking pleasure in looking after the interests of the guests.

Mr. Harding was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., April 17, 1854, and is a son of C. F. and Ann (Edington) Harding, who were born, reared and married in the eastern part of that State. Emigrating to Cattaraugus county, the father built the first steam sawmill in that region, and for many years successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber at Randolph, N. Y. Later he became interested in the oil business, but afterward again engaged in the manufacture of lumber at Quaker City, Penn. He was a prominent luumber man, well known throughout western New York and northern Pennsylvania. He and his wife both died in Cattaraugus county, he in 1892, and she in 1888. Their family numbered seven children—three sons and four daughters—namely: Milo A., a resident of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Helen A. Burbank, of Irvington, Warren Co., Penn.; Mrs. O. M. Jefford, of New York City, whose husband is a bookkeeper in the Seaboard Bank; Ada, who died in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., at which time she was the wife of a Mr. Wentz; Mrs. Carrie Martin, of Oil City, Penn.; A. C., of this sketch; and Dr. F. D., a dentist of Monongahela City, Pennsylvania.

The public schools of Cattaraugus county afforded our subject his educational privileges, and his business training was begun at an early age as night clerk in a hotel. Later he was promoted to day clerk, and thus worked his way upward through all the different positions until he is now at the head of one of the leading hotels in this section of the State. His motto in life has been "whatever you have to do, do it well," and, as he has strictly adhered to this rule during his twenty-three years' connection with the hotel business, he has met with a well-merited success. In 1874 he was first employed in a hotel at Jamestown, N. Y., later spent some time in Bradford, Penn., and from there went to Franklin, this State, where he made his home for eleven years. During five years of that time he was manager of the "Exchange Hotel." With the exception of two years, he has been connected with the "Allegheny Hotel" at Foxburg since 1888, and in 1895 succeeded James M. Panton as proprietor of the same. The reputation he has made in his chosen calling is certainly well deserved, and he is justly ranked among the leading hotel men of western Pennsylvania.

At Franklin, in 1883, Mr. Harding married Miss Carrie Sneathen, who was born in Pittsburg, a daughter of William and Sarah Sneathen. The father is now deceased, but the mother is still a resident of Pittsburg. To Mr. and Mrs. Harding have been born three children: Vera, Harry and Paul. In his political affiliations, Mr. Harding is a Republican, and he takes a deep and commendable interest in all objects tending to advance the public welfare.

GEORGE B. WHITEHILL, the scholarly and able editor and publisher of the Clarion *Jacksonian*, one of the organs of the Democratic party in Clarion county, is a native of the county, born June 20, 1865, in Limestone township.

Mr. Whitehill is the youngest in the family of eleven children born to Barton and Mary (Allison) Whitehill, seven of whom at this writing (January, 1898) are living. In order of age those living are: Sarah Jane, widow of Thomas Stewart, late of Eldred township, Jefferson Co., Penn.; Anna Mary, who resides with her mother in Limestone township; Robert C., a justice of the peace of Millcreek township, Clarion county; Maggie A., the wife of R. S. McIntosh, of Brandy Camp, Elk county; Barton H., of Falls Creek, Jefferson county; and William A., who resides on the old place in Limestone township. Adelaide, the wife of Jeremiah Greely, died in 1895; John and Rachel died of diphtheria in childhood; and James died in infancy.

Barton Whitehill, the father of these, was born in Centre county, Penn., and came to Clarion county when ten or twelve years of age. He died in March, 1887. His father's name was Criswell Whitehill. A large number of relatives of the family still reside in Centre county. Mary (Allison) Whitehill, the mother, who still lives at her home in Limestone township, is the daughter of Robert Allison, one of the earliest settlers in Clarion county, who was a veteran of the war of 1812, and a man who was respected and esteemed wherever known.

George B. Whitehill attended the common schools of his county until he was sixteen years of age, then went to the Belleview Academy, in Jefferson county, for one term, and the following winter taught school in Polk township, Jefferson county. His sister, Maggie A., who was one of the most able and successful teachers in the schools of the county, furnished our subject the means to attend the Belleview Academy, and

Respectfully yours,

Geo. B. Whitehill

was the greatest help to him possible, for which he here gratefully acknowledges her aid and influence in imparting a desire for knowledge, a useful life and all that is best in his character. Later he attended the Edinboro State Normal School one spring term, and was among the first to take advantage of the establishment of the Clarion State Normal School in 1887. Teaching each winter and attending the spring term at the Normal, he was finally graduated from the Clarion State Normal School in the class of '91, one of the best of his class. Following this, he taught for two years in the Clarion Public schools, and was for two years principal of the public schools of Mt. Jewett, Penn. In all he taught twelve terms in Clarion, Jefferson, Elk and McKean counties. In September, 1895, Mr. Whitehill purchased a third interest in the Clarion *Jacksonian*, and a few weeks thereafter the *Twice-a-week Jacksonian* was started. On July 1, 1896, he became sole proprietor of the paper by purchasing the interest of his partner, John J. Shick. The *Jacksonian*, as the name indicates, is Democratic, and while not extremely partisan will under the present management always be found true to Democratic principles. It is the only "twice-a-week" in its section, and has long been called "the paper the people read." Mr. Whitehill's education and long experience as a teacher well fits him for the editorial chair as is evidenced by the increasing popularity of the paper since it came under his management. With his characteristic energy he has largely mastered the details of the work as well as learned much of its mechanical part. He is a charter member of the "Protected Home Circle" at Mt. Jewett, Penn., and a member of Clarion Lodge No. 252, I. O. O. F.

On September 12, 1888, Mr. Whitehill was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Carrier, a daughter of David F. and Sarah (Clark) Carrier, of Limestone township, Clarion county. Mr. Carrier is a respected citizen of his county, and a member of one of the largest and most prominent families in Jefferson county. In September, 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehill were called to mourn the death of their little daughter, Florence Oleta. One son, Murton Rugh, born March 28, 1896, still survives. The parents are identified with the M. E. Church, being members of that denomination at Clarion and its auxiliary societies.

JAMES B. STAHLMAN, a wide-awake and progressive agriculturist of Limestone township, Clarion county, was born in 1856, on the farm where he yet resides, his parents being Paul and Ann (Shaffer) Stahlman. The father was a native of Schuylkill county, Penn., but in early life came to Clarion county, where he successfully engaged in farming until called from this life in 1877. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, yet had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His wife is still living (1897), and enjoys fair health for one of her years. In the family are six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Mary Jane (wife of Levi Himes), Clara Elizabeth (wife of J. H. Bowersox), Francis T., George W., Nathan U. and James B.

Reared on the home farm, the subject of this sketch obtained his education by attending the country schools of the neighborhood during the winter months when his services were not needed in the fields. He has practically devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, and now owns the home farm, which comprises 114 acres of rich and arable land, and is improved with neat and substantial buildings. The well-tilled fields testify to his skill and ability in his chosen calling, and in connection with general farming he is also successfully engaged in stock-raising, fruit and bee culture. Mr. Stahlman was reared in the Lutheran faith but does not hold membership with any religious denomination. In politics he is an ardent Democrat, and while not an aspirant for official honors he has filled a number of local offices to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, being the present auditor of his township, and town clerk. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Limestone township, and is held in high regard by all with whom he has come in contact either in social or business life.

JOHN F. METZGER, although young in years, is one of the most energetic and enterprising business men of Shippenville, Clarion county, where he owns and operates five valuable wells, which were opened up by Crawford, McDowell & White in 1886. Since starting out in life for himself he has been interested in the oil business, which he has mastered in every detail. Upright and honorable in all transactions, he has not only won success in his chosen calling, but has gained the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

A native of Clarion county, Mr. Metzger was born August 23, 1869, in Piney township, a son of John and Anna (Fowser) Metzger, the former a native of Messingen and the latter of Wurtemberg, Germany. In his native land the father was reared and educated, but when a young man crossed the ocean and took up his residence in Piney township, Clarion Co., Penn., where as a

jobber he did quite an extensive lumber business. In that township he was married, and there his death occurred in 1881. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, was a Democrat in politics, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He had two brothers who came to America—George, who located in the West; and Peter, who afterward returned to the Fatherland. Mrs. Metzger, who is a most estimable woman, now makes her home in Shippenville.

The subject of this sketch is the only one of the five children of the family who reached years of maturity. He began his education in the schools of Piney township, and after coming to Shippenville in 1882, continued his studies for a time. On leaving home, he was first employed in pumping and rig building in the oil fields of Butler county, and when he had saved sufficient capital to engage in business on his own account, he began buying wells in 1890.

In 1892, in Shippenville, Mr. Metzger was married, the lady of his choice being Miss May Cuneo, a native of Shippenville, Penn., and a daughter of John and Jennie (Pisano) Cuneo, who were born in Italy and came to the New World in an early day, locating in Baltimore. The father died in that city, and the mother is now Mrs. Irving, a resident of Shippenville. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Metzger, namely: Iva May, Norbert Otto and Ethel Myra. The parents hold membership in the Lutheran Church, while, politically, Mr. Metzger is identified with the Democratic party. In giving close attention to his business interests, he has had little time to devote to political matters, but has always kept well informed on the leading questions and issues of the day. He has started out in life under favorable auspices, blessed with a fair share of this world's goods and a host of friends, who bespeak for him a prosperous future.

THOMAS MORGAN, who is now successfully engaged in the oil business in Richland township, Clarion county, was born there, in 1856, and belongs to a family that has been prominently identified with the industrial and business interests of this section of the State for many years. His parents, John and Anna (Thomas) Morgan, were natives of Wales, and became pioneer settlers of Clarion county. The father was a puddler by trade, but spent his last years engaged in merchandising in St. Petersburg, Penn., where his death occurred March 18, 1893; his wife had passed away the year previous. In the family of this worthy couple were six children.

Thomas Morgan grew to manhood in his native township, and received his education in its common schools. He early became interested in the oil business, commencing operations in the Richey Run field, and putting down the first well on the Brown tract in Clarion county. With the firm of Morgan Brothers he opened up a number of wells in Venango county, and since 1893 has successfully engaged in business on his own account as an oil operator.

As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Mr. Morgan chose Miss Mary Sloan, also a native of Richland township, and one daughter graces their marriage—Lillian. Socially, Mr. Morgan is connected with the Knights of the Maccabees at Emlenton, and politically is identified with the Republican party, which has found in him a most earnest advocate and stanch supporter at all times. He is one of the most wide-awake, energetic business men of the community, and is notably reliable.

JOHN C. BERLIN, whose name has been inseparably connected with the oil interests of this locality, he being a large producer and owner of oil properties in the Clarion county field, is a native of the county, born in Elk township, in 1859.

George Berlin, his grandfather, was born in 1782 in York county, Penn. Later he became a resident of Centre county. He was a blacksmith by occupation. He married Elizabeth Neeley, and in 1820 they located in what afterward became Elk township, Clarion county, where they continued to make their home through life. He kept a hotel for years, but died on his farm November 1, 1844. G. N. Berlin, a son of this couple, and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born August 15, 1820, in Clarion county. He attended the public schools of his township, and, in 1848, was married to Miss Susan Cook, of Forest county, Penn. He was one of the early men to engage in the oil business in the Clarion county field. He assisted in opening up what is known as the Cogley oil field, and he has been an active operator in the same. He is a resident of the county, living on a farm in Elk township. To his marriage with Miss Cook were born: Hattie is now Mrs. H. Phipps, and resides in Ashland township; William H. is a farmer, stock-dealer, and oil producer, residing in Beaver township; Lizzie J. is now Mrs. Martin, of Ashland township; John C. is our subject; and Lettie S. is Mrs. McComb, of Clarion.

John C. Berlin was reared in Elk township, and received only such educational advantages as the neighboring schools afforded. He began

life in a business sense as a hardware merchant, at Fern, in Ashland township. On the outbreak of the oil excitement in 1888–89, he at once became largely interested in the oil business. Being a man of energy, snap, and possessing business tact and ability, he soon forced his way to the front and became a successful producer of oil and a man of prominence in oil circles. He was at one time interested in some forty wells in the Clarion county field, and also was identified in the oil business in the Wood county (Ohio) field, being associated in 1893 as partner with R. G Stitt and A. T. Wolf. Mr. Berlin was one of the first to develop the Cogley field in Ashland township. He opened the first well there in 1885, and subsequently developed some twenty-seven wells in that field. From that time to the present he has figured very extensively in the oil fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio, having bought, sold and developed many properties. He is now interested in this line of business with D. O. White & Co. He is one of the substantial and well-to-do citizens of Clarion county, where he is widely and favorably known. In politics he is a Democrat. He has very acceptably served as member of the borough council. He is a member of the K. O. T. M.; also of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. He is identified with the Lutheran Church. Since 1895 he has been engaged in the mercantile business at Knox, being a member of the firm of B. A. Kribbs & Co.

In 1885 Mr. Berlin was married to Miss Wilda Ochs, who was born in Venango county, Penn., a daughter of David Ochs, a native of this State, and whose death occurred in September, 1896. To this marriage have come two children to bless the home: Harold, and Freda. The mother of these is a member of the Lutheran Church.

ELMER ELSWORTH FINEFROCK, one of the intelligent and highly respected citizens of Clarion county, is actively and prominently identified with the business interests of Piney township. He owns and conducts a general mercantile establishment in the village of Piney, and also deals in fire clay. An excellent judge of men, and time, and opportunities, he has conducted a successful business, and is accounted one of the substantial citizens of the community.

Mr. Finefrock was born December 13, 1862, about half a mile from his present home, a son of Jacob and Esther (Kifer) Finefrock, natives of Franklin and Clarion counties, respectively. They became acquainted, however, and were married in Piney township. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Henry and Barbe (Finefrock) Finefrock. They were cousins, and resided in Franklin county, Penn., whence they removed to Clarion county at an early day. Their children were: Henry and David, both deceased; Jacob; Louis, of Ohio; William, of Clarion county; and Ephraim, deceased. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Peter and Susanna (Haley) Kifer, natives of Westmoreland county, Penn. In 1820 they removed to Clarion county, locating on a farm. Their children were: Esther; Joseph, deceased; Polly, wife of George Gathers, both now deceased; Susan, deceased wife of Thomas Lyons, of Clarion county, Penn.; Lavina, deceased wife of Paul Reegle, of Butler, Penn.; Vianna, deceased wife of Daniel McKee, of Michigan; Henry, of Clarion county, now deceased; and John, a resident farmer of Piney township.

Jacob Finefrock, father of our subject, was a farmer by occupation, and followed that pursuit throughout his entire life. He came to Clarion county in 1838, and was prominent in public affairs, holding a number of township offices. For forty-five years he was a member of the Lutheran Church, and in his political faith he was a Democrat. He passed away in August, 1894, at the age of seventy-seven years, his remains being interred in Mt. Zion cemetery. His widow is now living with our subject. Their children are: Margaret, wife of S. S. Wensel, of Sligo, Penn.; Henry, deceased; William, a farmer near Clarion; Julina, wife of Ross Gathers, of Clarion county; Thomas J., a farmer of Piney township; Lavina, wife of W. B. Larimer, of Piney township; Mary, widow of Daniel Ritter, of Foxburg, Penn.; John C., a farmer of Piney township; Daniel B., who resides with our subject; Sarah, deceased; and Elmer Elsworth.

On his father's farm Elmer Elsworth Finefrock was reared, and in September, 1887, when twenty-five years of age was married in his native county, to Miss Altha Wise, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Elder. Two children grace this union: Ira L. and Carlton A. Mrs. Finefrock was born in Beaver township, Clarion county, March 7, 1871, and is a daughter of George W. and Arillea (Dunkle) Wise, the former a native of Delaware county, Penn., and the latter of Clarion county. They now reside in Licking township, Clarion county. The father, who was born August 27, 1830, came to the county in 1850, and for many years was bookkeeper for the iron furnace company, but is now living retired. His wife was born

December 22, 1842. Their children are: Flora M., wife of Joseph Henderson, superintendent of an oil refinery in Philadelphia, Penn.; Waldo, Mary and George, all deceased; Cora E., wife of George Neely, a carpenter of Monroe township, Clarion county; Viola, wife of William Smith, a boiler-maker of Philadelphia; Altha; Edwin, of Verona, Penn.; Ora, wife of Charles Trent, a machinist of Verona; Edith, deceased; and Elsa, who is living with our subject.

A short time before his marriage our subject embarked in merchandising, and has a well-appointed store, stocked with a large and complete line. His business methods are honorable and above question, and his courtesy to his customers has secured him a liberal patronage. He is also doing a profitable business as a dealer in fire clay, and his sound judgment and well-directed efforts have brought him a comfortable competence. In politics he is a Democrat, and for many years has efficiently and acceptably served as township auditor. Socially, he is connected with the Maccabees of Sligo, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is holding the office of steward. Public-spirited and progressive, he gives an active and commendable support to all measures calculated to advance the general welfare along material, educational and moral lines.

W H. WHITLING has for many years been prominently identified with the commercial interests of Clarion county, and is now successfully conducting the pioneer drug store of Knox, the leading store of the kind in that town. He carries a large and well assorted stock of drugs, oils, paints, books, toilet articles, etc., and gives special attention to his prescription trade, often filling as high as 3,200 prescriptions in one year. He is a registered pharmacist, having received a diploma from the State board, and he has now been in business for over twenty-two years. As he keeps only the best drugs and medicines, he well deserves the liberal patronage accorded him. On first embarking in his present business, he conducted a drug store in St. Petersburg for several years.

Mr. Whitling was born in Clarion county, September 23, 1847, a son of Frederick and Catherine (Ritz) Whitling, the former a native of France, the latter of Berks county, Penn. When a young man the father came with his parents to this country, and after spending three years in New York State, he located in Salem township, Clarion county, where he carried on operations as a farmer throughout the remainder of his life. Politically he was a pronounced Democrat, and in religious faith was a Lutheran. He died at the age of sixty-five, and his wife when seventy-three years of age, honored and respected by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance. In their family were nine children, namely: Daniel, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war, and is now a hardware merchant and jeweler of St. Petersburg, Penn.; Ed, a soldier in the Union army, '61–'64, was for many years a prominent citizen of Salem, Penn., and is now deceased; Mary; Sarah; Rebecca; W. H.; Lydia; Emma; and Amanda.

On the home farm W. H. Whitling grew to manhood, and he obtained his education in the schools of the neighborhood. On attaining his majority he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Sipler, a daughter of Alexander and Catherine Sipler, and to them have been born children as follows: Sarah, now the wife of Martin Merton, of Toledo, Ohio; Mertie, of the same city; Minnie, wife of William Earp, of Toledo, Ohio; Esma, who graduated from a school of oratory and elocution in Pittsburg, Penn.; and Stanton, who completed the high-school course at Knox, and was graduated from the Mt. Union Business College of Alliance, Ohio, July 13, 1897.

Mr. Whitling uses his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and takes an active interest in political affairs. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and the Knights of the Maccabees. He has made for himself an honorable business record, and has ever taken a deep and commendable interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare of the town, withholding his support from no enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit.

M ATTHEW McNUTT, an honored and highly-respected citizen of Porter township, was born on the farm where he still continues to reside, February 4, 1825, and is a worthy representative of one of the leading pioneer families of Clarion county.

His father, William McNutt, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and was only three years old when brought to this country by his parents, Collon and Jane (McKinley) McNutt, who lived for some time in Philadelphia, where the grandfather followed his trade of cloth weaving, which trade he also continued on the farm as the country settled up. Later he took his family to Westmoreland county, Penn., and in 1801 came to Clarion county, locating near the Leatherwood Presbyterian church, in Porter township. At that time the

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families of John Henry and Daniel Boyle constituted the entire white population of the township, and they lived two or three miles from the place where Mr. McNutt made his home. The land was all wild and unimproved, and the family were forced to endure all the hardships and privations of pioneer life. There were seven children, three sons and four daughters, namely: William; Grace, wife of Thomas Smullen; Robert; Margaret, who died unmarried; Collon, who reared a family, and died at the age of fifty-five years; Charlotte, who died unmarried; and Catherine, wife of William Smullen, of Armstrong county, Penn. The parents of these children both lived to the advanced age of ninety years, and died in Clarion county, honored and respected by all who knew them.

In the primitive log school house, so common in his youth, William McNutt, father of our subject, acquired his education. He aided in the arduous task of clearing and improving the home farm, and also learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for several years, erecting many of the first houses in Porter township. He married Elizabeth McKillip, who was also of Scotch extraction. One of her brothers was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was with Commodore Perry on Lake Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. McNutt were born eight sons and two daughters, namely: Collon R., deceased; James Y., who lives near Greenville in Limestone township, Clarion county; Robert (was a soldier of the Civil war) and William Fullerton, both deceased; Matthew, of this sketch; Craig Hill is now a resident of Kansas; John C., deceased, was captain of a company in the Civil war; Lavina C., who married S. H. Hamm, but both are now deceased; Rachel Mary, who died single; and Samuel Porter, who died in Florida at the age of fifty-two. The parents were consistent Christian people, members of the Presbyterian Church, and reared a family, of which they had reason to be proud. The father was eighty-four years of age at the time of his death, and the mother at her death was forty.

Matthew McNutt, of this review, never left the old homestead, which he now owns. It comprises 100 acres of valuable and highly productive land, which is under a high state of cultivation and well improved with good and substantial buildings. After completing his education in the public schools, he successfully engaged in teaching for seven winters, and among his scholars were many who have in later life held prominent positions either in this State or in the West. These included the Boggs and Smullen families, and also C. E. Andrews, of Clarion county.

At the age of twenty-six Mr. McNutt was married to Miss Mary Kirkpatrick, a most estimable lady, who has proved a true helpmeet to him. She is a native of Clarion county, where her parents, William and Sarah (Corbett) Kirkpatrick, located at an early day. Her maternal grandfather, John Corbett, was one of the first settlers on Piney creek, in Clarion county, and his primitive log cabin had at first only a quilt for a door, as no boards could be procured at that date (1800). Wolves made the night hideous by their howling, and many other kinds of wild animals still roamed through the forests.

Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McNutt: (1) Columbus Frelinghuysen, a graduate of the Edinboro State Normal School, served nine years as county superintendent, and is one of the most successful educators of Clarion county. His children are—Wayne, James Clark, George Robert and Walter. (2) Sarah Elizabeth. (3) William Henry Wick died in O'Brien county, Iowa, leaving a widow and three children—Dollie Estella, Emma and Nellie. (4) Millard Fillmore is a prominent farmer of that county. His children are—Homer Brown, William Scott, Merl, Mary and Bessie. (5) Mary Laura is now Mrs. James M. Sloan, of Sedgwick county, Kans., and their children are—Matthew Hurst, Mary, Daryl, Oscar Brown (deceased), Edward and Roy. (6) Porter Scott is a graduate of the Edinboro State Normal School, also a graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa; also a graduate of the Iowa College of Law, Des Moines, Iowa. He is now a lawyer and a member of the Faculty in the Iowa College of Law, Des Moines. He has one son, Merle Scott. (7) Fannie Caroline died at the age of nine years. (8) Anna Malissa is the wife of Addison Alvin Bowersox, of New Bethlehem, Penn. Their children were—Mary (deceased), Harry (deceased), Lulu (deceased), Stanley, Bessie and Oscar. (9) Matthew Brown is a graduate of the Clarion State Normal School and of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, and is at present studying in the McCormick Theological Seminary, of Chicago, Ill. (10) John C. is at home. (11–12) Two children died in infancy. Of the children of our subject and his wife, C. F., W. H., M. F., Anna M., Porter Scott and Matthew B. have all been popular and successful teachers, and the family is one of the highest respectability.

In his political affiliations Matthew McNutt has been rather independent, having supported both the Democratic and Republican parties at different times. He voted for Fillmore, twice for Lincoln and once for Grant. He has efficiently served as a member of the school board, and has faithfully discharged every duty that has

devolved upon him, whether public or private. In religious belief he and his family are Presbyterians, and take an active and prominent part in all Church or benevolent work.

WILLIAM A. SIPLER, ex-prothonotary of Clarion county, as well as the accommodating and obliging ex-deputy in that office at Clarion, was born in the county in 1842, having descended from Revolutionary stock.

Mathias Sipler (1), his great-grandfather, then a resident of New Jersey, where the family dates as far back as 1740, used to narrate his experiences during the Revolution, though he was not an enlisted man. His son, Mathias Sipler (2), was born in New Jersey, but located in Bucks county, Penn. His wife was Catherine Bidler, who, in about 1836, after the death of her husband, came, together with her aged father and her children, west of the Alleghanies, and settled in Richland township, Clarion county. Here at that time the lumbering interests were receiving considerable attention, and a Mr. Fox, the only man of means in the community, built a hotel which the widow Sipler kept for years, her patrons being principally among the lumbermen who, during the freshets in the Clarion and Allegheny rivers, were on hand to market their lumber. She was a native of the vicinity of Allentown, Lehigh county, Penn., and died in the fall of 1855, and her remains rest near Orion, Richland county, Wis., whither she had gone that year with her son Charles. She erected the first hotel at St. Petersburg. The son Charles, referred to, was born in Bucks county, Penn., and married Susannah Wessner, and among their children is the subject of this sketch. Charles Sipler returned to Clarion county in 1858, and here passed the rest of his life engaged chiefly in the hotel business at the mouth of Clarion river. On the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company L, 11th P. V. Cav. and served his country faithfully for three years. He became quartermaster sergeant and was mustered out of service in the fall of 1864, then returning to Clarion county where he resumed his trade, also engaging in the hotel business. In his early life he had been engaged to some extent in lumbering. He lived retired for some years prior to his death, which occurred November 19, 1895, when he was aged seventy-six years. Susannah (Wessner) Sipler, who died in May, 1886, was a daughter of William and Margaret (Jackson) Wessner, the latter being a lineal descendant of President Andrew Jackson. William Wessner's father was a patriot of the Revolutionary war, and was wounded at the battle of Brandywine.

William A. Sipler received a common-school education, attending the district schools of the neighborhood of his youth here and in Wisconsin, having in the latter State a distance of four miles to walk to the little rude school house. His boyhood was mostly passed in St. Petersburg, Penn. During his three-years' stay in Wisconsin he spent most of his time in the woods, his father having bought heavily timbered lands there, from which he cleared out a farm. On the return of his family to Clarion county, in 1858, our subject performed general work until the breaking out of the Civil war in 1861, when, inspired by the patriotism of his Revolutionary ancestors, he enlisted in Company H, 8th Penn. Res. Inf., which became a part of the Army of the Potomac. He was in the numerous engagements in which the command participated, and shared the hardships of their various campaigns. He was shot at the battle of Antietam, Md., September 17, 1862, receiving a serious wound through the bowels. December 14, 1863, he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve or Invalid Corps, in which he remained four months, and then rejoined his company. He was in the campaigns of the Potomac, Peninsula and Wilderness, Gen. Pope from Rappahannock to Potomac, Maryland campaign under McClellan, and was mustered out at Spottsylvania Court House in 1864. At the close of the war he returned home and went to Oil City, Penn., and worked one year in the oil fields. Following this period he went to Clarion county, and there worked in the oil fields and also at lumbering, rafting logs at contract via the Allegheny and Ohio rivers to Pittsburg, Cincinnati and Louisville, Ky. After 1875 his business extended only to Pittsburg. In 1890 he was elected prothonotary of Clarion county, and was re-elected in 1893 to the same office. He was conscientious, and served the people faithfully and acceptably, serving them a good administration, and after the expiration of his second term of office, January 1, 1897, he served as deputy for his successor.

On July 6, 1865, Mr. Sipler united in marriage with Miss Margaret L. Collins, of Irish descent, who was born in the State of New York, February 25, 1846, and is a daughter of Michael Collins, who was born in Ireland, as was also his wife. Four children have come to the marriage of our subject and wife, namely: Emma S., wife of Victor W. Dittman, of Washington county; Charles W.; Margaret R.; and Frances Elizabeth, who died at the age of five years. The mother of these is a member of the Roman

Catholic Church. Socially our subject has been a Mason since 1869. He is a member of the G. A. R., being identified with Lookout Post No. 425, having served all the offices; has been five times a delegate to the State Encampment. In politics he is a Democrat, tried and true, and has been ever active in the interests of the party. He served as delegate at the Harrisburg Convention, when R. E. Wright was elected State Chairman; served as one of the conferees for J. M. Fox at Ridgway, Penn.; elected delegate to the Allentown (Penn.) Convention, June, 1896; present at the reconvening of delegates at Harrisburg, Penn., in September of the same year. W. A. Sipler has been interested in producing oil since 1872 in Clarion and McKean counties, Penn., and Lucas county, Ohio; he is a member of the Piper Oil and Gas Co., and on January 1, 1898, resigned as deputy prothonotary of Clarion county, Penn., to accept the presidency of the Piper Oil and Gas Co., which necessitated the removal of the family to East Toledo, Ohio, much to the regret of their many friends in the Keystone State.

AMOS SILVIS is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, who valiantly aided in the defense of the old flag and the cause it represented. He now resides in Fairmount City, and is as true to his country in days of peace as he was when he followed the starry banner on Southern battle-fields. He represents one of the old and well-known families of Clarion county, and was born in Red Bank township, March 1, 1833.

His parents were Conrad and Anna (Nulph) Silvis, natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., of German descent. The father was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit throughout his entire life. His political support was given the Republican party, and in religious faith he was a Lutheran. He died at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife passed away at the advanced age of eighty-one years. They had a family of ten children, namely: Amos; Lydia, deceased; Joseph and William, who were soldiers in the Union army; Jeremiah, deceased, who was also numbered among the boys in blue; Isaac, deceased; Simon, Daniel, Mary Ann and Eve.

Amos Silvis was reared to manhood in Clarion county, and in his early life learned the shoemaker's trade, becoming an expert workman. He followed that pursuit for many years, and gained therefrom a comfortable living. In August, 1862, however, he put aside all personal considerations to respond to President Lincoln's call for 300,000 men, and joined Company C, 78th P. V. I., commanded by Capt. John M. Brinker. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga and a number of heavy skirmishes in that vicinity, the defense of Fort Negley and the battle of Lookout Mountain. He belonged to the Starkweather Brigade, and was under command of General Rosecrans. Prior to his enlistment he had never taken any medicine in his life, but the hardships and exposure of war brought on rheumatism, and on a surgeon's certificate of disability he was honorably discharged February 18, 1864, after which he returned to his home in Clarion county.

Mr. Silvis has been three times married. On October 10, 1861, he wedded Anna M. Hilliard, who died in 1862. His second wife was Anna M. Shaffer, and after her death, he was married on August 11, 1878, to Elnora Frazier, who was born in Monroe township, Clarion county. Her parents, Henry and Margaret Ann (Delph) Frazier, are both deceased; they had three sons who were soldiers in the Civil war, George W., W. Henry and Thomas, the last named dying in the struggle. Mr. and Mrs. Silvis have four sons and one daughter—Amos E., Clinton Lewis, Maggie May, John Reed and Franklin.

In politics Mr. Silvis has always been a stanch Republican, unswerving in support of the party principles. In his business dealings he is honorable and upright, and his sterling worth in all of the affairs of life commends him to the confidence and respect of friends and neighbors.

JOHN ROBINSON WICK, cashier of the Bank of Rimersburg, has won a foremost position among the prominent financiers of this section of the State. Self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy, honesty—these are the traits of character that insure the highest emoluments and greatest success, and to these may be attributed the success that has crowned the efforts of Mr. Wick.

A native of Armstrong county, he was born in Sugar Creek township, March 3, 1823, and is a son of Elisha and Ann (Moore) Wick, natives of Westmoreland county, Penn. The birth of the paternal grandfather, Elisha Wick, Sr., occurred in New Jersey, whence he removed to Westmoreland county, Penn., and as early as 1796 took up his residence in Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county, where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. His children were: John, Elisha, Jerry, Sallie (wife of John Starr), and Elizabeth (wife of Andrew Bullman).

James Moore, the maternal grandfather of

our subject, was born in Cranbury, N. J., August 3, 1750, and in that State, on December 10, 1789, was married, by Thomas Smith, a Presbyterian minister, to Miss Mary Carson, who was born March 4, 1774. Five children blessed this union, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Henry, August 23, 1790; Mary, wife of William Cowan, September 30, 1792; Ann, mother of our subject, October 18, 1794; Susanna, wife of James Parker, January 1, 1797; and Sarah, wife of Elijah Davis, February 5, 1799. After the death of James Moore, the grandmother married Ebenezer Davis, in 1803, and four children were born to them: James, born March 4, 1804; Nancy, who was born October 16, 1805, and married Samuel Porterfield; Carson, born March 28, 1809, and Mrs. Rachel Davis, born September 11, 1811. All are now deceased.

In 1796 Elisha Wick, Jr., accompanied his parents on their migration to Armstrong county, where, on April 2, 1811, he married Ann Moore. He died in that county in September, 1855, aged seventy years, and was buried at Middlesex. In 1868 his widow came to Rimersburg, and made her home with our subject until she, too, was called to her final rest, January 7, 1879, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years, two months and nineteen days. Her remains were interred in the Rimersburg cemetery. Both held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew them. Their children were as follows: James P., born October 21, 1812, is now deceased; Henry M., born July 6, 1815, was a prominent physician, and died in New Bethlehem, Penn.; Elisha C., born March 26, 1818, died in Illinois; Jeremiah H., born August 21, 1820, was also a leading physician of Clarion county, and died in New Bethlehem; John R., of this sketch, is next in order of birth; Sarah A., born September 24, 1825, is the widow of Watson Maze, and a resident of Annisville, Butler Co., Penn.; Rachel, born February 5, 1828, died at the age of two years; Benjamin F., born July 29, 1830, died in infancy; William W., born March 8, 1832, was a successful physician of Rimersburg, where his death occurred; and Alvira, born September 27, 1834, died at the age of seven years.

John R. Wick was reared on the old homestead, and acquired a good practical education in the local schools. At the age of nineteen he began teaching, and for seventeen winters successfully followed that profession, while during the summer months he engaged in farming. In 1849 he embarked in merchandising in Matildasville, Clarion county, where he also served as postmaster, but at the end of two years and a half sold out to J. B. Grasor. He was then married, and returned to the old homestead, which he hired cultivated, while in partnership with another gentleman, he engaged in selling the old-fashioned bee hives. He also engaged in cattle dealing and in teaching until coming to Rimersburg, in 1868, to settle up his brother's estate. At first it was not his intention to remain, but he has since made this place his home, and has been actively identified with its business interests. He is regarded as one of the most reliable business men of the county, and has been called upon to administer a number of different estates. The Abrams Savings Bank, which was founded in 1870, was the first institution of the kind in Rimersburg, and William M. Abrams was president, and Mr. Wick cashier, until it ceased to exist, in 1877. On the organization of the Farmers Bank, in the same year, our subject was chosen cashier, and Dr. McCandles president, but the latter resigned in 1880, and was succeeded by Andrew Fox. The Bank of Rimersburg was organized in 1888, with Miles Smith as president, our subject as cashier, and his son, William Addison Wick, as assistant cashier. This is one of the most solid financial institutions of the county, and its officers have the confidence and support of the entire community.

In Pine Hollow, Clarion county, May 6, 1856, Rev. David McCay, a Presbyterian minister, performed the marriage ceremony which made Mr. Wick and Miss Hannah R. Watson man and wife. Their children are as follows: Mary E., born October 17, 1859, was married July 20, 1882, to Rev. W. G. Warner, a Methodist Episcopal minister, now residing in Mason, Ohio; Curtis W., born April 23, 1861, was married November 22, 1894, to Blanche E. Hosey, and is engaged in merchandising in Rimersburg; Anna R., born May 2, 1862, was married September 7, 1886, to Dr. John Hepburn, of Warren, Penn.; William A., born February 2, 1864, was married May 7, 1894, to May Gibson, of Illinois; Sarah J., born March 14, 1866, was married December 2, 1886, to C. G. Graham, a traveling salesman of Butler, Penn.; Carrie P. A., born July 21, 1869, died on September 2 of the same year; John R., Jr., born December 27, 1870, is now in Warren, Penn.; Maggie M., born November 15, 1872, was married November 7, 1892, to Rev. W. S. Bohman, a Presbyterian minister of Brownsville, Fayette Co., Penn.; and Blanche P., born August 15, 1874, was killed February 24, 1883, while coasting on a hill at Rimersburg.

Mrs. Wick was born near Callensburg, in Clarion county, January 19, 1832, and is a

daughter of Abraham and Rachel (Black) Watson, natives of Mifflin, Penn., and New Jersey, respectively. They were married near Callensburg, and both died in Pine Hollow, Clarion county, the mother in 1865, aged fifty-seven years, and the father in 1873, aged seventy-six, their remains being interred at Concord. He was a noted river pilot, and also devoted considerable attention to farming. His parents, Thomas and Hannah (Wilson) Watson, emigrated from Ireland to America in an early day and located on Big Lick, in Clarion county, where the former operated salt works. Mrs. Wick's maternal grandparents were Henry and Jane (Clements) Black, who on leaving their old home in Scotland became pioneers of Clarion county, their residence being near Callensburg, where the grandfather engaged in the manufacture of chairs and in the cooperage business.

To Abraham and Rachel (Black) Watson were born the following children—Prof. Clement, who was for many years principal of different schools, but is now living retired in Whiteside county, Ill.; James B., a hotel keeper and merchant of Marionville, Penn.; Jane, wife of Harrison Elliott, an electrician of Cleveland, Ohio; Hannah R., wife of our subject; Columbus, who died at the age of eight years; Margaret, wife of Morrison Howe, professor of public schools in Iowa; Sarah, who married Samuel Ruppert, and lives on the old homestead in Clarion county; Thomas I., who died at Fortress Monroe, and was buried under a cherry tree at that place; and Anna R., wife of John Reichert, who has a nursery near West Freedom and conducts the largest business of the kind in Clarion county.

Since December 11, 1870, Mr. Wick has served as elder in the Presbyterian Church, of which he is one of the most active and prominent members. He has been identified with the Odd Fellows Lodge of Rimersburg since 1868, and he always affiliates with the Republican party. For seventeen years he acceptably served as postmaster of Rimersburg. Under date of December 20, 1855, James Pollock, Governor of Pennsylvania, because of his especial trust and confidence in the zeal, valor, patriotism and fidelity of Mr. Wick, appointed him to be one of his aids-de-camp, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Militia of the Commonwealth. Endowed by nature with a strong character, Mr. Wick was so surrounded in his childhood that his latent powers were developed and strengthened and he became a successful business man, and is also possessed of broad sympathy and charity. To-day he is not more honored on account of the enviable position which he occupies in business circles than on account of the many kindly deeds of his life, which have ever been quietly and unostentatiously performed.

ADAM SHINDLEDECKER. The subject of this personal history is a well-known agriculturist of Red Bank township, Clarion county, and is esteemed as a man of industry and enterprise, besides being a worthy citizen, and having to his credit an unblemished war record.

Born October 9, 1838, in that township, Mr. Shindledecker is a son of Adam and Utilla (Fike) Shindledecker, who were born, reared and married in Germany, and continued to reside there until after the birth of their sons, Peter and Jacob. The next son, Mathias, was born on the ocean while the family were on their way to the New World. Here the family circle was increased by the birth of the following children: Godfrey, Charles, William, Adam, Elizabeth, Fulton, John, Christina, Mary E., and Utilla (deceased). The father was a farmer by occupation, and on coming to this country operated a farm in Red Bank township, Clarion county, until eleven years before his death, when he removed to Hawthorn, where he died at the age of eighty-one. He was officially connected with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and was a man well liked by all who knew him. His estimable wife died February 11, 1893, aged eighty-five years.

The common schools afforded our subject his educational privileges, and upon the home farm he was reared to habits of industry. His patriotism having been awakened by the imminent danger to the country from the hands of the Rebels, he enlisted August 28, 1862, at the President's call for 300,000 more volunteers, becoming a member of Company C, 78th P. V. I., under Capt. John Brinker and Col. Sornell. He participated in the battles of Murfreesboro, Stone River, Franklin, Tunnel Hill, Dalton, Ga., Tilton, Resaca, Calhoun, Morrisville, Kingston, Cartersville, Allatoona, Acworth, Marietta, Chickamauga, and Atlanta. During the heavy cannonading at Resaca, he lost the hearing of his left ear, at Chickamauga he was internally injured while carrying rails, and while fording streams the veins in his leg burst. Hostilities having ceased, he was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn., June 20, 1865, and returned home to his wife and children in Clarion county. He has since devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, and now has a fine farm of

ninety-one acres under a high state of cultivation, and well improved with commodious buildings.

On February 21, 1857, Mr. Shindledecker was married to Miss Catherine Rader, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of George Rader, one of the honored pioneers of this region, who spent his last years here. He had one son, Isaac Rader, who was a soldier of the Civil war, and is now a resident of Tennessee. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shindledecker: Utilla, who died at the age of five years; Sarah Jane, wife of Samuel Hulbon; Adam Ira; Eliza, wife of W. H. Kroh; John Solomon; Emma Lovilla, wife of Michael Rutchduckel; L. H., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now located in Byrontown, Elk Co., Penn.; and Cora May.

In early life Mr. Shindledecker was a member of the Evangelical Church, and held offices in the same, but is now an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as treasurer. He is a great Sunday-school worker, and has ever labored untiringly in the Master's vineyard. His political support is given to the men and measures of the Republican party, and, as a private citizen, soldier and Christian gentleman, he is certainly deserving of the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

JONATHAN D. MURPHY, a prominent music teacher of St. Petersburg, Penn., was born February 2, 1840, in Steubenville, Ohio, and is a representative of a good old Pennsylvania family, of Irish origin.

His grandfather, Jeremiah Murphy, was a soldier of the war of 1812 under Commodore Perry, on Lake Erie, and was wounded in the service, and also taken prisoner by the enemy. William Murphy, our subject's father, wedded Miss Mary Dungan, who also belonged to a prominent Pennsylvania family, in which were many distinguished musicians, having gained enviable reputations both at home and abroad. Mr. Murphy died at the age of eighty-five, and his wife in 1843, when in the prime of life. They were Presbyterians in religious belief, and most estimable people. In politics the father was first a Whig, and later an Abolitionist. His children were as follows: Jeremiah, a resident of McDonald, Penn., and a soldier of the Civil war; Mrs. D. A. Martin; Thomas D., a minister of the Congregational Church; Jonathan D.; and Mrs. Mary J. Davidson, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

Although born in Ohio, the subject of this sketch was reared in Pennsylvania, and acquired his literary education in its common schools. He was provided with a good musical education under private instructors, and has become very proficient in that art. He is still a devoted student, and for many years has successfully engaged in teaching music, among his pupils being many who have become quite prominent abroad as well as in this country.

Responding to the President's call for 75,000 volunteers, Mr. Murphy, in 1861, enlisted in Company F, 78th P. V. I., of which he was made orderly sergeant. On November 30, 1862, he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. He commanded his company at the battle of Chickamauga, though in such ill health at the time that after the conflict he had to be carried off the field in an ambulance. With the exception of the battle of Murfreesboro (being on detail at the time) he participated in all the engagements in which his regiment took part.

On November 4, 1864, he was honorably discharged, having served his country three years and two months. For a time after the war he made his home in Marietta, Ohio, and then located in Oil Creek, Penn., devoting his attention to the oil business for about twenty years. Since 1894, however, he has resided in St. Petersburg, where he owns a comfortable and pleasant home.

In 1866 Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Mary W. Bowman, of Pittsburg, Penn., a daughter of Robert and Eliza (Alexander) Bowman, now deceased. Her father was at one time a prominent architect and builder of Pittsburg. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are as follows: John D., a bookkeeper now employed in Pittsburg, Penn.; William R., a lawyer and member of the Pittsburg Bar; Sarah B. (a noted pianist) is at home; and Eddie, deceased.

Mr. Murphy is an ardent Republican in politics, and has most efficiently served as a member of the school board for thirteen years. He affiliates with the Royal Arcanum, and also with Lookout Post No. 425, G. A. R., in which he served as commander. He is one of the leading and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for many years has been the leader of the choir.

WASHINGTON A. CRAIG, proprietor of the Craig Roller Mill in Toby township, is unquestionably one of the strong and influential business men whose lives have become an essential part of the history of Clarion county. He is enterprising, energetic, and always abreast with

the times, and has been rewarded by a comfortable competence.

Mr. Craig was born October 22, 1841, on the old homestead which forms a part of his present farm, his parents being James and Jane (Ferguson) Craig, who were born, reared and married in Indiana county. After various removals they located at the present home of our subject, in 1830, and being a millwright as well as a farmer, the father erected the mill which is still owned and operated by his son. He was a public-spirited and progressive man, was first a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and although he never aspired to office, he creditably filled several local positions of honor and trust. He was a leading member of the Associate Presbyterian Church, and in 1858 united with the U. P. Church, and served as elder for many years prior to his death, which occurred in February, 1877, when seventy-four years of age. The mother departed this life in April, 1857, at the age of fifty-three, and both were laid to rest in the Associate Church cemetery of Rimersburg.

Our subject is the seventh of the children born to this worthy couple, the others being: William F.; John R., deceased, who was a school teacher and farmer by occupation, and was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church; Mary J., who died at the age of nine years; James, a retired attorney living in Clarion county; Alexander R., a farmer of Madison township, Clarion county; Rufus, a farmer and contractor of Madison township; Robert, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war, and is now a farmer of Indiana county, Penn.; David M., who died December 27, 1862, from sickness contracted in the army (in which he was a member of Company H, 155th P. V. I.), and was buried in Clarion county; and Amanda C., who died at the age of nine years. After the death of his first wife the father wedded Mary A. McCane, by whom he had six children, namely: Harvey McC., an agriculturist of Sandy Hollow, Clarion county; Thomas H., a farmer of Toby township; Professor Samuel R., who is engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion county, Penn.; Charles F., a farmer of Sligo; and Eva R. and Anna C., who live on the old homestead in Toby township.

Washington A. Craig spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the home farm, where he remained until August 22, 1862, when he laid aside all personal interests to aid his country in her struggle to preserve the Union. He became a member of Company H, 155th P. V. I., under Capt. John Ewing, and among the various engagements in which he participated were the hard-fought battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Ann River, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. He was never wounded and was never off duty for a single day during his entire service. At the time of Lee's surrender, our subject, with Corp. G. H. Clever, privates J. C. Barnett, A. G. Lewellen, C. M. Smith, G. Kribbs, of Company K, and William Eich, of Company E, all of the 155th Regiment, P. V. I., in the town of Appomattox captured 116 Rebels, including sixteen officers, of whom a colonel was the highest in rank, and marched them into the Union lines. Of the two swords Mr. Craig secured at this time, one he gave to his second lieutenant and the other he still has in his possession. On joining the army he was made sergeant, was promoted to the rank of corporal March 24, 1863, sergeant April 25, 1864, and when the war was over was mustered out June 2, 1865, at Washington, District of Columbia.

During his youth, Mr. Craig worked on the home farm and in the mill until the age of twenty years, when he began learning the carpenter's trade, working for David Gwin, of Rimersburg, for one season. On his return from the army he entered the employ of his father and brothers, William and John, who then owned the mill, and at the end of a year he purchased John's interest. When the father died, he and his brother William bought the interest of the other heirs, and together they operated the mill until the spring of 1888, when our subject became sole owner. The building was erected and equipped in 1831, but in 1891 was remodeled by Mr. Craig, making it one of the best roller mills of its size in the county, its capacity being from twenty-five to thirty barrels of flour every twenty-four hours. It can be run both by water and steam power, and the race is supported by Licking creek. In his business ventures, Mr. Craig has prospered, and now owns besides his mill property two or three fine farms, and also has ready money.

On September 21, 1871, at Curllsville, Rev. Dr. Mateer performed a wedding ceremony which united the destinies of Mr. Craig and Miss Mary E. McAuley, who was born in Toby township, Clarion county, November 27, 1847, a daughter of Rev. John and Jeannetta E. (Reed) McAuley, natives of Wythe county, Va., and Cincinnati, Ohio, respectively. Her parents met and were married near the town of Hanover, Ind. For many years the father was a minister of the Seceder Church, but in 1869 he joined the Covenanter Church. His last two years were spent in retirement and he died at Sligo, in August, 1883, at the age of seventy-six years and seven

months. His wife passed away May 2, 1892, aged seventy-six years, and both were buried in the Seceder cemetery at Rimersburg. They had come to Clarion county in 1838 and first located near Rimersburg in Toby township, but after a few months removed to Jefferson county, where he was engaged in preaching for a time. He had charge of the congregation in Rimersburg from 1840 until 1869, and then removed to Sligo, where his last days were spent. His parents were Daniel and Margaret (Rains) McAuley, natives of North Carolina, who died in the West. By occupation, Daniel McAuley was a farmer. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Craig were William and Sarah (Bigham) Reed, of Pennsylvania, where the former engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mrs. Craig is the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, of whom the others are as follows: Rev. William, a minister of the Associate Presbyterian Church, who now resides with our subject; Margaret, wife of John Langley, a farmer of Armstrong county; Sarah, wife of Nathaniel S. Coulter, a druggist of Sligo; Dr. Auley, who died at the age of fourty-four years; and Rebecca A., who was twice married, first to J. M. Smith, who died in 1887, and second (1893) to Aaron Ellenberger, a farmer in Armstrong county.

Mr. Craig is an honored and popular member of the Grand Army Post of Sligo, and in this way keeps up his acquaintance with his old army comrades. He is a stalwart supporter of the principiples of the Republican party, and is a faithful member of the Associate Presbyterian Church. He has a good library of his own, is a great reader, and is well posted on the leading topics and issues of the day. His loyalty as a citizen and devotion to his country's interests have never been question, it being as often manifested in days of peace as when on Southern battle-fields he followed the old flag to victory. He is therefore recognized as one of the most valued citizens of his community, and all who know him have for him the highest regard.

ARTHUR B. COLLNER, the genial and popular prothonotary and clerk of the courts of Clarion county, is of the third generation of the Collner family, who have been identified with the growth and development of this section of the State. Lewis Collner, his grandfather, of German birth, was for a period of sixty years a resident of Clarion county, engaged principally as a merchant and in the oil business. William F. Collner, the father of our subject, has been prominent in the public affairs of the county for many years, having served as sheriff and being twice elected prothonotary. A sketch of him appears elsewhere in this volume.

Arthur B. Collner was born in Farmington township, Clarion county, April 21, 1868. He received his education in the public schools of the county, clerking at intervals in his father's store, and in the store of his uncle (H. Collner & Bro.), at St. Petersburg. In 1879, on his father's removal to Clarion to perform the duties of sheriff, he came with the family, and during their three-years' residence there attended the public schools of the borough. During his father's first term as prothonotary, from 1884 to 1887, young Collner attended the Clarion State Normal School, working during vacations, and mornings and evenings, in the office, and during his father's second administration he served as deputy; he held the same position through the six-years' administration of W. A. Sipler, the successor of William F. Collner. Such was the popularity of the deputy prothonotary that in 1896 he was nominated for that office and elected in November of that year by the largest vote ever given a candidate in the county, running far ahead of his ticket. He is making a very efficient and capable officer, and is the youngest man ever elected to this office in the State of Pennsylvania. He is a most genial, social and obliging man and a very accommodating official, which has given him the great popularity he enjoys.

On April 6, 1894, Mr. Collner was married to Miss Minnie K. Wilson, and one child—Evelyn—has come to bless the union. The parents are identified with the Baptist Church. Socially, Mr. Collner is a member of the F. & A. M., and he has served five years as secretary of the lodge to which he belongs; he is also a member of the I. O. O. F., joining these orders when twenty-one years of age. In politics he is a Democrat.

REUBEN A. WINGAR, who is numbered among the native sons of Clarion county, has assisted materially in the development of its agricultural resources, and is one of its most energetic and progressive farmers. Since 1887 he has resided upon his present place in Beaver township, which is a valuable farm of rich and arable land, improved with a good and substantial residence, barn and other buildings. Everything upon the place testifies to the careful management of the owner, and shows that he is a thorough and skillful farmer of progressive ideas.

A representative of one of the old and honored families of the county, Mr. Wingar was

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born in Beaver township, November 15, 1846, and is a son of Daniel Wingar, and grandson of Frederick Wingar, who was of German descent, and a soldier of the war of 1812. The father was born in 1801, in Westmoreland county, Penn., where he was reared, and, on reaching man's estate, married Miss Anna Dalo, who died when our subject was only four months old, leaving seven children, the others being: Susie A., Kate, John, George, Simon, and Mary E. George was for four years a faithful soldier in the Union army during the Rebellion, and is now a resident of Michigan. The father departed this life in 1882, at the ripe old age of eighty-one years. He voted for Fremont in 1856, and continued an ardent supporter of the Republican party, while in religious belief he was a Methodist, taking an active part in all Church work and serving as class-leader and steward.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were passed in his native township, where he attended school. In 1863, at the early age of seventeen years, he offered his services to his country and became a member of Company G, 1st Maryland Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the war, taking part in thirty-two engagements, including the battles of the Peninsular campaign north of the James river, and those before Petersburg. After the surrender of Gen. Lee he was honorably discharged as a non-commissioned officer, and returned home to resume agricultural pursuits.

At the age of twenty-one, Mr. Wingar was married to Miss Mary E. Frost, a lady of intelligence and refinement, who has proved a true helpmeet to him. Ten children blessed their union, of whom May Bell is the only one deceased. The others are: Saphrona, LeRoy B., Laura, Lizzie, Mabel, Maggie, Omer, Ethel and William.

In politics Mr. Wingar is devoted to the interests of the Republican party, and is an earnest advocate of its principles. He is an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as class leader and steward, and he gives a liberal support to all enterprises calculated to advance the moral or material welfare of the community. His sterling worth has gained him the uniform regard of all, and Clarion county is glad to number him among her citizens.

ANSON BEATTY, of Knox, Clarion county, has attained distinctive preferment in political circles, and through his official positions has been an important factor in promoting the best interests of his city. He is now serving as burgess, and as such has materially advanced the work of development and progress. He is a dealer in harness, and is also one of the representative business men of the place.

Mr. Beatty was born in Sheakleyville, Mercer Co., Penn., in 1845, and is a son of Matthew and Rebecca (Dunn) Beatty, both natives of Crawford county, this State, but the paternal grandfather was born in Ireland. The father was born in 1796. On French creek, Crawford Co., Penn., he learned the tanner's trade, and after his removal to Sheakleyville built a tannery, which he operated for several years. He died at that place in 1859, and his wife, who was born on French creek, in Crawford county, departed this life in Sheakleyville, in 1887. In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: William enlisted in Crawford county, in 1863, serving in the Union army until the close of the war, and later represented that county in the State Assembly for two terms, and died in Williamsport in 1870. Mary Ann died in Crawford county. Alexander is a resident of Erie, Penn. Mrs. Merob Devore lives in Cochranton, Crawford Co., Penn; Miss Eleanor Beatty lives in Madison, Wis.; Mrs. Lucy Couse is a resident of the same place; Mrs. Catharine Yard died in Sheakleyville, Penn; and Wilson is also deceased; Anson completes the family.

Anson Beatty pursued his studies in the public schools of Mercer county, and on laying aside his text books learned the tanner's trade, at which he worked for four years. He next mastered the harness maker's trade at a shop in Sheakleyville, and has since followed that occupation. In 1868 he removed to Meadville, and on going to Shippensville, in 1877, entered the employ of W. W. Wilson, a harness manufacturer, with whom he remained for two years. He then came to Knox, where he embarked in the saddlery business on his own account, and in 1894 erected his present commodious store building. He is an energetic, progressive business man, and the success that he has achieved is certainly well deserved.

In 1875, in Meadville, Penn., was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Beatty and Miss Arie Arena Carr, a native of that place and a daughter of John and Jane (Hageny) Carr. Her father was born in Lock Haven, and died in Meadville at the age of eighty-two years, and the mother, also a native of the Keystone State, died in the same place. Mr. and Mrs. Beatty have four children: Walter, Wilbur, Myrta and Harold. Mr. Beatty is an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and has ever taken an active

and influential part in political affairs. He served as a member of the city council of Knox for three years, and in 1897 was elected to his present position of burgess, which he is now so acceptably filling. He is a member of Knox Lodge, K. P., and also of Knox Lodge No. 954, I. O. O. F.

JOHN EHLER has for almost half a century been identified with the interests of Shippenville, and in those years he has wrested from the hands of fate a handsome competence for himself, while at the same time he has in many ways promoted the best interests of the city by his support of measures calculated to prove of public good, and by his advancement of business enterprises which, promoting commercial activity, have added to the general prosperity.

The birth of his father, George Ehler, occurred in Germany, but during his childhood he came to the United States and located in Venango county, Penn., where he was reared. As a young man he came to Clarion county, where he married Miss Sophia Wiseman, also a native of Germany, who when a girl came with her father, Frederick Wiseman, to America, being numbered among the first settlers of Meadville, Venango county, whence they came to Clarion county. George Ehler was a blacksmith by trade, and for some time worked in the furnaces of Clarion county. About 1842 he took up his residence in Shippenville, becoming its third blacksmith, and in that place his death occurred in 1863, at the age of fifty-five years. He was a Republican in politics, and was an active and prominent member of the German Lutheran Church, of which he was one of the trustees. He was one of the honored pioneers of Shippenville, as well as one of its highly esteemed and valued citizens. His estimable wife is still living, and is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church.

The subject of this sketch is the second in order of birth in their family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, of whom Hannah and George (1) are now deceased. The others are: Frederick, a resident of Shippenville; Mary, wife of J. T. Hovis; Andrew; George; Jacob, a resident of Bluffton, Ind.; and Lizzie, wife of Walter Hovis, of Gibsonburg, Sandusky Co., Ohio.

John Ehler was born April 20, 1848, in the village where he still continues to reside, and in its public schools obtained his education. His business career was begun as a laborer for Richard Shippen, and during the seven years he was in his employ he lost only one day. Later he engaged in bridge building for a time, after which he went to the oil fields near Pleasantville, where he found employment. Returning to Clarion county in 1872, he located at Hahn's Mill, where he engaged in lumbering until injured by falling from a tree and causing heart trouble.

In 1873, with a capital of only $150, Mr. Ehler embarked in the grocery business in Shippenville, and had to compete with good, strong and well-established firms. He has capably demonstrated his ability as a business man, however, for to-day he carries a stock which, with his real estate, is valued at $10,000; his trade is constantly increasing. His present commodious store building, 100 x 22 feet, was erected by him in 1887, and is stocked by a fine line of general merchandise. By fair and honorable dealing Mr. Ehler has won a liberal patronage, and secured the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

On November 24, 1880, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Hattie E. Huntsbrager, a native of Venango county, Penn., and to them have been born four children: Sydney, Frank Melvin, Helen Clara, and Emma Marie, who died when three weeks old. The wife and mother is a sincere and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the exercise of his elective franchise Mr. Ehler supports the Republican party, and he takes quite an active and influential part in public affairs. He has acceptably served both as a member of the school board and a member of the city council. Socially, he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. A man of keen perception, of unbounded enterprise, his success in life is due entirely to his own efforts, and he deserves prominent mention among the leading and representative business men of Clarion county.

W. H. THOMAS, an enterprising and prosperous farmer of Beaver township, Clarion county, was born October 10, 1837, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

George Thomas, his father, was born near Philadelphia, of Welch ancestry, and, on reaching manhood, was married in Montgomery county, to Miss Catherine Stung, a native of Pennsylvania, and of German extraction. After their marriage they located in Armstrong county, where the father followed the occupations of farming and blacksmithing. Politically, he was a Democrat and, religiously, was a member of the Reformed Church. He died at New Bethlehem, Penn., at the age of seventy-one, and his wife, in Beaver township, Clarion county, at the age of seventy. In their family were the follow-

ing children: Catherine, Elizabeth, George, Isaac, Maria, Margaret, W. H., and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Thomas, whose name introduces this review, was reared amid rural scenes, and pursued his studies in the public schools. Resolved to strike a blow in defense of his country, he enlisted in August, 1861, in Company C, 78th P. V. I., and took part in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, and Chattanooga; later he was in the Atlanta campaign, and was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea, which occupied forty days. After three years of arduous and faithful service, he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant, which office was conferred upon him at date of enlistment. After he was discharged from the service at Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Penn., he engaged in the oil business as driller.

Since 1871, Mr. Thomas has made his home upon his present farm of fifty acres in Beaver township, and has successfully engaged in its operation. The place is improved with a comfortable residence and substantial outbuildings, and the fields are well cultivated, yielding abundant harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

In 1865 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Martha Fowles, whose parents were Reuben and Susan (Loughner) Fowles, prominent early settlers of Clarion county. Her father, who was a Republican, and a member of the German Reformed Church, died at the age of seventy-eight years; her mother is still living at the ripe old age of eighty-two. In their family were the following children: Erred, Amanda, Martha, Elizabeth, William, Reuben, Addison, Sarah, and Clarissa and Edwin, both deceased. Two of the sons, Erred and William, were soldiers during the Civil war, and the former died from wounds received in battle, but the latter is now living in Wood county, Ohio, engaged in the oil business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas have five children: Mrs. Anna McConnell; George, a successful teacher, who is now a pupil in the Commercial College at Oil City, Penn.; Sarah; Minnie, and Martha. The parents and three of the children are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father has served as trustee, steward, superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. His political support has always been given the men and measures of the Democratic party until the McKinley campaign, when he supported the Republican party. No man takes a deeper interest or greater pride in the moral and financial welfare of Clarion county than W. H. Thomas, who is numbered among its valued and honored citizens.

In November, 1897, when Pennsylvania dedicated her monuments on the battlefields, Mr. Thomas, in company with some of his old comrades, again visited the old battlefields of Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, and Stone River, and they were present at the dedication of the monument to the 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was placed upon the battlefield of Chickamauga.

FRANK DALE, a dealer in hardware and oil well supplies of all kinds, in Foxburg, Penn., comes from across the sea, his birth occurring in Ipswich, Suffolk, England, January 8, 1838. His parents were James and Elizabeth (Wilkinson) Dale, the former born and living in London for several years. When he was fourteen, in 1852, the family came to the United States and located in Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, where they were numbered among the pioneers. After working upon a farm in the Hawkeye State for two or three years, Mr. Dale accepted a position with the firm of Frink & Walker, which was composed of two well-known Western stage-coach men of those days. After driving on their two and four horse stages for a time, he was promoted to a position in their Dubuque office, and later held a responsible position with the American Express Company for thirteen years, being messenger agent and route agent of their lines in northern Iowa.

Feeling that his adopted country needed his services during the dark days of the Rebellion, Mr. Dale enlisted in the 21st Iowa V. I., and was commissioned first lieutenant of Company C. He proved a gallant, brave and popular officer, and for a time was a member of the general's staff of the Second Brigade and Fourteenth Division, Thirteenth Army Corps. He participated in the battle of Hartsville, the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Jackson, Miss., and many other engagements of less importance, and while serving in Texas, having broken one of his legs, he was honorably discharged after two years of arduous and faithful service. He always had the confidence of those under him and the respect and esteem of his fellow-officers, with whom he was very popular on account of his cheerful and lively disposition. After his return home he was commissioned a captain and later colonel of the First Regiment Black Hawk Co. Militia of Iowa, which numbered about 900 men.

Mr. Dale continued to reside in Iowa until 1870, making his home at Cedar Falls, and then

came to the oil regions of Pennsylvania, where he engaged in producing and putting down wells for ten years in connection with the A. S. Palmer Company, and Grant, Dale & Co. In 1880 he went to Hungary and Roumania on the Black sea, and in that section of the country also engaged in drilling wells for two years. On his return, Mr. Dale located at Foxburg and served a term as postmaster, and later went into his present business.

In Iowa, Mr. Dale was united in marriage to Miss Mary Pike, a lady of English birth, and a daughter of George Pike, who died in Yankton, S. Dak., a few years ago at the age of eighty years. He was a member of the Ohio troops during the Civil war, and also had two sons in the service, Captain Fred and George Pike. The former was an officer in the 23rd Illinois V. I., was with Col. Mulligan at Lexington, Mo., and served for nearly four years and a half—George Pike served in Dakota Cavalry under Gen. Alfred Sully. Mr. and Mrs. Dale have three children: Mrs. Florence Grant, of Morgantown, Va.; Frank B., who is superintendent and engineer of water works, Foxburg; and Mrs. W. B. Peters, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

Since voting in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln (first term), Mr. Dale has been a pronounced Republican in politics, and acceptably served as postmaster of Foxburg 1883–6. He has filled all the offices in the Grand Army Post to which he belongs, and has been regent of the Royal Arcanum council for ten years, and warden of the Episcopal Church of Foxburg. The late W. J. Hancock, general manager of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, received his first lessons as a messenger under the direction of our subject, Mr. Hancock being the son of a shoemaker of Dubuque. Since coming to Foxburg Mr. Dale has made many warm friends, has gained the respect and confidence of all who know him, and occupies a prominent position in business circles.

JUDGE CHRISTIAN BRINKER was one of the prominent and influential citizens of Porter township, Clarion county. He was a recognized leader in political affairs, and won high honors at the hands of his fellow citizens. In business he won that success which crowns well directed and energetic effort, and his trustworthiness gained him the confidence and respect of all.

Judge Brinker was born in 1825, in Toby township, Clarion county, a representative of one of the pioneer families, his parents, John and Elizabeth (Horn) Brinker, having removed from Westmoreland county, Penn., to Toby township, about 1820. Later they took up their residence in Porter township, where they spent their remaining days, the father passing away at the age of seventy-eight, while his wife died at the age of seventy-three years. He was a successful farmer and accumulated a good property. In the Reformed Church, he held membership, and at all times faithfully discharged his duties to society and to his country. His family numbered five children, namely: Christian; Mrs. Beck, of Florida; Capt. John, now a prominent railroad man and coal dealer in Buffalo, N. Y.; formerly engaged in the mercantile business at Fairmount (not far from Bethlehem, Penn.), and later in the coal business there; Mrs. Jacob Bittbender, of Porter township; and Mrs. John Coleman, of Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania.

Judge Brinker was reared under the parental roof, and early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He acquired his education in the public schools, and, entering upon his business career, turned his attention to the pursuits to which he had been reared. He owned an excellent farm, placed his land under a high state of cultivation, and extensively engaged in stock-raising. His careful attention to his business interests, good management and enterprise brought to him a success that was well deserved.

On January 21, 1865, Judge Brinker was united in marriage with Margaret Stallman, a daughter of Samuel Stallman, who was a native of Schuylkill county, Penn., and of German descent. He married Margaret Reed, and resided for some time in Clarion county, but both are now deceased. They had a family of eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, of whom the following are living: Lewis (of Jefferson county, Penn.), Catherine, Caroline, Mrs. Brinker and Sarah. Mrs. Brinker was to her husband a faithful companion and helpmeet, who by her able management of the household affairs contributed not a little to his success. Three children came to bless their union: A. A., now a prominent and well-known citizen of Clarion county, was born September 19, 1866, and married Lou Emma Mohney, by whom he has five children—Bertha B., Estella A., Edgar F., Charles Christian, and a baby boy. Philip Ed., the second son of Judge and Mrs. Brinker, died at the age of four years; and George Scott died at the age of fifteen months.

The Judge was a man of the utmost reliability, and had the unqualified confidence and regard of his fellow townsmen, who, appreciating his worth, frequently called him to public office.

He served as county treasurer, and county judge, and twice represented his district in the State Legislature, where he served with distinguished ability. His public duties were discharged with conscious fidelity, and won the commendation of all concerned. He passed away September 4, 1895, and the community mourned the death of one of its most valued citizens, for he left a deep impress on the public life. He was a stanch friend, a faithful husband and father, and commanded the regard of all with whom he came in contact. Mrs. Margaret Humes, formerly widow of Judge Brinker, had a very pleasant, commodious and modern residence at Brinkerton. Her friends are many, won by her excellencies of character.

RICHARD J. CHANDLER owns and operates a fine farm of 100 acres in Porter township, Clarion county, where he has made his home since 1845. He is a man of excellent business capacity, and his habits of thought and observation have tended to provide him with a good fund of general information, which has proved valuable in every respect.

Mr. Chandler was born August 4, 1827, in what was then McKean county, but is now a part of Cameron county, Penn., and is a son of John Chandler, a native of New Jersey. The grandfather, Pontius Chandler, was born in Holland, and belonged to a good old family of that country. Both he and his wife died in New Jersey. When a young man John Chandler located in Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn., where he married Miss Ann, daughter of Col. Elihu Chadwick, who was one of the most prominent men of that community, and was an officer in the Revolutionary war, having devoted seven years of his life to the struggle for independence. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, namely: Elihu, Rebecca, Ann, John, Richard J., Rachel, Lydia and Jeremiah. Besides our subject, Mrs. Rebecca Freeman, of Cameron county, is the only one now living. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, and a Whig in politics, died in Porter township, Clarion county, at the age of fifty-four years, and his wife departed this life at the age of seventy-four. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and reared her children in that faith. While not a member of any religious denomination, her husband attended Church and was a believer in the Bible.

In the county of his nativity, Richard J. Chandler was reared to habits of industry, and there continued to make his home until locating upon his present farm in Porter township, Clarion county, in 1845. Three years later he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Randolph, a daughter of Nathaniel Randolph, and a native of Ohio. Her parents both died in Tama county, Iowa. Seven children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, namely: James, now a resident of Audubon, Audubon Co., Iowa; George H., of Manhattan county, Kans.; W. E., who lives on the home farm; Emma, wife of Calvin Wiant, of Porter township, Clarion county; two who died in childhood; and Mrs. Rebecca Luch, who died in November, 1895, at the age of forty-six years.

Mr. Chandler possesses a good voice, singing either tenor or soprano, and for forty years he has been leader of the choir of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a member. His voice seems especially adapted to singing those old tunes which every one loves to hear at revivals or at Church services. His life is exemplary in all respects, and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation. He is a strictly temperate man, having never tasted liquor, and he has the esteem of his friends and the confidence of the public.

W. C. MILTENBERGER, the senior editor of the *Republican Gazette*, of Clarion, and one of the proprietors of the paper, was born in Pittsburg, Penn., in 1848, descending from ancestors who were closely identified with the early iron interests of that city.

George Miltenberger, his grandfather, at the time of his death was one of the oldest citizens of Pittsburg. He was the senior member of the firm of Miltenberger & Brown, who erected and owned the first rolling-mill that assisted in enveloping the city in smoke, which later gave it the name of the "Smoky City." George B. Miltenberger, the father of W. C., was one of the old-time steamboat agents of the same city. From 1856 to 1865 the family resided at Columbus, Ky., and the subject of this sketch was a messenger in the quartermaster's department at that place for a year. In 1866 he clerked in a dry-goods store in Oil City, Penn. Returning to Pittsburg in 1867 he was examiner of one of the largest dry-goods stores at that time in the city. Later he was employed by the P., F. W. & C. Railroad Company in Allegheny City as chief manifest clerk, which position he held six years. After this he was for a time assistant clerk at the general delivery window of the Pittsburg

post office. Following this position he removed to Rochester, Penn., where he was in the book and stationery business with his brother-in-law, W. J. Brown, under the firm name of Miltenberger & Brown. On the dissolution of the firm, Mr. Miltenberger joined Mr. A. M. Johnson and formed a partnership in the real-estate business as A. M. Johnson & Co. From Rochester he came to Clarion, and for about eight years was connected with the Clarion *Democrat* as collector and solicitor, local editor, and also attended to the books. On January 1, 1896, he and W. H. Pickens formed a partnership under the firm name of Miltenberger & Pickens, and took charge of the *Republican Gazette*, of Clarion, Penn., and they have since successfully conducted the paper.

SAMUEL REED, one of the most energetic and progressive citizens of Porter township, Clarion county, was born March 25, 1834, upon the farm where he is still living. David Reed, his grandfather, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and was of Scotch lineage. He was one of three brothers, the others being Giles, who located in Virginia, and the one who removed to the Southwest. As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey David Reed married Miss Polly Knight, who was of German descent.

James Reed, the father of our subject, was born in 1799, on Crab Tree run, in Westmoreland county, Penn., and was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Armstrong county, where the later learned the blacksmith's trade. In Clarion county he married Miss Jane Blair, who was born on Sugar creek, in Armstrong county, a daughter of Alexander Blair, of Irish descent. In 1830 Mr. and Mrs. Reed located upon the farm where our subject now lives, and, in connection with its improvement and cultivation, the father also worked at his trade. He died on this place at the age of seventy years, honored and respected by all who knew him. His estimable wife, who was born in 1804, was called to her final rest November 8, 1875. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and he was a Whig in politics, a warm admirer of Henry Clay.

In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children, nine sons and three daughters. David Blair, the oldest, went to California, via the Isthmus and died in that State in 1852. Alexander broke the first sod, in 1842, for the St. Charles furnace, for the firm of Tole & Adams, and died in Alabama, in April, 1896. John V. is a resident of Armstrong county, Penn., and Knight, of Wayne county, Ill. Samuel is the next in order of birth. Mrs. Mary Witmer lives in Licking township, Clarion county. Henrietta is deceased. James Irvin, a soldier of the Fifth Ohio Battery during the Civil war, participated in the battle of Jackson, Miss., and other engagements, and died at Memphis, Tenn., October 28, 1863, at the age of twenty-three years. Four children died in infancy.

Samuel Reed was reared on the home farm, received his education in the local schools, and during his youth learned the manufacture of charcoal. In December, 1861, he began driving a team for the government at Camp Gaully, in West Virginia, and was thus employed for nine months. Later he was a resident of Ohio, and on November 1, 1864, enlisted in the 67th O. V. I. For a time he was under Gen. Butler with the Army of the James; he participated in the battle of Fort Gregg, April 2, 1865, when he was wounded in the elbow of the left arm. At the hospital the surgeon said the limb would have to be amputated, but Mr. Reed refused to have the operation performed. He remained in the hospital at Houston Cross Roads from April 6 until June 18, when he was honorably discharged and returned to Ohio. In 1867, however, he located on the old homestead in Porter township, Clarion Co., Penn., where he is still living. The farm comprises fifty-eight acres, which is under a high state of cultivation and well improved.

Mr. Reed is a charter member of Capt. Case Post, No. 239, G. A. R., of Piollett, Clarion county, in which he has filled all the chairs. For five years he served as supervisor of Porter township with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents, and is justly numbered among the valued and useful citizens of his community.

MAJOR R. MORGAN, the cashier of the Foxburg Bank, has been closely identified with the business interests of the city for over twenty years, and his name is inseparably connected with its financial records. The first banking institution with which he was connected was the Foxburg Savings Bank of Foxburg, Clarion county, where he received a salary of only $7.50 per month; but so faithfully did he perform his duties that he was gradually promoted, and continued in the employ of that concern until 1876. He then accepted a position in the St. Petersburg Savings Bank, of St. Petersburg, where he remained until about 1878, when he returned to Foxburg as acting cashier of the Foxburg Sav-

ings Bank. In 1881 the Foxburg Bank was established in the place of the Savings Bank, since which time Mr. Morgan has acceptably filled the position of cashier thereof, Joseph M. Fox being president. This bank to-day is one of the most solid financial institutions of Clarion county.

Mr. Morgan was born May 17, 1858, in Erie county, Penn., and is a son of Capt. Charles B. Morgan, an officer in the Union army, who was first a member of Company A, 83rd P. V. I., and later of a United States cavalry regiment. When the war was over he was reported among the missing, and no clew of his death has ever been found. He was a native of Vermont, and left home at the age of fourteen, after which he made his own way in the world unaided. He left a widow and three children, but Col. Alonzo and Fred F. are now deceased, so that our subject is the only one now living. The mother is now the wife of John F. Baker, and is a resident of Foxburg.

The early life of Maj. R. Morgan was passed in Titusville and Petroleum Center, having a good home in the former place with O. K. Howe, who was one of its most prominent citizens, and served as burgess for a time. Mr. Howe was in rather limited circumstances during his last years, at which time our subject had a chance to return in part the kindness shown him during his boyhood days. The education Mr. Morgan acquired in the public schools has been so supplemented by reading and study in later years, that he is now a well-informed man.

In 1888 was celebrated his marriage with Miss Adaline M. Sackett, a lady of culture and refinement, who was born in New York, and is a younger sister of Mrs. Joseph A. Harper, of Harper Brothers Publishing Company, still a resident of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan occupy a beautiful cottage in Foxburg, where hospitality reigns supreme, and their many friends are always sure of a hearty welcome. They hold membership in the Episcopal Church, and since its organization Mr. Morgan has served as treasurer. He is a worthy illustration of a self-made man; early thrown upon his own resources, he has through his own efforts attained to an enviable position in both the business and the social world.

W A. SLAUGENHAUPT, M. D., whose careful study and thorough investigation of the science of medicine has made him one of the successful and able practitioners of East Brady, Clarion county, was born August 2, 1857, in Porter township, Clarion county.

The Doctor is a son of John and Mary Ann (Polliard) Slaugenhaupt. The father, who was born in Toby township, Clarion county, was a son of William Slaugenhaupt, who was born in Maryland, in 1798, spent the greater part of his life in his native county. The Doctor's father was reared and educated in Clarion county, and having arrived at years of maturity married Miss Mary Ann Polliard, a native of Porter township, Clarion county, and a daughter of George and Mary Polliard, the former born in Clarion county, the latter in Luzerne county, Penn. Mr. Slaugenhaupt was a farmer, and in 1863 purchased the Col. Boyle farm in Porter township, where he made his home until his death in July, 1893. His wife is still living on the farm. In their family were four children: W. A., our subject; Thomas R., a farmer of Porter township; James B., who is living on the old homestead; and Emma J., wife of Robert Logan, of West Monterey, Clarion county.

Dr. Slaugenhaupt was reared in Porter township and acquired his education in the academies at Rimersburg, Callensburg and Millville. In 1876 he began teaching in Porter township, and afterward followed the profession in Armstrong county. In 1880 he went to Clearfield county, where he followed teaching for two years in New Millport, after which he became a member of the Faculty in the Normal at Clearfield. He also engaged in political work, making speeches throughout Clearfield county, after which he returned to Porter township, Clarion county, and took up the study of medicine. In 1883 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in Baltimore, Md., and was graduated with the class of 1885. In May, of that year, he located in St. Petersburg, where he remained until his removal to East Brady, in 1887. Here he has since engaged in general practice and now enjoys a large and lucrative patronage. He is a valued member of the County Medical Society, and is well versed in his chosen calling.

On October 21, 1891, Dr. Slaugenhaupt was married, in Curllsville, Clarion county, to Miss Stelle V. Hutchinson, who was born in Cornplanter township, Venango Co., Penn., a daughter of Robert M. Hutchinson, one of the early settlers there. The Doctor is a member of Orcana Lodge No. 413, K. P., the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of the Maccabees, and also the Kittanning, Penn., Lodge No. 203, B. P. O. Elks. His political support is given the Democracy, but his attention is not given to seeking office, his time being fully occupied with his professional duties. In June, 1892, the Doctor was appointed United States pension agent, and

served until May, 1897. At a meeting of the Grand Union of the Equitable Aid Union held in Franklin, June, 1895, he was elected Grand Medical Examiner for the State of Pennsylvania, and served in that capacity for two years. He is a man of pleasing personality, a popular and highly respected citizen, and a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of the county.

WILLIAM McDOWELL is one of the most influential and highly respected citizens of Beaver township, Clarion county, where he owns and operates a fine farm of 130 acres. Being a thorough and systematic farmer, he has placed the land under a high state of cultivation, and the well-tilled fields yield to the owner a bountiful return for the care and labor bestowed upon them. There is a good bearing orchard upon the place, and the buildings are all neat and substantial.

Mr. McDowell was born in 1824, in Elk City, Clarion county, a son of John and Polly (Kiser) McDowell. The paternal grandparents were James and Mary McDowell, natives of the Highlands of Scotland, and of Scotch-Irish descent. For several years after coming to America they lived in Eastern Pennsylvania, but in 1813 emigrated to Elk township, Clarion county, and later lived for a time in Venango county. The grandfather died, however, in Clarion county, in 1824, and his wife was called to her final rest in 1847. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and were sincere Christian people, their lives having ever been in harmony with their professions.

John McDowell, father of our subject, was born in Philadelphia, in 1790, and was therefore a young man on the removal of the family to Clarion county, where he was married to Miss Polly Kiser, whose birth occurred in Westmoreland county, Penn., in 1800. Her father, Peter Kiser, was one of the early settlers of Elk township, having located there in 1817, and he continued to make Clarion county his home until his death. John McDowell cleared and improved a farm in Elk township, and throughout life gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. He died upon that place in 1852, and his wife passed away in 1873, at the home of her son James. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and were held in high regard by all who knew them.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Mrs. Hannah Stringfiller, a resident of Beaver township, Clarion county; William, of this review; Mrs. Gould, who died in Butler county, Penn., in 1897; James, a farmer of Elk township, Clarion county; Peter, who died when young; Mrs. Margaret Johnson, of Elk township; John, of Venango county; and Nancy, who died in childhood.

During his boyhood and youth William McDowell became quite familiar with all kinds of farm work upon the old homestead, including the arduous task of clearing the wild land and placing it under the plow. In 1865 he enlisted in the 56th P. V. I., and was ill for a time in a hospital in Philadelphia. On being discharged at the close of the war, he returned home and resumed agricultural pursuits.

In 1847 Mr. McDowell was married to Miss Anna E. Gates, who has proved to him a faithful partner on life's journey. She is a native of Centre county, Penn., and a daughter of Henry and Dorothy Gates. Her father was born in Dauphin county, and was a son of Henry Gates, Sr. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. McDowell only two are now living: John Wesley, and Bradley B., a resident of Titusville, Penn., Henry died in Texas, at the age of forty-nine years, Joseph, at the age of fourteen months, and Samuel in childhood.

The wife and mother is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a most estimable lady. The Republican party finds in Mr. McDowell a stanch supporter, but he has never cared for official honors. Throughout life he has made good use of his opportunities, and has succeeded in accumulating a comfortable property. He is vigorous and well preserved, with a remarkable faculty for the conduct and dispatch of business, and well deserves the success that he has achieved. Honest, upright and honorable in all things, he has become the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who esteem him highly for his genuine worth.

PAUL B. BLACK, proprietor of the Centennial Stock Farm, in Elk township, is one of the most prominent business men of Clarion county, and is also a representative of one of its old and honored families.

Born February 2, 1836, in Elk township, near where he now lives, Mr. Black is a grandson of Frederick Black, who was born in Maryland, and was of Scotch and German descent. The father, William Black, born 1807, in Maryland, was one of the first settlers of Clarion county, where he first engaged in farming, but later became interested in farming and also in lumbering. He was a wide-awake, energetic business man, upright

and honorable in all his dealings, and was honored and respected by the entire community. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and in politics was first a Democrat, and later a stanch supporter of the Republican party.

In Clarion county William Black was married to Sarah Berlin, a daughter of George Berlin, one of the leading citizens of the county. She was born June 28, 1809, and by her marriage became the mother of the following children: George (now deceased), John R., Paul B., Mary (deceased), Frances (Mrs. William McClintock), Martha (deceased), and Mrs. Maggie Craig. The father departed this life in 1862, at the age of fifty-six years.

On the old homestead Paul B. Black grew to manhood, and in the public schools of the neighborhood acquired his education. During early life he successfully followed both lumbering and farming, and in 1876 purchased his present place, known as the Centennial Stock Farm. It comprises 369 acres of the most desirable land to be found anywhere in the county, and in fact is one of the model farms. The elegant residence is surrounded by beautiful and well-kept grounds, the barns and outbuildings are neat and substantial, there is a fine orchard, excellent pastures and well-cultivated fields—all denoting the careful management and progressive spirit of the owner, who is acknowledged to be one of the most thorough farmers and best stock-raisers of the county. He has upon his place a herd of twenty-four head of Guernsey cattle, and also a flock of registered Shropshire sheep.

On January 22, 1863, Mr. Black was married to Miss Martha J. McGiffin, who was born August 17, 1840, near Summerville, Jefferson Co., Penn., a daughter of Hugh McGiffin, and they have become the parents of eight children, namely: Willis E. (who died at the age of twenty-one), Edward F., Ellis C. (who died in childhood), Minnie L., Harry L., Bird, Myrtle C., and Earl.

Since casting his ballot for Lincoln, Mr. Black has been a pronounced Republican in politics, and has been called upon to serve as a member of the school board. He is one of the leading members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and was for many years a deacon, and is now serving as treasurer of the Church. He also belongs to the Grange, No. 1019, Ashland, Clarion county, and his son, Edwin F., is one of the most active and zealous workers in the interests of that organization of which he was master one year and is now lecturer. As a progressive and public-spirited citizen, Mr. Black has been prominently identified with the history of the county, and few if any have done more for its upbuilding. He has been a champion of every movement designed to promote the general welfare, a supporter of every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social, industrial, educational and moral interests.

JOHN MILTON CRAIG, Esq., who for a quarter of a century has capably and satisfactorily served as justice of the peace in Piney township, is one of Clarion county's native sons, and a representative of one of her old and highly respected families, whose identification with her history dates from an early period in the development of the county.

The paternal great-grandparents of our subject, James and Margaret (Smith) Craig, spent their entire lives in County Antrim, Ireland, where the former engaged in farming. The grandfather, William Craig, also a native of that county, left Ireland July 17, 1783, and after a voyage of six weeks on the "Dublin Volunteer," he landed in Philadelphia. His brother, Alexander Craig, was a quartermaster in the British army during the Revolutionary war, and becoming impressed with this country, he tried to sell his commission with the intention of remaining in America. He had written William to this effect, but for some reason he returned to Ireland, where he remained. In the meantime, however, William had started for America, and, on his arrival in Philadelphia, remained in that city for a short time, but later went in search of a cousin in New Jersey. Subsequently they lived for a few years in Lancaster, Penn., where he met and married Miss Mary Richards, and from there removed to Erie county. In 1811 he located in Freeport, Armstrong county, later went to Indiana county, and in 1834 came to Clarion county, taking up their residence in Toby township when it still formed a part of Armstrong county. They removed to Limestone township, Clarion county, in 1856, and there made their home until called to their final rest, their remains being interred in the Association Church cemetery in Rimersburg. Mr. Craig was a farmer by occupation, was an excellent penman, and was a prominent member of the Seceder Church. His children, who are all now deceased, were as follows: John R. and Alexander, woolen manufacturers; William, a farmer; James, a millwright, who built the first mill in Clarion county; Robert, father of our subject; Washington, a millwright and merchant; Martha, wife of William Thompson; David R., who conducted a

gristmill; Rufus, a farmer; and Amanda M., wife of Samuel Myers.

The early home of the maternal grandparents of our subject, William and Rachel (Thompson) Crowe, was in Ligonier Valley, Penn., but as early as 1802 they came to Clarion county, when it formed a part of Armstrong county, and here the grandfather engaged in farming throughout the greater part of his life, though he followed fishing to some extent. At their deaths they were laid to rest on the McAninch farm in Beaver township, Jefferson county. Their children were: James, deceased; Esther, who married M. Bowl, but both are now deceased; Jane M., who married E. McAninch and, after his death, Thomas Edmond; Nancy, the mother of our subject; Polly, widow of Henry McAninch, of Bellevue, Penn.; Eliza, who died unmarried; Adeline, who is the widow of Alvin H. Head, ex-sheriff of Elk county, Penn., and is now a resident of Dade county, Florida; and Rachel, who married Stephen Miner, but both are now deceased.

Mr. Craig, of this review, was born July 6, 1832, in Sligo, where he still makes his home, but at that time it was a part of Toby township, Armstrong county. His father, Robert N. Craig, was born in Erie county, Penn., in August, 1805, and on coming to Clarion county, in 1826, located in Sligo, where he ever afterward made his home. In early life he taught school and afterward served as school director, doing all in his power to promote the cause of education. He engaged in surveying, and also owned and operated a woolen-mill with good success. He married Nancy Crowe, a native of Toby township, Armstrong county, now Clarion county, who died in November, 1853, at the age of forty-four years, and was buried at Callensburg, Penn. The children born to them were: John M., of this sketch; Eliza, deceased wife of Thomas Stoner, a retired farmer of Sligo; James H., who died in infancy; Mary L., deceased wife of John W. Harris, of Ashtabula county, Ohio; Robert N., a retired farmer and the present postmaster of Belvue, Kans.; Rachel A., wife of Hugh McKee, a farmer of Clarion county; Nancy J., deceased wife of John Rutherford, a farmer of Licking township, Clarion county; and Araminta P., William A. and David B., who all died in infancy. For his second wife the father married Miss Margaret Fackender, who now resides in Sligo at the age of sixty-nine years. The children born to this union are as follows: Winfield S., a clerk and accomplished draughtsman living in Sligo; Harry Y., who died at the age of five years; Edward Y., who died at the age of ten; George W., a merchant of Sligo; Alice, who died at the age of four years, and Amanda, who died at the age of two, both being buried in the same grave. The father was one of the leading members of the Presbyterian Church at Callensburg, and for many years served as deacon and trustee. This was before the village of Sligo was organized, as this place was not named until 1873 by Mr. Lyon, who operated the Sligo furnace, erected in 1845.

On a farm adjoining his present place in Sligo, John M. Craig was reared to manhood, and after his marriage he removed to another house on a part of the same farm. He continued to work for his father on the farm and in the woolen-mill until the fall of 1862, when he removed to Pike county, Ohio, but after being employed in a woolen-factory at that place for one year he returned home, working for his father until the spring of 1867. He then spent two years with his old employers in Ohio, and then returned home to settle on his father's estate. He successfully operated the woolen-mill until 1895, when the plant was destroyed by fire at a loss of $2,000. Since then he has engaged in weaving, while his son carries on the farm. While in Ohio, at the age of thirty-two, he taught school for eight terms in that State and in Pennsylvania.

On October 13, 1853, in Callensburg, Clarion county, Mr. Craig was married to Miss Margaret McBride, Rev. David McKay performing the ceremony. The only child born to them, John M., died in infancy, and Mrs. Craig, who was born in Toby township, Clarion county, died in January, 1860, and was buried at Callensburg. In September, 1862, Mr. Craig was again married, this time by Rev. Perry, a minister of the M. E. Church, to Miss Sarah J. Rutherford. To them have been born the following children: Robert L. wedded Mary Sedwig, and is now a machinist and decorator of Callensburg, but formerly engaged in teaching; James O., who married Anna Higgs, also engaged in teaching in early life, and is now interested in the oil business in Butler county, Penn.; Arthur G. is a tool-dresser living in Wetzel county, W. Va.; Harry C. is engaged in the same business in Tyler county, W. Va.; Thomas B. married Nellie Pollock, and follows school teaching and oil pumping; Mary E. is a successful school teacher, residing at home; and Grace is also with her parents.

Mrs. Craig was born in Farmington township, Clarion county, July 13, 1844, and is a daughter of James and Elizabeth (McDowell) Rutherford, natives of Dumfrieshire and Wigton, Scotland, respectively. Her parents met and married in Pittsburg, Penn., where they continued to live

for several years and then removed to Farmington township, Clarion county. Some years later they took up their residence in Licking township, where the father died in February, 1864, at the age of fifty-four years. The mother's death occurred at the home of our subject in 1887, when eighty-one years of age. He was a Republican in politics, and both were consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church. Their remains were interred near the church of that denomination in Toby township. Their children were John G., who married Nancy J. Craig, sister of our subject, and is engaged in farming in Licking township; Sarah, wife of our subject; Christina, who died in childhood; Thomas, an oil pumper of Allegheny county, Penn.; and Robert A., assistant superintendent of the Pullman Palace Car Company of Philadelphia.

Our subject always casts his ballot with the Republican party, and, socially, affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Since 1870 he has most acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace with the exception of two years when serving as census enumerator. In connection with his other business he has also engaged in surveying to some extent since 1870, and in his undertakings has met with a fair degree of success. He is well posted on current questions and issues, and is well versed on matters of historical interest, especially those pertaining to his native county and State. In the Presbyterian Church he holds membership, and he has always taken an active and prominent part in its work.

REV. WILLIAM J. BUCHER, who has recently come among the people of Clarion as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, is a scholarly gentleman, and possesses qualities which have made him successful in the past, and a career of usefulness in the pastorate of the Church here seems assured.

Rev. Bucher is a Southern gentleman by birth. A native of Maryland, he was born August 29, 1863, at Upperco, in Baltimore county, where his parents also were born, educated and lived lives of usefulness, the mother still residing in the house to which she was brought a bride in 1854, and among the people of her girlhood, and the descendants of the friends of her ancestors. Noah Bucher, the father of the clergyman, in early life followed carpentering, but latterly he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a man of good parts, led an upright life, and exerted an influence for good in the community in which he moved. He died on March 22, 1883. His widow, who, before her marriage, was Miss Belinda Miller, is a most estimable woman. Their ten children are all living, named as follows: Mary E., Susan R., Fannie, Thomas H., Noah W., William J. (our subject), David M., Jennie D., U. S. Grant and Florence A.; the last two are twins.

Rev. William J. Bucher received a liberal education. He was brought up on a farm, and in early boyhood attended the schools of Baltimore county, which has an excellent public-school system. At twenty he began teaching school, and was engaged in this noble calling some three years. In 1886 he entered Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Penn., taking a classical course, and was graduated in the class of 1890; then that fall he entered the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, and was graduated in June, 1893. Immediately afterward he accepted the pastorate of the Kellersburg charge, and located at New Bethlehem, Clarion county, Penn. He very acceptably and successfully served this charge for three years and seven months, when he received a call to Grace Lutheran Church, at Clarion, taking charge in February, 1897. Grace Church was organized in 1890, and it is now in a flourishing condition.

Socially, Rev. Bucher is a member of the F. and A. M.; also of the I. O. O. F. While not active in politics he performs his duty in advocating such measures as have for their object the elevation of his fellowman. His family in Maryland are identified with the Republican party, which in National affairs receives his support.

On September 1, 1897, Rev. Bucher was married to Miss Rosa Alice Ehrhart, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ehrhart, prosperous farmers of Baltimore county, Md. Mrs. Bucher, together with her brother, Earl, have been given exceptional intellectual and social advantages. She was a member of the class of 1891 at the Maryland State Normal School; she stood at the head of her class from the public schools. For three years she was a principal in the schools of her native county; thus her experience well fits her to be a worthy helpmeet in her husband's field of labor.

Although yet young in the Lutheran ministry, Rev. Bucher has left his impress upon the Church, being most pronounced in his love for his denomination, but yet having a word of encouragement for all true Christians.

ROSS H. SPEER, M. D., is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Greenville, and has that love for and devotion to his

his profession which has brought to him success and won him a place among the ablest representatives of the medical fraternity in Clarion county.

On the old homestead, near Greenville, he was born in 1863, a son of J. W. and Mary A. (Henry) Speer. The father was a native of Ireland, but during his youth he crossed the Atlantic, and for almost a third of a century successfully engaged in teaching school in Clarion county, Penn. He has since retired from the arduous duties of that profession, and is now comfortably living upon his fine farm near Greenville. He is still in the enjoyment of excellent health, and is surrounded by a large circle of relatives and friends, who appreciate his sterling worth and many excellencies of character. His estimable wife, who is also living, has spent her entire life in Clarion county. They are the parents of five sons and one daughter, namely: Preston C., Ross H., Rev. James, Sloan, a teacher by profession, Maggie Belle and Lawson.

Dr. Speer acquired his primary education in the common schools, and subsequently attended the Corsica Academy and the Edinboro State Normal. When not in school he assisted in the work of the home farm until eighteen years of age, and then began teaching, following that profession during the winter season, while during summer months he still attended school for a time. In 1884 he began the study of medicine, under the direction of Dr. A. K. Carmichael, and later entered the Western Reserve University, of Cleveland, Ohio, where he graduated in 1887 with the degree of M. D. Returning to Greenville, he at once opened an office and soon succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice.

In 1888 Dr. Speer was married to Miss Anna E. Lang, a daughter of John Lang, of Langville, Jefferson Co., Penn., and to them have been born two sons: John Lang and Paul V. The Doctor and his wife are active and prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is now serving as ruling elder. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, but has never aspired to office, preferring to give his entire attention to his professional duties. He is a progressive physician, who keeps abreast with the latest discoveries and theories by his perusal of medical journals. His skill and ability are attested by the liberal patronage he enjoys; he is ranked as one of the leading physicians of the county.

THOMAS W. BOWMER, like many of the leading citizens of Clarion county, devotes his time and attention principally to the oil business, and in his undertaking is meeting with a well-deserved success.

Mr. Bowmer was born in Mercer county, Penn., February 14, 1847, and is a son of Matthew and Sarah (Buckley) Bowmer, natives of Derbyshire, England, who, in 1840, crossed the Atlantic and became residents of Mercer county, where they spent their remaining years. By occupation the father was a farmer. In the family were six children, as follows: George, Joseph, Thomas W., Elizabeth, Sadona and Sarah.

Amid rural scenes Thomas W. Bowmer grew to manhood in Mercer county, receiving his education in its common schools. In early life he engaged in lumbering, and also assisted in drilling oil wells, successfully following that business until 1876, when he located upon his present place in Elk township, Clarion county. Here he owns two acres, on which are two producing oil wells and one gas well that he has put in operation.

On February 10, 1870, Mr. Bowmer was married to Miss L. L. Benton, who was reared and educated in Erie county, Penn., but was living in Venango county at the time of her marriage. Her parents, E. H. and Charlotte (Lincoln) Benton, were both natives of New York, and her father is a second cousin of Thomas H. Benton. They now reside in Bradford, Penn., and are the parents of nine children. Mr. and Mrs. Bowmer have two children: Henry Benton, who is now twenty-six years of age, and is engaged in the oil business in West Virginia; and Stella May, wife of Frederick Kiser, of Elk township, Clarion county.

Politically our subject is an ardent Republican, and as a progressive, public-spirited citizen he has done much to advance the interests of his adopted county and to promote her welfare.

ROBERT R. McGREGOR, a justice of the peace of East Brady, is one of the best known and highly respected citizens of Clarion county. He was born near Kittanning, in Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Penn., October 31, 1837, and is a worthy representative of a prominent family. His paternal grandfather was a native of the Highlands of Scotland, and at an early day immigrated to America.

The birth of Alexander B. McGregor, the father of our subject, occurred near Antietam, Md., in 1808, but he was reared in Juniata county, Penn., whence he removed to the Ligonier Valley, in Westmoreland county, and later to Armstrong county. In Buffalo township, of the last named county, he was married to Miss

Rachel Boney, a native of that county, and a daughter of John and Jane (Fisher) Boney, both now deceased. Her father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and, in recognition of his services, received a pension from the government for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. McGregor were born six children, namely: James B., who died at the age of twenty years; John Lytle, a resident of Kittanning, Penn.; Robert R.; James T., now deceased, who was a member of Company A, 8th Pennsylvania Reserves; and William, who died at the age of three years. The mother departed this life at the age of fifty, and the father at the age of fifty-six. He was an energetic, wide-awake business man, who owned and operated an axe factory near Kittanning, also engaged in farming, conducted a hotel, and, as a contractor and surveyor, assisted in broadening and deepening the Pennsylvania canal. Originally he was a Whig in politics, but later gave his unqualified support to the men and measures of the Republican party, and in religious belief was an Omnish. His wife, however, held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and it is safe to say that no couple had more or warmer friends.

Although the educational privileges afforded Robert R. McGregor were meagre, he made the most of his opportunities, and has become a well-informed man. He attended the common-schools near Kittanning only about fifteen months, and then laid aside his text-books to take up the arduous and more responsible duties of business life. He had charge of keelboats on the Allegheny river for four or five years, and then engaged in piloting and rafting flat boats on the same stream for five years, and also on the Clarion river, where he operated a sawmill. For three years he conducted the Rumbaugh sawmill on the Allegheny, and, in the fall of 1862, removed to Brady's Bend, where he filled different positions in a mill, of which he became the stock-taker and also foreman and timekeeper. He continued to keep all accounts of the company until the mill closed down, coming to East Brady in 1873. Two years later he was elected justice of the peace, and has since most creditably and satisfactorily filled that position.

On October 31, 1859, near Callensburg, in Clarion county, Mr. McGregor was married, by Rev. David McKay, to Miss Mary M. Elliott, whose parents William and Elizabeth (Hogan) Elliott, were pioneers of the county. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McGregor are as follows: Stella, now the wife of M. F. Phillips, of Butler county, Penn.; Lulu, wife of E. K. Weaver, of Flick, Butler county; Harry H., who is in the employ of the Forest Oil Company at Carr, Butler county; and Winslow, deceased.

Mr. McGregor is a recognized leader in the local Republican organization, has served as a delegate to its county conventions, and has done much to advance its interests and insure its success. He has been honored with a number of official positions, being recorder of A. O. U. W. Lodge No. 141, for eighteen years, clerk of the council for the same length of time, secretary and member of the school board for twelve years, and overseer of the poor in East Brady, besides a justice of the peace.

He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for several years. He was on the committee, with Rev. W. L. Riley, which made Francis Murphy a local exhorter in that denomination. His popularity is clearly shown by his election to the many offices which he has so acceptably filled.

W H. PICKENS, of the firm of Miltenberger & Pickens, editors and publishers of the *Republican Gazette* of Clarion, Clarion county, is a practical printer as well as an experienced editor and publisher, much of his life having been passed in a printing office.

A son of Samuel Pickens, a Philadelphia business man (an extensive manufacturer of carpets), W. H. Pickens was born in Philadelphia, in 1866. Being rather a delicate child it was thought advisable to have him take an ocean voyage, and, as an aunt was about leaving for Ireland, he accompanied her. The trip proved beneficial, and he became robust in health. While in Ireland he attended school, being under the care of Prof. Logan, one of the celebrated teachers of his day. After a visit of four years he returned to America and joined his father's family at Edenburg, Penn., where they had removed during his absence. At this period of his life he entered the office of the Edenburg *Herald*, and subsequently the *Times*, where he remained about one year. He also attended the public school at Edenburg for several years. The family moved to Clarion, the county seat, and Mr. Pickens accepted a clerkship with W. N. Mahey, dealer in books and stationery. His next position was with a large wholesale confectionery firm of Punxsutawney, Penn., where he remained for some time. Coming back to Clarion he entered the composing rooms of the Clarion *Democrat*, and remained with them two years, when he changed to the office of the *Jacksonian;* from the latter place he went to the *Republican Gazette* as foreman. Leaving this position he

formed a partnership with C. M. Gates, under the firm name of Pickens & Gates, and published the Johnsonburg *News*. Selling out his interest to his partner, he returned to Clarion, and again became foreman in the office of the *Republican Gazette*. From this position he went to Johnsonburg, and became local editor of the Johnsonburg *Breeze* at that place; next he was foreman of the Condersburg *Populist*. Coming back to Clarion he took charge of the *Democrat* press room as foreman. On January 1, 1896, he formed a partnership with W. C. Miltenberger, under the firm name of Miltenberger & Pickens, and they then took charge of the *Republican Gazette* of Clarion, Penn., as editors and publishers. Mr. Pickens has since continued in this firm, the members of which have been successful in making their paper the best in the county.

MATHEW McGINNIS, who occupies an influential and prominent position among the agricultural population of Salem township, Clarion county, was born March 27, 1836, on the farm where he still resides, and is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the county.

His grandparents, James and Bridget (Wilson) McGinnis, were born near Londonderry, Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and for some time made their home in Belfast. On coming to the United States they located in Northumberland county, Penn., but in 1803 removed to Salem township, Clarion county, where in the midst of the forest they made for themselves a home. They were Presbyterians in religious belief, and were earnest, consistent Christian people. In politics, the grandfather was a Democrat. He died at the ripe old age of eighty-seven, and his wife when seventy years of age. Their family consisted of the following named: Sarah, William, Martha, Johnson, Jane, Margaret, Mary, Robert and John Foster.

John Foster McGinnis, our subject's father, was born in March, 1805, on the old homestead in Salem township, and amidst the primitive scenes of frontier life grew to manhood. He married Miss Sarah McClatchey, who was of Scotch extraction. Her father, Charles McClatchey, was a Continental soldier in the Revolutionary war, and spent his last years in Salem township, where at his death his remains were interred. One of his sons, Samuel McClatchey, was a prominent steamboat captain; the remainder of his family were as follows: Betsy, Peggy, Jane, Sarah, John, Robert and William. All of the sons were over six feet in height.

To John Foster McGinnis and wife were born nine children, namely: Mrs. Jane Shell (now deceased), Mathew (our subject), Elizabeth (who died at the age of fifteen years), Harry, Mrs. Mary Wilkinson (of Michigan), John (of Armstrong county, Penn.), Mrs. Sarah Rumbaugh (of Butler county, Penn.), Samuel (of Salem township, Clarion county), and Mrs. Amanda Storey (of Crawford county, Penn.). The father was called from this life at the age of sixty-seven, and the mother at the age of forty-one. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and he was a stanch adherent of Democratic principles.

The knowledge that Mathew McGinnis acquired in the public schools has been greatly supplemented by extensive reading in later years. His boyhood and youth were passed under the parental roof, and he never left the old homestead farm, which he now owns and successfully operates. On December 13, 1860, he was married to Miss Martha, daughter of Gamaliel and Martha (Platt) Clover, and they became the parents of the following children: Viola, now the wife of Joseph Kline, is a graduate of a normal school, and was for fifteen years a most successful and popular teacher; one child who died in infancy; Clarence, a resident of Beaver township, Clarion county; Nettie; Irvin; and a pair of twins who died at birth. The wife and mother, who was an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in 1870, at the early age of thirty-four years, and left many friends as well as relatives to mourn her loss.

In his political views our subject is a Democrat, and he has been called upon to serve in a number of official positions of honor and trust, being overseer of the poor, assessor, constable four years, and a member of the school board and secretary of the same for several years. For some time he has served as either deacon or elder in the Presbyterian Church, and also as superintendent of the Sunday-school. His support is always freely given those enterprises which he believes calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community, and he is, therefore, numbered among its valued citizens.

CHARLES S. SHAW, now numbered among the energetic and wide-awake business men of Knox, Clarion county, is the junior member of the firm of White & Shaw, proprietors of the leading livery stable of the place.

Mr. Shaw is a native son of Clarion county, his birth having occurred in St. Petersburg, Sep-

tember 14, 1848. His father, James H. Shaw, a well-known and honored citizen of the county, is now living in Callensburg, where he has been village blacksmith for several years. He was born east of the mountains, near Lewistown, Penn., of Scotch ancestry, and learned his trade at Maple Furnace in Butler county. After coming to Clarion county he was married in St. Petersburg to Miss Elizabeth Sipler, who was born near Philadelphia, on the Delaware river, and they became the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters. The father has been a lifelong Democrat, and his sons, having been rocked in a Democratic cradle, all adhere to the same party.

The knowledge Charles S. Shaw acquired in the schools of Clarion county has been greatly supplemented by reading and travel in later years. During his youth he learned the trades of horse shoeing and of painting, and became quite an expert workman in both lines. Going to Manhattan, Kans., in 1874, he was on the State agricultural farm for one year, and then returned to Callensburg, Penn. In 1880, he removed to Trumbull county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming for two years and a half; and on his return to Pennsylvania, in 1882, he located in Parker City, but in the following year again took up his residence in Callensburg, where for four years he served as postmaster under President Cleveland with credit to himself and the entire satisfaction of the public. On March 15, 1897, he purchased the interest of Robert Orr in the livery stable, of which he is now one of the proprietors. The firm is composed of two of the most progressive business men of the town, and well deserve the liberal patronage which they receive.

In 1869 Mr. Shaw was married to Miss Jenny R. Rogers, of Callensburg, a daughter of George Rogers, of Erie, Penn., and to them were born four children: Lizzie May, wife of H. Tipphry, of Callensburg; William Elliott, a resident of De Kalb, Ill. Mary M., wife of Roy Labaugh, of Clarion county; and Henry W., who died at the age of six months. Mr. Shaw was again married, this time on September 8, 1896, to Miss Charlotte, daughter of Isaac Hepler, of Clarion county.

While a resident of Callensburg, Mr. Shaw served as burgess for three terms, and proved a most popular official, always discharging the duties of that responsible position in a capable manner. He is an honored member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 860, of Callensburg, and of the Junior Order of American Mechanics No. 419. In all the relations of life he has been found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, and has therefore made many warm and admiring friends.

S. E. KISER. Prominent among the successful oil producers and agriculturists of Clarion county, may be named the subject of this historical notice, whose home is in Paint township.

Mr. Kiser is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Oil City, June 13, 1863, and is a son of J. H. and Lucinda (Winger) Kiser. The father was born near the same place, and as his parents were in limited circumstances, he began the struggle of life by doing odd jobs around the furnaces during his boyhood and youth. Being industrious, economical and ambitious, he was finally able to purchase real estate near Oil City, and for some time successfully engaged in buying and selling oil territory. He was a careful speculator, and consequently became one of the wealthy oil producers of Clarion and Venango counties. Purchasing a farm near Edenburg, in the former county, he resided upon that place for eleven years, and then sold to the Columbia Oil Company. In 1861 he purchased the Brenneman farm in Paint township, containing 216 acres of well-improved and valuable land, which he now owns, and in 1887 bought what is known as the Isaman farm, near Shippenville, where his son Harrison now resides.

The subject of this sketch is the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Harrison, born in Oil City, in 1855, married Flora Dahle, of Clarion county, and with his family lives on a farm near Shippenville. Sarah, born in 1857, is the wife of Allen Crawford, of Shippenville, where he is engaged in oil tool dressing. They have a family of six children. Susan, born in 1859, married John Sherry, of Edenburg, Clarion county, by whom she has five children, and they now live on his farm near Strattonville. E. W., born in Edenburg, in 1865, married May Call, of Shippenville, and has three children. They reside on a farm owned by his father near Shippenville. Bertha, born in Clarion county, died at the age of six years. Josephine, born in Clarion county in 1875, is the wife of Frank Fisher, of Shippenville, by whom she has three children.

In the schools near his childhood home S. E. Kiser pursued his studies, and under the parental roof grew to manhood. At Shippenville, in 1881, he led to the marriage altar Miss Mary Cook, of Paint township, Clarion county, a daughter of George and Opey Cook, the former a prominent lumberman of that region. Eight

children blessed this union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Bertha J., 1882; George H., 1884; William H., 1886; Ralph A., 1890; Clarence C. and Clara C. (twins), 1892; and John and Frank (twins), 1896.

Mr. Kiser's first purchase consisted of a farm in Geauga county, Ohio, where he made his home for one year, and at the end of that time rented the property and returned to Shippenville, where he engaged in pumping oil for his father for the same length of time. Since 1883 he has owned and operated a farm in Paint township, Clarion county, and upon the place has six oil-producing wells, which add not a little to his income. He has been very successful in business affairs, and now owns 336 acres of valuable farm and oil lands, including a 120-acre farm in Elk township, Clarion county, which he purchased in 1896.

Politically, Mr. Kiser is a firm Republican, has voted with the party ever since attaining his majority, and has efficiently served as school director for six years. Religiously, he and his family are all Protestants, and are highly repected people.

C. H. PAINTER is a prominent real-estate dealer and collection agent of Knox, Penn., giving special attention to the leasing of property containing oil and gas wells. He is a native of Clarion county, born in Limestone township some sixty-four years ago, and is a son of John Painter, Jr., a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., and an early settler of this section of the State. The paternal grandfather, John Painter, Sr., was also born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and was a soldier of the war of 1812. He became a resident of Clarion county in 1802, and here spent his remaining days. He married a Miss McGiffin, who was of Scotch and English extraction.

John Painter, Jr., was a farmer by occupation. On attaining to man's estate he was united in marriage with Miss Frances Kearns, who was born in Butler county, Penn., of Scotch parentage, and they became the parents of the following children: Eliza, deceased; James, who died in Dallas, Tex.; Robert, a lumberman, of Jefferson county, Penn.; William, who prepared for the legal profession under the direction of Judge Campbell, of Clarion county, and died in Texas, in 1858; C. H., of this review; and Mary, deceased wife of Wilson Bell, of New York. The father was a stalwart Democrat in politics, and in religious belief both he and his wife were Presbyterians.

On the old home farm C. H. Painter was reared to habits of thrift and industry, and after attending the common schools of the neighborhood, he was a student for a time in an academy in Ohio. For two terms he successfully engaged in teaching, and then was engaged in the lumber business for ten years. He also spent twenty years in the oil fields, buying and selling oil territory, and in this way he did considerable business for the Standard Oil Company. For fourteen years he made his home in Shippenville, Clarion county, and the following six years were spent at Fern City. During the Civil war he assisted in raising a company, which became Company F, 67th P. V. I., and he was commissioned second lieutenant of the same.

In 1857, in Clarion county, Mr. Painter was married to Miss Elizabeth Neal, a daughter of Samuel Neal, who was of Irish descent, and came to the county in 1835. Five children blessed this union, namely: Minnie, now the wife of L. G. Baker, of Elk township, Clarion county; Anna, wife of Esquire Hack, of Shippenville; Samuel, an oil producer of Butler county, Penn.; Charles, of Clarion, Penn., who is a graduate of the Clarion Academy and of the Williams Commercial College, and is now manager and bookkeeper for the lumber firm in Sullivan county, Penn.; and Mattie, wife of Charles Cromer, of Toledo, Ohio. The sons are reliable and successful business men, and the family is one of prominence in social circles.

Mr. Painter has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who departed this life July 12, 1890. She was an earnest, conscientious, Christian woman, a loving wife and tender mother, and always a friend to the poor and needy. In politics Mr. Painter is a free-silver Democrat, and has always been an active and prominent worker in the interests of his party. Socially, he affiliates with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Improved Order of Red Men. Throughout life he has ever borne his part in the work of development and progress in his native county, and is therefore deserving of honorable mention.

JOHN RITTS owns and occupies a valuable farm of 105 acres in Richland township, Clarion county, pleasantly located one and a half miles from St. Petersburg. The land is under a high state of cultivation, and yields bountiful harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon it. Upon the place are two good houses and substantial outbuildings, and also six oil wells, which are in successful opera-

tion. To farming and oil producing Mr. Ritts has devoted the greater part of his attention throughout his active business life, but is now practically living retired on account of ill health.

Mr. Ritts was born on the old homestead where he still resides, in 1839, and is a son of Eli Ritts, a native of Berks county, and a representative of an old and highly respected Pennsylvania-Dutch family. Being an industrious, energetic man and a good financier, the father met with excellent success in his business enterprises, and accumulated a large and valuable property. On attaining to man's estate he married Miss Kate Ashbaugh, who was born in Clarion county, and was a daughter of Daniel Ashbaugh, one of its honored pioneers and prominent citizens. Seven children blessed this union: Daniel, John, Sophia (who makes her home with our subject), Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Nathan, and Sally. In the exercise of his elective franchise Eli Ritts always supported Democratic principles, and he always took a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. He was officially connected with the Lutheran Church, of which he was a prominent and active member. He died at the age of seventy-eight, and his estimable wife was called to her final rest at the age of eighty-one. Both enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew them, and their friends were many.

John Ritts spent his boyhood and youth like most farmers' sons of his day, aiding in the labors of the field and attending the local schools when his services were not needed at home. For three months during the Civil war he served in the Union army, and on his return home resumed agricultural pursuits. He has met with a fair degree of success both in farming and in the oil business, and is accounted one of the reliable and substantial citizens of his community. Politically, he is a stanch Democrat, and religiously, is a member of the Lutheran Church. His sterling worth commends him to the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, and no man in Richland township is held in higher regard.

JOHN FOLK, whose bravery as a soldier was tested upon many a Southern battlefield during the Civil war, has in times of peace won an enviable reputation through the sterling qualities which go to the making of a good citizen. He is a resident of Porter townhsip, Clarion county, born October 1, 1844, in Centre county, Penn. His grandfather, John Folk, was a native of Germany; both he and his wife died in Dauphin county, this State.

Jonathan Folk, our subject's father, was born in Dauphin county, where he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he later followed in Centre county throughout the remainder of his life. He was married to Hannah Bathost, a native of Centre county and a daughter of Henry Bathost, who was of English descent. She died at Milesburg, Centre county, when past the age of sixty years, while the father departed this life in Altoona, Penn., at the age of eighty-one. He was a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in religious belief.

The following children were born to Jonathan and Hannah Folk: Harry A., a soldier of the 45th P. V. I., who was wounded by a shell, and is now foreman of railroad shops; John is of this review; Joshua, who was also wounded by a shell while serving in the 184th P. V. I., is now an ex-policeman living in Bellefonte, Penn.; U. S., who died in Janesville, Penn., at the age of twenty-three years; Archibald, who is employed in the railroad shop at Altoona, Penn.; and Eli, who is working in the same place.

John Folk obtained his education in the schools of Centre county, and at the age of twelve years began learning the blacksmith's trade under his father's able direction, after which he was employed at Martha Furnace. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company D, 54th P. V. I., and when discharged he re-enlisted at Bellefonte, Centre county, in December, 1863, in the 45th P. V. I., under Col. Theodore Gregg, a nephew of Austin Curtin, the "War Governor." Mr. Folk participated in the battles of Bristol Station and Rapidan, and was all through the Wilderness campaign. He received a bayonet wound in the leg while serving as color guard, but resolved to save the flag or die and not be taken prisoner. He also had his right thumb shot off, and for some time was confined to the hospital. Later he was stationed at City Point, Va., until the close of the war, and was then honorably discharged at Alexandria, Va., August 14, 1865, when he returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

Mr. Folk continued to make his home in Centre county until 1878, when he came to Clarion county, spending the first three years in Brinkerton. Since that time he has lived upon his present place in Porter township. Here he owned twenty acres of fine land, on which he has erected a nice comfortable residence, and thereon made many other valuable and useful improvements, which add greatly to its attractive appearance. He raises a fine grade of cattle and horses, and also continues to work at his trade.

On May 12, 1866, in Hublersburg, Centre county, Mr. Folk was married to Miss Sarah

Catherine Funk, a native of that county, and a daughter of George W. and Susan (White) Funk, both now deceased. Her father was a member of the 45th P. V. I., and laid down his life on the altar of his country, having been killed at the battle of South Mountain. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Folk: George W., who died at the age of twenty-three years; W. A., a resident of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Harry A., a plumber of Fort City, Penn.; Herbert A., who lives in Clarion county; James A., at home; and Jenny M., wife of Christ Miller, of Ford City.

Politically, Mr. Folk is an ardent supporter of Republican principles, and, socially, is a prominent member of Capt. Case Post No. 239, G. A. R., in which he has served as commander. He is also a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Squirrel Hill, Porter township, in which he has held office. He is a man whose genial temperament, sound judgment and well-proved integrity have brought him the esteem and friendship of a host of acquaintances far and near.

DAVID BOWMAN, who passed away at his home in Farmington township, Clarion county, in 1888, was for many years prominently identified with the business interests of that community, and was numbered among its representative and leading citizens. He was born in Scotland, May 26, 1814, a son of Thomas and Annie (Black) Bowman, and on coming to the New World in 1838 first located in Canada. From there he removed to Pottsville, Penn., where he engaged in coal mining, and in that place he was married, in 1839, to Miss Ellen Robertson, whose birth occurred in Scotland, in July, 1820.

In October, 1840, the young couple came to Farmington township, Clarion county, and for two years Mr. Bowman worked in the Helen furnace. He then purchased 100 acres of wild timber land on the boundary line between Washington and Farmington townships, three miles from Tylersburg, and there erected a little log cabin into which he moved his wife and two children, making it their home for a number of years. Later he erected a hewed-log house and good barn, and made many other improvements besides clearing the land. In 1865 he erected a store building in Newmansville, where he engaged in merchandising for a number of years, and subsequently was similarly employed in Tylersburg until his death.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. David Bowman are as follows: (1) Thomas, born at Beaver Furnace in 1840, wedded Nancy Green, of Forest county, Penn., and they now reside in Hickory, that county, where he is engaged in the mercantile business. He has four children, namely—Lester D., Leona, Glen F. and Ellen. (2) John R., born in Beaver township, Clarion county, in June, 1842, enlisted during the Civil war in Company A, 103rd P. V. I., was wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, and died in the hospital at Fortress Monroe. (3) Martin, born on the present homestead of the family in 1844, became a member of the same company as his brother, and died from fever at Suffolk, Va. (4) Adam, born in 1846, died unmarried at the age of thirty years. (5) James, born in 1848, married Lizzie Walter, of Clarion county, and lives in Tionesta, where he is serving as cashier of the Citizens National Bank. His children are Ernest, Effel and Fern. (6) Frank, born in 1850, married Frances Myers, of Clarion county, and they now reside at Bowman's Mills in Forest county, where he is extensively engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber. He has four children—Verne, Forest, Bell and Lula. (7) William, born October 29, 1853, is also engaged in lumbering in Bowmantown, Forest county. He first married Mary Williams, of Clarion county, who died leaving one daughter, Florence, and he later wedded her half sister, Alice Williams, by whom he has two children—Bessie and Von V. (8) EDWARD P., born May 2, 1855, was educated in the common schools, and lives on the home farm with his mother. (9) Margaret A. died at the age of twenty-four years. (10) Charles attended the public schools and later graduated at Duff's College in Pittsburg. He married Caroline Stockton, and for a number of years engaged in merchandising in Leeper, Clarion county. On selling out to Mr. Shotts, he bought the Green property in Tylersburg, where he has since successfully conducted a store. In 1893 he was elected county treasurer, and for three years most creditably and satisfactorily filled that position. His children are—Roy L., David, Edna, Tivila and Blanch. (11) Jane is the wife of Milton Ault, of Clarion county, and as she is a member of the Bowman firm at Bowmanville, Forest county, her husband now has charge of the company's store. They have one daughter, Ellen, who is now attending school.

After becoming an American citizen, David Bowman was always identified with the Democratic party, and he held the office of school director and treasurer of the board. From a poor boy working in the coal mines, he worked his way steadily upward to a position of wealth and prominence through his own untiring industry

and good management. Although his educational privileges were limited, he possessed a bright mind and was naturally shrewd, so that he was able to make the best use of his opportunities. Broad minded and liberal in his views, he became a leader among men of enterprise, and his influence was always exercised on the side of right and order. Truly such a life is worth having been lived, and such lives deserve permanent record on the pages of their country's history, that others, seeing their good works, may follow in their footsteps. Mrs. Bowman is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington township, and is a most estimable lady, while the family is one of prominence in both business and social circles.

JAMES AND GEORGE W. WRAY are leading representatives of the business interests of Farmington township, where they are successfully engaged in merchandising, lumbering, farming and stock-raising. Energy, close application, perseverance and good management—these are the elements which have entered into their business career and crowned their efforts with prosperity.

William Wray, the father of our subjects, was a native of the North of Ireland, and when eighteen years of age sailed for the New World, first locating in Philadelphia, where he met and married Miss Ellen Boyd, also a native of Ireland. For a number of years he held the position of keeper of the Eastern Penitentiary in Philadelphia, but in 1847 came to Clarion county, taking up his residence in North Pine Grove. He purchased a large tract of timber land in Forest county, and also 137 acres of farming land in Farmington township, Clarion county, of which only a few acres had been cleared and a log house erected thereon. This he later replaced by a large two-story frame residence, and also built good barns and other outbuildings. Prospering in his undertakings, the father subsequently bought another tract of 160 acres of timber land, a 200-acre wooded tract on Maple creek, 130 acres adjoining his home farm, and a third interest in a tract of timber land on Tom's run, where he successfully engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber for a number of years. He was one of the largest dealers in square timber on the Clarion river, and shipped his products to the Allegheny City and Pittsburg markets. Throughout his entire life he continued to extensively engage in lumbering, and also built coal boats for the Western markets. He was a progressive, wide-awake business man, straightforward and honorable in all transactions, and the success which crowned his efforts was certainly well deserved. His death occurred in 1884, when he was aged eighty years, and his wife passed away in 1892, also aged eighty years. They were honored and highly respected citizens of the county, having the confidence and high regard of all who knew them.

Of their nine children, six were born in Philadelphia, and the others in Clarion county: (1) John, born in February, 1831, received a common-school education, and engaged in lumbering with his father for a number of years. He married Nancy Hays, of Forest county, who died leaving two children—William and Mary. Later he married Clara Sloan, of Clarion county, and they now reside in Tylersburg, where he is engaged in the lumber business. (2) Samuel, born in July, 1833, wedded Mary Schrecengost, of Forest county, where they are now living on a farm. They have one son—William. (3) Eliza, born in October, 1835, is the widow of William Hays, of Forest county, who died in Tylersburg, in 1885, leaving two children—Ellen, and William (who is married and lives in Forest county). (4) William, born in October, 1838, was killed while hauling lumber. (5) Albert, born in March, 1841, married Katie Frank, of Clarion county, and now resides on a farm adjoining the old homestead. His children are—Ella (who married George Sanger, of Jefferson county, and now lives in Forest county), Mary (wife of George Harger, of Forest county), Samuel, James, Lewis, Edward, Jennie, Sadie and Ruth. (6) Robert, born in November, 1843, married Sarah Kerr, of Clarion county, and resides in Butler county, Penn., where he is engaged in farming. They have seven children, namely—William (a practicing physician of Kentucky), Curtis (who married a Miss Maitland, and lives in Butler county), Elva, Charles, Augustus, Harry and Archie.

(7) James, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Clarion county, in December, 1847, and received his education in its public schools. On starting out in the business world he engaged in lumbering and rafting on the Clarion river with his father. For the past twelve years he has successfully engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber in partnership with his brother, George W., and they now ship their product over the Pittsburg & Western railroad to all points of the country. He established a large general store upon his farm, and is also interested in agricultural pursuits and stock raising. In August, 1874, he married Miss Minnie Walter, of Clarion counry, and took his bride to the old

homestead, where they have since continued to reside, having purchased the place in 1894. They have one daughter, Eliza J., born in June, 1875. She was educated in the Clarion Normal School and the Grove City College.

(8) George W. Wray, also one of our subjects, was born in February, 1851, at his present home, where he grew to manhood, obtaining such an education as the common schools of the neighborhood afforded. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Love, of Mercer county, Penn., and later bought property in North Pine Grove, where he made his home for eighteen years. He then purchased a part of the old homestead, where he still resides. Throughout his business career he has engaged in lumbering and merchandising, and in 1894 purchased his brother's interest in the store, which he is still successfully conducting. He has three children, all at home, namely: Bert, who was born in North Pine Grove in 1877, and was educated in the schools of Clarion and the Commercial College of Grove City, graduating from the latter; W. H., born in 1879; and Elizabeth, born in 1887. The store now owned by George W. Wray was built by the father, who conducted it until his death. It was then conducted by the estate until the death of the mother, when George W. purchased it of the estate.

(9) L. B. Wray, the youngest of the family, was born on the old homestead in Farmington township, in September, 1853, and on reaching manhood married Letitia Barr, of Clarion county, now deceased. Later he wedded Miss Clara Brockway, of Forest county, where they now make their home. Their children are—Ella, John, William, Emma and Ollie.

The Wray brothers are stanch supporters of the Republican party, and have served as school directors. In religious faith they are Presbyterians, and they cheerfully give their support to all enterprises which they believe are calculated to promote the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community. Public-spirited, enterprising and progressive, they are numbered among the valued and useful citizens of the community, and have the confidence and esteem of all with whom they come in contact, either in business or social life.

JOHN F. BAKER, the well-known proprietor of the "American House" at Foxburg, was born August 28, 1834, in Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y., and is a son of Charles and Sarah (Noves) Baker, who were born, reared and educated in England. Both died in Buffalo, the father at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. In their family were twelve children. Our subject obtained a good education in the schools of his native city, and on starting out in life for himself secured a good position as steward on a lake vessel running between Buffalo and Chicago. For nine years he was thus employed, and proved a most successful and popular officer.

On October 6, 1861, Mr. Baker enlisted in Company I, 55th Ill. V. I., under Col. Daniel Stewart, and was first under fire at the battle of Fort Donelson. This was followed by the battle of Shiloh and the siege of Vicksburg, where the Rebels surrendered July 4, 1863. Mr. Baker was a member of the First Brigade, Second Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, was in Gen. Hazen's command for a time, and was also under Gen. Sherman, being with the latter on his famous march to the sea. He participated in the battles of Atlanta, Lookout Mountain, Savannah, Fort McAllister and Goldsboro, where he was honorably discharged after three and a half years of faithful and gallant service.

At the close of the war, Mr. Baker returned to Buffalo, where he spent a short time, and during the wild excitement in the oil regions, he went to Oil Creek, Penn., securing employment on the Miller farm during the great boom there. He also spent some time in Petroleum Centre, Pithole, Titusville, and Kane, where he was variously employed, but since 1872 has made his home in Foxburg, Clarion county. For eighteen months he held the oil lease on the Daniel Schuyler property, one year was engaged in the oil business with Jesse Smith, and then was connected with the Smily pipe lines for the same length of time. Since 1886, however, he has successfully conducted the "American House," which is noted for its excellent fare and the good accommodations it affords the guests. He is not only a popular landlord but is also one of the most highly respected citizens of Foxburg. For nine years he served as superintendent at this place, with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the company.

In 1867, at Petroleum Centre, Penn., Mr. Baker was married to Mrs. Jane Morgan, who belongs to a good family of Erie county, this State, where she was born, a daughter of John Steele. Her first husband, Capt. Charles Morgan, was a brave officer in the Union army, and died leaving one son, Major Morgan, now cashier of the Foxburg Bank. To Mr. and Mrs. Baker have been born four children: Charles Henry, one of the leading clerks in the employ of Joseph Horne, of Pittsburg, Penn.; Nina, wife of D. Allen, of Allen's Mills, Penn.; and Irene and

John F., at home. The family are Episcopalians in religious belief, and are quite prominent in social circles.

Fraternally Mr. Baker is a prominent member of the Grand Army Post No. 249, in which he has served as commander, and he also belongs to Canby Lodge No. 520, F. & A. M., of St. Petersburg; Edon Chapter, R. A. M., of Clarion; the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 825 of Foxburg; the Knights of Honor; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a man of broad and liberal views, devoted to his country's best interests, and gives a liberal support to all measures for its advancement.

H. J. SLICKER. Among the prosperous and influential citizens of Richland township, Clarion county, whose position is largely due to his own efforts, the subject of this sketch deserves worthy mention. Since the start given him by his father, he has been the architect of his own fortune, and the success he has achieved in life has been in a great measure due to his indomitable energy and laudable ambition. Since fifteen years of age he has been interested in the oil business, first as a pumper for others, and in 1885 drilled two wells in the Cogley field in Ashland township, Clarion county. Three years later he began buying wells, and is now the owner of twenty of the best to be found in the county, five on his home farm, three on the Hiram Neely place, two on the John Ritts farm, four on the Keating farm, two on the Beery farm, and two on the places of Mrs. McCaffery, Mrs. Foust and Mrs. Master, and three on the Keating estate.

Mr. Slicker was born in Richland township, October 7, 1861, and is a son of Ernest and Magdalena (Smith) Slicker, both natives of Germany. They were single on coming to America and were married in Beaver township, Clarion county, after which the father worked at different furnaces, being employed for some time by Judge Keating. Later he purchased forty acres of the Wentling tract, to which he added until he had a fine farm of 175 acres of rich and arable land, and at his death he left a small farm to each of his children. Upon that place he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred in 1887. His political support was always given the Democracy. His wife departed this life at Kossuth, Ashland township, Clarion county, in 1894. Our subject was made executor of his father's will.

In their family were nine children: Mrs. Lottie Utzinger, of Ashland township; George, a farmer of Red Bank township, Clarion county; Mrs. Lena McDowell, of Butler county, Penn.; John, of Limestone township, Clarion county; Mrs. Ellen Merket, who died in Monroe township, Clarion county, in 1885; Mrs. Kate Fairman, of Limestone township; Mrs. Lucy Anderson, of Venango county, Penn.; H. J., our subject; and Mrs. Clara Dinger, of Armstrong county.

H. J. Slicker was reared and educated in Richland township. Since reaching manhood he has been interested in several different enterprises besides the oil business, and is now the owner of the old homestead, comprising 175 acres of valuable and well-improved land, which he successfully operates. He is also interested in dairying, and for that purpose he has a fine herd of fourteen Jersey and full-blooded Holstein milch cows. He is a stockholder in the Alum Rock creamery, and is accounted one of the most enterprising, energetic and reliable business men of the community.

In 1882, in Richland township, Mr. Slicker was married to Miss Alice, daughter of Daniel R. and Anna (Crum) Knight, of Clarion county. Her father died in Richland township, in 1895, but her mother still lives at the old homestead there. To Mr. and Mrs. Slicker have been born four children: Claude, Orpha, Homer and Ernst.

Politically, Mr. Slicker affiliates with the Democratic party, and has been called upon to serve as overseer of the poor in his township. He and his family hold membership in the Lutheran Church at Blair's Corners, and in social circles occupy an enviable position. Posssessing unusual ability as a business man, he has a correct judgment as to values, together with admirable foresight, and his investments have almost invariably proved successful. Affable and courteous in manner, he has made many warm friends.

GEORGE F. VOWINCKEL, SR., a prominent citizen of Clarion, who is active in various business lines of that locality, is a native of Germany, born in 1846.

Anthony Vowinckel, his father, was born in Germany, and in 1847 came to America, and located at Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Penn., where he began manufacturing soap and candles. He followed this business many years, and in 1883 retired to a farm, on which he resided until his death, which occurred in 1885. His estimable wife is still living. She was Catherine List, and was also a native of Germany. Their children

were six in number, those now living being: Charles V. (a retired merchant), Mary (Mrs. J. L. Metzger, of Altoona, Penn.), and George F. (our subject).

George F. Vowinckel received a good common-school education, and in his younger life assisted his father in his business. In 1869 he left the parental roof to go out into the world for himself, making a beginning in the fancy grocery business along the line of the Northern Pacific R. R., then being built, following its construction between Cheyenne, Wyo., and Benton City. After an absence of two years in that country and line of business, he returned to Pennsylvania, and engaged in the lumber interests in Cambria county. He was successfully engaged in that line of business there for several years, when he moved to the State of Kentucky, and followed for two years the same business. In selling out his interests there he went to Pittsburg, and remained two years, and in 1883 came to Clarion, where he has since resided and been most actively engaged in business, being a man of great energy and snap. He at once entered into the affairs of the borough and county, and his presence and influence have been felt in all movements looking to the advancement of the borough and vicinity. Mr. Vowinckel is interested in various lines of business, among them saw and planing-mill, lumber, and agriculture. He is a director in the First National Bank of Clarion. He is a Republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. He has not aspired to office, preferring to follow strictly a business life.

In 1870 Mr. Vowinckel was married to Miss Kate R. Walters, of Baltimore, Md. Their marriage has been blessed by five children, four of whom are living, and are as follows: George Frank, Jr., Arthur William, Mazie and John V. The parents of these are members of the M. E. Church. The father is identified with the F. & A. M.

WILLIAM J. RIDDLE, a well-known carpenter and contractor of Foxburg, is one one of the most patriotic and loyal citizens residing in Clarion county, having faithfully served his country throughout two of her great wars.

One of the honored sons of Pennsylvania, Mr. Riddle was born in Indiana county, May 8, 1825, his parents being Michael and Catherine (Ponds) Riddle, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of Indiana county, Penn. The paternal grandfather, David Riddle, was born in New Jersey, of Scotch and German ancestry, was a drover by occupation, and met his death by accident. John Ponds, the maternal grandfather, was a soldier of the war of 1812. When only three years old our subject lost his mother, who died leaving five children, the others being Margaret, Peter, Mary J., and John P. Later the father again married, and by the second union also had five children, but only two are now living: Eliza Catherine, and Roxanna. The father departed this life in Parke county, Ind., at a ripe old age.

In his native county, William J. Riddle spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and learned the carpenter's trade. In 1845, when the Mexican war broke out, he joined the regular army, becoming a member of the 8th U. S. Inf., under Col. J. H. Emery and Capt. John Hosick. From Carlisle Barracks, Penn., his regiment went to the field of action, and he participated in the following engagements: Palo Alto, Reseca de Palma, Monterey, Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Chapultepec, Vera Cruz, and Mexico City. He was under the command of both Gen. Taylor and Gen. Scott, and at the battle of Buena Vista re-received a scalp wound. When the war was over he was stationed for three months at Fort Dodge, Iowa, which was then under the command of Gen. P. F. Smith, was later at Lodge Pole Creek, Neb., and from there returned to Carlisle Barracks, Penn., where he was honorably discharged in 1852.

Returning to his old home in Indiana county, Penn., Mr. Riddle remained there until 1859, when he removed to Jefferson county, Penn., but two years later again laid aside civil pursuits to aid in the defense of the Union. Hardly had the echoes from Fort Sumter's guns died away when he enlisted in the three-months' call, becoming a member of Company I, 8th P. V. I., and when his term had expired he re-enlisted, August 27, 1861, in Company B, 105th P. V. I., for three years. He took part in the battle of Seven Pines, the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula, the second battle of Bull Run, the siege of Yorktown, and the engagements at Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. After being discharged in August, 1864, he returned to his home in Brookville, but the following September joined Company B, 21st P. V. I., and participated in the engagements around Petersburg and Richmond until General Lee surrendered at Appomattox. During his service he was confined for four months in a hospital, but with that exception was always found at his post of duty, valiantly fighting for the old flag and the cause it represented. After participating in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., he was honorably discharged and returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

In 1855 Mr. Riddle was married to Miss Caroline McSharin, a representative of one of the highly respected families of Jefferson county, and they became the parents of five children, namely: Mrs. Margaret C. Buzzard, a resident of Oil City, Penn.; William, of Foxburg; James L., of Armstrong county, Penn.; John D., and Mrs. Carrie Jane Petty, both of Foxburg. The parents are both earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and have the respect and esteem of all who know them. In military circles Mr. Riddle occupies an enviable position, and is to-day an honored member of the Grand Army Post No. 249, of which he is commander. As a citizen he stands ready to discharge every duty devolving upon him, and the best years of his life have been devoted to the service of his country.

JOHN D. BELL, who is classed among the successful agriculturists of Farmington township, Clarion county, is well worthy of notice in a work of this character, and to be ranked among the men who have distinguished themselves as useful and enterprising citizens.

William Bell, his father, was born in Richland township, Venango county, Penn., in 1809, where he grew to manhood and married Sarah Davis. He continued to reside upon a farm there until 1840, when he came to Clarion county and purchased 114 acres of timber land in Farmington township, on which he built a round-log house and stable. In the midst of the forest the family made their home while he cleared and improved his land; he afterward built a more pretentious hewed-log house. He died there in May, 1880, and his estimable wife passed away the following September. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and were widely and favorably known. In their family were two children, the only daughter being Elizabeth A., who was born in Venango county in 1836 and became the wife of J. Cook, of Clarion county. He was a lumberman, carrying on operations in both Forest and Clarion counties. Mrs. Cook is now deceased.

John D. Bell, the only survivor of the family, was born in Venango county December 20, 1833, and was ten years of age when brought by his parents to their new home in Farmington township, Clarion county, where he grew to manhood. He attended the district schools of the neighborhood, and assisted his father in the arduous task of clearing and improving the farm. Upon the homestead he continued to reside until 1862, when he went to Oil City, Venango county, and engaged in the oil business for about ten years, but at the end of that time returned to his farm in Clarion county. In 1892 he erected his elegant two-story frame residence, which is supplied with all modern improvements, so that he has one of the most desirable country homes in the locality.

In 1855 Mr. Bell married Miss May Patton, of Clarion county, a daughter of William Patton, of Rimersburg, and to them were born four children: (1) Linnia F., born in 1861, married John Hettish, of Marionville, Forest Co., Penn., where he owns valuable property and is engaged in the sawmill business. They have two sons, Merrell and John W. (2) William D., born in 1863, married Lou Jones, of Beaver county, and they live in Oakdale, Allegheny Co., Penn., where he is engaged in the oil business. (3) Harry G., born in 1865, at Oil City, married Lizzie Porter, of Allegheny county, and is now engaged in the grocery business in Oakdale. (4) One, unnamed, was born in Venango county, in 1867, died in childhood. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1874, and, two years later, Mr. Bell was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Neil, of Clarion county, a daughter of John and Nancy (McCormick) Neil, prosperous agriculturists of Farmington township.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell are both active and earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Leeper, and being a strong temperance man and bitterly opposed to the liquor traffic, he gives his support at all times to the men and measures of the Prohibition party. His upright, honorable course in life has commended him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact, his actions have ever been sincere, his manner unaffected, and his example is well worthy of emulation.

JAMES McGUIRE, a worthy citizen and leading farmer of Ashland township, Clarion county, was born April 11, 1850, in Monroe county, N. Y., and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Doyle) McGuire, natives of Ireland, who came with their respective parents to America in 1822, locating in New York State. The father was a farmer by occupation and carried on operations in Monroe county, N. Y., until life's labors were ended, in 1859. His wife, who was of Scotch extraction, died in 1857.

Thus, at an early age, James McGuire was left an orphan and was obliged to begin the battle of life for himself. He was forced to endure many hardships and privations, and his school privileges were necessarily very limited, so that

his education has mostly been obtained through his own efforts since reaching manhood. He is entirely a self-made man, having had no one to assist him, and he deserves great credit for the success that he has achieved.

Until nineteen years of age Mr. McGuire worked as a farm hand in his native State, and then came to Titusville, Penn., where he was employed as a teamster for three years. During the following year and a half he engaged in teaming on his own account, and then began to pump and drill oil wells, since which time he has been more or less actively connected with that work. He now has a half dozen wells in successful operation, and also owns a fine farm of 120 acres in Ashland township, Clarion county, where he follows general farming.

On Christmas Day, 1877, our subject was married to Miss Anna M. Weckerley, of Limestone township, Clarion county, and to them have been born five children: Margie M., Katie, Annie M., and John F. and an infant, both deceased. Mrs. McGuire and her daughters are members of the Lutheran Church, and in social circles the family holds a prominent position. For twenty years Mr. McGuire has been identified with the Masonic order, and is now a prominent member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. He also belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry. As a Democrat he has ever taken an active part in local politics, and is at present serving as constable and collector in Ashland township. For almost a quarter of a century he has been a resident of Clarion county, and, as the years have passed, he has faithfully performed his duties of citizenship, and his interest in the welfare and progress of the community has never abated.

JOHN MORGAN, a member of the well-known firm of Fox & Morgan, oil producers of St. Petersburg, Penn., was born in Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Penn., in 1851.

John and Ann (Thomas) Morgan, his parents, were natives of Wales, where their marriage was celebrated. On coming to the United States they located in Armstrong county, living for a time at Brady's Bend, and later at Parker's Landing. From there they came to Foxburg, Clarion county, in 1858. The father was employed as a whip sawyer, and also, as a puddler, he worked in furnaces. He engaged in gardening to some extent, and on coming to St. Petersburg embarked in merchandising, in 1885. He died at that place in 1893, and his wife two years later. In their family were four sons and three daughters, of whom six are now living, namely: Morgan, who now has charge of the Fox estate; Mrs. Mary Mull, of Richey Run, Clarion county; John; Mrs. Matilda Roberts, of Allegheny county, Penn.; Thomas, of Richey Run; and William, of Emlenton, Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was reared in Richland township, Clarion county, and was educated in the schools of Foxburg. At the age of twenty-five he became interested in the oil business in Armstrong county, and has since been identified with that industry. For a time he carried on operations in Red Valley, Venango Co., Penn., but since taking up his residence in St. Petersburg, in 1877, he has principally been employed in Richland township, Clarion county. About 1889, as a member of the firm of Fox & Morgan, he began operations in the Richey Run oil fields, and put down wells in the following order—on the Long and Wheeler tract, on the Kaufman property, the William Agnew, the Clark Agnew, and the William Jones farms, the Sherman property, the Master property, and the Clinton Agnew place. They now have thirteen wells in successful operation in Richland township, and are doing a profitable and highly satisfactory business.

In 1871, in Richland township, Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Frances Gilger, a native of Venango county, Penn., and a daughter of Jonas and Hattie (Dravelbiss) Gilger, who were born in Pennsylvania and were pioneer settlers of Venango county, where the mother died. The father's death occurred in Richland township Clarion county. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have two children living: Mrs. Hattie Shoup, of Gaily, Penn., and Herbert, at home.

Mr. Morgan has always been a Republican in politics, and is now an advocate of the free coinage of silver. In St. Petersburg he has served as burgess and overseer of the poor with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public. Socially, he affiliates with the Royal Arcanum lodge at that place. Of excellent business ability and sound judgment, he has attained a prominent place among the substantial citizens of the community, and is a recognized leader in public affairs. He has won success through his own untiring efforts and good management, and the prosperity he has achieved is certainly well deserved.

CALVIN COLLNER (deceased) was one of the most popular, public-spirited and enterprising business men of St. Petersburg, where he spent his entire life, his birth occurring there

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April 3, 1856. His father, Lewis Collner, was also one of the most prominent and thorough business men of Clarion county. The public schools of St. Petersburg afforded our subject his educational advantages, and at an early age he became associated in business with his brother, under the firm style of H. Collner & Bros. A man of progressive ideas and indomitable energy, he met with excellent success in his undertakings, and continued in active business until failing health compelled his retirement.

In Mercer county, Penn., Mr. Collner was married to Miss Anna M. Thompson, of Sheakleyville, a daughter of David and Martha (McClarren) Thompson. Her father was the youngest son in the family of twelve children born to John and Mary M. (Findley) Thompson, who were members of the Presbyterian Church and highly respected citizens of Mercer county. Mrs. Collner's maternal grandparents were John and Sarah (Williams) McClarren, who were of Scotch-Irish descent, and died in Mercer county. David Thompson was a successful farmer, and was one of the leading and most active members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as elder. In his family were seven children, namely: William P., who died in 1886; John E.; Anna M., now Mrs. Collner; Sada; Mrs. A. K. Steele; Hettie, deceased wife of C. O. Duvé, of St. Petersburg; and Rose, who married J. N. Hugus, but both are now deceased.

Our subject departed this life at St. Petersburg, June 22, 1887, leaving a widow and two children: Verne Thompson; and Sarah Lucile, who died November 11, 1896, when in her thirteenth year. He made for himself an honorable record in business, as he was a man of the strictest integrity. As a citizen, friend and neighbor he was true to every duty, and justly merited the esteem in which he was uniformly held. In his death the community recognized that it had lost one of its most valued and useful citizens, and the family a loving husband and father. [See sketch of Levi Collner elsewhere in this volume.]

JMILES GRUBE, M. D., an eminent physician and surgeon of Lindsey, Jefferson county, is a native of the county, having been born near Punxsutawney, in 1861.

His grandfather, a native of Bucks county, Penn., settled in Centre county, Penn., where he married Barbara Hoy. He was the son of Peter Grube, who came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania. The Doctor's grandfather, Joseph Cochran, of Irish birth, a native of Mifflin county, Penn., came to Jefferson county, where he married Eliza A. Cochran, she being a native of Luzerne county, Penn.

Joseph and Amy Q. (Cochran) Grube, his parents, were also born in that county, and there the mother died March 4, 1881; the father is still living, and enjoys fair health for one of his years. His has been a quiet, uneventful life, he having devoted his time and attention to his business and home interests. He has principally followed the occupations of farming and lumbering. In the family were three sons, all of whom became prominent physicians, but the eldest, G. W., died in September, 1896. John E. is now a successful practitioner of Punxsutawney.

Dr. Grube, of this review, received his early education in the public schools and academies of Jefferson county, later was a student at the State College in Centre county, and completed his literary course at Edinboro, Erie Co., Penn. Having been reared upon a farm, his first work was along that line, but he later engaged in teaching, having charge of the home school, where his pupils were mostly relatives and former school mates. Subsequently he taught at Burnside, Clearfield Co., Penn., for two years, during which time he read medicine with his brother, Dr. G. W. Grube. Entering the Medico Chirurgical College at Philadelphia, he graduated from that institution in the class of 1889, and at once began the practice of his chosen profession at Gallitzin, Cambria Co., Penn., in partnership with his brother. Besides their regular practice they served as surgeons for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. After a year and a half the partnership was dissolved, and our subject located in Lindsey, where he soon afterward established his present drug store. His thorough knowledge of medicine and skill in surgery have won for him the confidence of the people, and he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He ranks among the leading physicians of the county, and is a valued member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, and of the State Medical Society.

In June, 1892, Dr. Grube was united in marriage with Miss Kate Douglas, a daughter of James Douglas, of West Virginia, and they have two daughters—Alma and Erma. The Doctor and his wife are both members of the First Baptist Church of Punxsutawney, of which he is serving as trustee, and in social circles hold an enviable position. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in politics he has always been identified with the Republican party, but cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of official positions, preferring to devote his entire attention to the demands of his profession.

HENRY TRUMAN, associate judge of Jefferson county, Penn., with residence in Brookville, has also been prominently identified with the lumbering interests of the county.

SOLOMON BECK, who is engaged in the manufacture of wagons and carriages in Lineville, Penn., has for many years been prominently identified with the business interests of Clarion county, and has taken an active part in promoting its substantial improvement and material development. He was born April 4, 1839, in Pine Grove township, Venango Co., Penn., and is a grandson of George Beck, who was born in Pennsylvania of Irish ancestry, and became an early settler of Armstrong county. There the father, Isaac Beck, was born and reared, and on attaining to man's estate married Miss Margaret Switzer. Her father, Jacob Switzer, was a native of Switzerland, and aided his adopted country in the war of 1812.

To Isaac and Margaret Beck were born the following children: Mary Ann, Solomon, Mahala, Polly, Susan, Caroline, Lewis, Jacob, George and Lizzie. The mother died at the age of fifty-six years, but the father had reached the ripe old age of eighty-three when he was called to the world beyond. Both were conscientious Christians, the father holding membership in the Lutheran Church, and his wife in the Reformed Church. In politics he was a Democrat.

During his youth Solomon Beck learned the wagonmaker's trade, to which he has since devoted the greater part of his time and attention. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company D, 82d P. V. I., for nine months, and took part in the second battle of Bull Run, Mine Run, and several other engagements. Returning home, he resumed work at his trade, and to-day is doing an excellent business, his skill and ability winning for him a liberal share of the public patronage.

In 1865 Mr. Beck was married to Miss Jane Swab, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Joseph Swab. They have become the parents of six children, who in order of birth are as follows: Joseph, Allen, Mary, Sarah, Isaac and Matilda. The eldest son began teaching at the early age of seventeen, and was for some time one of the most popular and successful teachers of Clarion county. Later he followed the same profession in Washington, and is now engaged in the lumber business in Tacoma, that State. His brother Allen is with him.

In political views, our subject is an Independent, and he has never cared for the honors of public office, though he served for one year on the school board. He is, however, a public-spirited, progressive citizen, who gives his support to all measures for the public good. Over his life record there falls no shadow of wrong, and his circle of friends and acqaintances in his adopted county is indeed extensive.

GEORGE W. RHOADS. In Monroe township, Clarion Co., Penn., among the honored and respected citizens, there is not one who stands higher in the estimation of his fellow-men than George W. Rhoads, a successful farmer now living retired in a most comfortable home in the well-tilled fertile fields his energies have provided for his advancing years.

John and Mary M. (Moyer) Rhoads, the paternal grandparents of George W. Rhoads, were of German descent, but natives of Union county, Penn., where the former was a wheelwright and a furniture manufacturer. In 1824 they emigrated to Jefferson county, and located in McCalmont township, on what is now known as the Rhoads homestead. In their family of children was a son—John J.—who became the father of our subject. John J. Rhoads was born in Union county, January 1, 1814, accompanying his parents to Jefferson county in 1824. He made his home in that county, following the occupation of farming and lumbering, until his death in 1886, at the advanced age of seventy-two years, respected and mourned by all who knew him; his earthly remains were laid to rest in Granger cemetery, in Bell township, Jefferson county. He had married Ann Bowers, a native of Virginia, and to them were born the following children: Sarah, the widow of Christ Wise, of Bell township, Jefferson county; George W., whose name introduces this review; David, a farmer on the old homestead; Margaret, wife of Abram Zutall, of Henderson township, Jefferson county; Mary A., wife of Frederick Kuntz, a saddler at Big Run, Penn.; Harriet M. and Hannah J., both residing on the old homestead; Andrew P., of Henderson township; Harvey D., John J. and Clara, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The father of this family was a Democrat in politics, and the entire family were faithful followers of the immortal Martin Luther.

George W. Rhoads was born on the old home farm January 24, 1843, and here he remained through boyhood and youth, attending the neighboring schools and assisting in the work of the farm. For several years the ominous mutterings of the "Great Conspiracy" had threatened the overthrow of the government of this "land of the

free," and when the North arose at the bugle's sounding "assembly" our subject, at the age of nineteen, with every prospect of a bright and happy life before him, left his plow in the furrow, and bidding adieu to home and friends, offered himself in sacrifice, if need be, on the altar of his country. He enlisted in Company A, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. John Hastings, and served until the war was over. At Charles City Cross Roads he was wounded in the right shoulder, and for eight months was in a hospital. Even then his restless activity would not allow him to be quiet, and the patriotism that prompted his enlistment now caused him to offer his services to his weaker comrades, and during his convalescence he served in the capacity of ward nurse. He obtained a furlough to return home to cast his vote for Gov. Andrew Curtin, and then instead of returning to the hospital he joined his company, and remained in active service until May 8, 1864, when, at Spottsylvania Court House, he was wounded in the left side and fell in the hands of the Rebels—a prisoner—and until February 23, 1865, he suffered the horrors of a Southern prison at Libby, Belle Isle and Salisbury, N. C. On the expiration of his furlough, when he returned to his regiment instead of the hospital, the authorities issued writs branding him a deserter, but the captain of his company notified the officials that their so-called deserter was once again in his company in active service with never a wish to desert. The battle had no terrors for him; wherever he saw the stained, shot-riddled flag of his country, there he, too, followed, and though worn by illness and the long marches, he made no complaint, counting no sacrifice too great, if the Union might forever be "one and inseparable." When the last gun had been fired, the last long march taken, the command to "break ranks" given, George W. Rhoads went quietly back to his home in Jefferson county, and for three years worked on the farm.

On March 5, 1868, at Bell township, by Rev. Stouffer, Mr. Rhoads was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Hauck, a daughter of Joseph and Mercy (Tindell) Hauck. The young couple settled on a farm in Bell township, Jefferson county, and there lived until 1893, when they came to their present farm in Clarion county. Their union has been blessed with a large family of children, all of whom now occupy prominent places in the life of the community in which they reside. The following is a brief record of the family: Anna married Henry Spindler, of Bell township; Arthur, deceased at the age of three years; Joseph married Della Pifer, and is a farmer on the old home in Bell township, Jefferson county; Amos E. is the successful manager of the present home farm, and like a truly dutiful son has lifted the burdens from his parents' shoulders that they may find rest and comfort while yet in the very prime of life; Harvey L. is the worthy assistant of his brother Amos; Maude L., Lillie Alice, John, Frank C. and Leonore are all at home, while Ella died in infancy.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Hauck) Rhodes was born in Bell township, Jefferson county, April 26, 1848, where her father, Joseph Hauck, a native of Centre county, Penn., had moved with his parents in early manhood. He married Mercy Tindell, the daughter of Charles and Jane (McIlvain) Tindell, both natives of New Jersey, but who later came to Jefferson county, where Nathaniel Tindell, the father of Charles and great-grandfather of Mrs. Rhodes, was one of the first settlers. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hauck were born: Elizabeth (Mrs. Rhodes); Catharine, who died at the age of eleven years; Charles T., of Clayville, Penn.; John, of Jefferson county; Mary A., wife of George Dickey, a grocer of DuBois, Penn.; Abigail C., wife of Jacob Shaffer, a carpenter at Williamsport, Penn.; Alice, wife of Christ Kuntz, a farmer of Gaskill township, Jefferson county; and Irene, wife of Clark Wells, a clerk in a hardware store at Punxsutawney, Penn. The father of this family was a Democrat in politics, and took an active interest in party work up till the time of his death, August 3, 1874, at the age of sixty-three years. His remains now rest in Zion cemetery in Jefferson county. The mother, though born April 9, 1827, is yet living, making her home at Punxsutawney. The entire family were Lutherans.

George W. Rhoads, the subject proper of these lines, has, as may be inferred from preceding statements, relegated the management of this farm to the thrifty care of his son, and now in the full enjoyment of the fruits of his early energies may look proudly over his farm, one of the finest in the county, and say "My labor has accomplished all this". In his political affiliations he has not wandered from the party of his fathers, but uniformly casts his vote for the Democratic ticket, but he has never aspired to office preferring to attend to his own affairs leaving the management of the government to those whose ambitions led them to seek public positions. Socially he occupies a most enviable position, one of those genial, clever men who carry sunshine wherever they go, and whose presence is sought for every occasion. Possessed of a keen insight in public affairs, a sound judgment, his advice is often sought. He and his family

are members of the Lutheran Church, and in their delightful country home presided over by Mrs. Rhoads, such liberal hospitality is dispensed, that friends and strangers alike are made to feel the true, deep meaning of "Welcome."

BOSTON SHADE GARDNER is now living retired upon his fine farm in Toby township, Clarion county, enjoying a well-earned rest. With the exception of a moderate legacy left him by his brother late in life, he has acquired all that he now possesses through his own unaided efforts. He started out in life with nothing but his own indomitable energy, but he steadily overcame the difficulties in the path to success, and now has a comfortable competence, which enables him to lay aside all business cares and spend his declining years in ease and retirement.

Mr. Gardner was born July 11, 1821, one and one-half mile east of his present home in Toby township, and is a son of Ephraim and Hannah (Austin) Gardner, natives of Centre county, Penn. The paternal grandfather, John Gardner, spent his entire life in Centre county, and was a farmer by occupation. Samuel Austin, the maternal grandfather, was born in Ireland, and at an early day emigrated to America, locating in Clarion county, Penn., where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. The parents of our subject were early settlers of Clarion county, where they were married, and in the growth and development of this region they bore an important part. The father was a farmer by occupation, was a Democrat in politics, and was called upon to serve in a number of local positions of honor and trust. He died in August, 1866, at the ripe old age of eighty-two years, and was buried in Rimersburg cemetery; the mother of our subject passed away in 1827, at an early age, and was laid to rest in the Lickings cemetery, Clarion county.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Jane, who married John Armstrong, but both are now deceased; Nancy, widow of Robert Fulton, of McKees Rocks, Penn; Jeremiah, deceased; Lavina, who married Daniel Armstrong (now deceased), and was killed by a railroad train at Monterey, Penn.; Lott, deceased; Boston S.; Harriet, deceased wife of David Vangorter, also deceased; and James, a physician of Liverpool, Ohio. After the death of his first wife, the father married Catherine Eaton, who died in 1872, at the age of sixty-three years. To them were born the following children: Hannah, wife of George Yingling, an undertaker of Freedom, Penn.; Washington, deceased; Polly A., who died when young; Matilda, who married Rev. David Latchchaw, but both are now deceased; Charlotte, deceased wife of Ethfel Snyder; Emily, wife of William Gardner, a farmer of Centre county, Penn.; Johnson, a resident of Photo, Mo.; Harvey E., a prominent citizen of Clarion county; and Jesse, a merchant of Rimersburg.

On leaving home at the age of twenty-eight years, the subject of this sketch was without capital and his wardrobe was very scanty. For some time he worked at anything he could find to do that would yield him an honest living, and finally secured a position in a pottery, in Beaver, Penn., where he was employed for two years. His hard work brought on a hemorrhage, which compelled him to give up that business. Returning home, he purchased fifteen acres of his present valuable farm, which now comprises ninety and one-half acres of rich and arable land. He has practically made his home upon this place since the age of twenty-eight years, but to-day does not engage in active labor, renting the farm on shares. In Rimersburg, March 13, 1851, he married Miss Nancy J. Newell, Rev. A. Keller, a Methodist Ediscopal minister, officiating. Six children bless this union, namely: Mary, wife of Murdock McLain, a carpenter of Pittsburg, Penn.; James C., who married Jennie Grant, and is now collector for an organ company of Pittsburg; Lott, who married Carrie Duncan, and is clerking for Boggs & Buehl, of the same city; William, who married Carrie Wilson, and is studying medicine in Pittsburg; and Albert, who married Catherine Bray, and is agent for a piano company of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Gardner was born at Pennsylvania Furnace, Centre county, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1826, and has for several years been an invalid, but she bears her sufferings very patiently. Her parents, William and Mary (McKinney) Newell, were also natives of Centre county, where the maternal grandfather, John McKinney, located on his emigration from Ireland. Later he became a resident of Clarion county, and his death occurred in Rimersburg. Throughout life he engaged in the manufacture of cloth. William Newell followed blacksmithing in his native county until 1841, when he removed to Clarion county, conducting a shop in Rimersburg for several years. He was called to his final rest in 1877, at the age of eighty years; his wife died in 1862 while on a visit to her son in Oil City, Penn., at the age of sixty-five. Both were laid to rest in the Rimersburg cemetery. The children born to them were as follows: Sarah, who

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married Jacob Shaffer, but both are now deceased; James, who is living retired in Pittsburg; Nancy, wife of our subject; Mary A., widow of John Wallace, and a resident of O'Neill, Neb.; John and William, who both died in childhood; Samuel, a teacher, who died in Oil City, Penn., and Eliza (deceased), who first married Robert McCutchin, and after his death wedded George Elias, a blacksmith of Dayton, Penn.

In 1865, Mr. Gardner was drafted for service in the Union army, but participated in no battles. Politically he has always endeavored to support the man best qualified for the office, and first gave his influence to the Democratic party, later to the Republican party, but is now a stalwart Prohibitionist as he is a strong temperance man. For sixty years he has been a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his estimable wife also belongs, and their lives have ever been in harmony with its teachings. Both possess excellent memories, and can relate many interesting incidents of pioneer life.

HERMAN FRAZIER, a leading architect and builder of Beaver township, Clarion county, is a comparatively recent acquisition to the goodly array of progressive business men of the community, but his ability, enterprise and upright methods have already established for him an enviable reputation. He was born in 1859, in Pittsburg, Penn., a son of Clements and Caroline Frazier, who were born, reared and educated in Germany. Soon after their marriage they emigrated to the United States and located in Pittsburg, where the father died when our subject was fourteen years old. He left a family of five children, namely: August, a glass blower living at Homewood, near Pittsburg; Charles F., who is employed in a planing-mill in Los Angeles, Cal.; Herman, our subject; Mary, wife of William McClurg; and Anna.

In the city of his birth Herman Frazier grew to manhood, and in its public schools began his education, which has been supplemented by reading and study since reaching maturity. At the age of fourteen he began learning the carpenter's trade, and later spent two years and a half at pattern-making, at which he became very proficient. For a time he also worked in a planing-mill, and being a natural mechanic, he has met with good success in all his undertakings. Throughout the greater part of his business career, however, he has been employed as a carpenter and joiner, and since coming to Clarion county, in 1893, he has erected many of the best buildings in Edenburg and Wentlings Corners.

Mr. Frazier married Mary Wentling, who was born, reared and educated in Clarion county, a daughter of Thomas Wentling. Two children grace this union: Gertrude and Carrie. Mr. Frazier is independent in politics, preferring not to be bound by any party lines, and in casting his ballot he supports the man whom he believes best qualified to fill the position. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has never allowed his private interests to interfere with his duties of citizenship, and he has thus become honored and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, or who have met him in a business way.

B PHILLIPS, M. D., of Leeper, is one of the most able representatives of the medical profession in Clarion county. In this county he has spent his entire life, his birth occurring in Porter township, August 18, 1855, and he belongs to one of its honored families.

His grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth Phillips, who, in 1820, left their home in Bucks county, Penn., and came to Clarion county. The grandfather purchased 300 acres of wild land in Porter township, from which he developed a good farm, and upon that place he made his home until called to his final rest in 1867. His estimable wife died in 1895, at the advanced age of ninety-eight years. In their family were nine children, namely: Harvey; Michael, who was a Union soldier in the Civil war and died from wounds received in battle; Jacob, who resides on the old homestead in Porter township; Hannah, wife of the Rev. John Soliday, of Forest county; Delila, wife of Daniel Soliday, of Pittsburg; Maria, who was killed by a tree falling on her; Nancy, who was born in Porter township, where she still resides; Caroline, wife of James P. Divins, justice of the peace of Porter township; and G. V., father of our subject.

G. V. Phillips was born in 1832, in Porter township, Clarion county, and there grew to manhood. He purchased 100 acres of land adjoining the old homestead and converted the wild tract into a desirable farm. In 1873 he replaced his first home by a commodious and pleasant two-story residence, and also made other valuable improvements upon the place. He retired from farming, however, in 1881, and has since successfully engaged in the grocery and meat business in the city of Clarion.

G. V. Phillips was married to Miss Catherine Henry, and they became the parents of four sons: (1) F. P., born in 1853, in Porter township, began his studies in the public schools of the

neighborhood, but later pursued his studies at Reedsburg, Clarion county. He married Miss Maggie Slater, of Clarion county, and is engaged in business with his father; he has four children —Katie, Edna, Bessie and John. (2) The Doctor is the next in order of birth. (3) H. S., born in 1857, received a common-school education, and married Maggie Shanefelt, of Porter township, by whom he has one son, Earl. They reside on his farm in Porter township. (4) L. M., born in 1860, still resides on the old homestead in Porter township; he married Pearl Fulton, of Clarion county, and has four children —George Karl, Millie, Fred and James B.

Dr. Phillips attended the local schools until fourteen years of age, and then secured a position in the store of M. S. Arnold, where he was employed for some time. Subsequently he attended the Reedsburg Academy, graduating from that institution in 1873, and then commenced the study of medicine in the office of Dr. J. A. Wick, in New Bethlehem, Clarion county, where he was a student for one year. In 1874–75 he attended the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and later graduated in a medical college at Cleveland, Ohio. He began the practice of his profession in New Salem, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he remained until 1878, when he located in Lickingville, Clarion county. In 1888 he came to Leeper, where he soon built up an excellent practice. He also erected a building, in which he has since conducted one of the best drug stores in the place.

In 1879 Dr. Phillips was married to Miss Elizabeth Gilford, of Clarion county, and to them were born three children: Katie E., who was born in January, 1880, and died the same year; George D., born in May, 1882; and Frank P., born in 1895. The parents both hold membership in the Lutheran Church, and the Doctor is a member of the Clarion County Medical Society. Dr. Phillips is descended from good old Whig stock, and is a pronounced Republican in politics. It is but just and merited praise to say that as a physician he ranks among the ablest in the county, as a citizen is honorable, prompt and true to every engagement, and as a friend a model worthy of all imitation.

JOSEPH LOLL (deceased). Although of foreign birth, Clarion county had no more patriotic or loyal citizen than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. For three years and a half he valiantly aided his adopted country in her struggle to preserve the Union, and subsequently was recognized as one of the most valuable and useful citizens of Fryburg.

Mr. Loll was born in the province of Alsace, France, August 29, 1840, a son of Anthony and Mary Ann (Keal) Loll, natives of the same country, the former born November 17, 1797, and the latter June 16, 1803. For seven years the father was a member of the French army. When our subject was a lad of thirteen the family immigrated to the New World and took up their residence at Prospect Furnace, near Callensburg, in Clarion county, Penn., where the parents spent their remaining years, the father dying January 29, 1890, and the mother October 1, 1895, when both were in their ninety-third year. Becoming widely and favorably known, they made many friends, and their death was deeply felt throughout the entire community. Their children were as follows: Anthony, George, Joseph, John, Catherine, Theresa, Mary Ann, and Frances. Of this number, John was a member of the 103rd P. V. I. during the Civil war, and, being wounded in the foot, died of lockjaw in a Washington hospital at the age of nineteen years.

From 1852 up until the time of his death June 7, 1897, Joseph Loll was a resident of Clarion county, and upon the home farm he grew to manhood. Here he completed his education, which was begun in France. On leaving the parental roof in 1856, he came to Fryburg, and for a time engaged in teaming to Pittsburg, but when the Civil war broke out he responded to the President's call for aid, and, in August, 1861, enlisted in Company F, 63d P. V. I. He participated in the engagements at Seven Pines, Fair Oaks, and Malvern Hill, the second battle of Bull Run, and the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. At the last named he was shot in the lung, May 3, 1863, and on the 5th of May, 1864, was shot in both ankles. For fifteen days he lay upon the field, and was then taken to the hospital, where he remained from June 15 to November 4, 1864, returning home in time to cast his ballot for Lincoln in that year. Having made for himself a war record both honorable and glorious, he was honorably discharged February 6, 1865.

After the war Mr. Loll engaged in the sawmill business for some time, and also became interested in coal mining, but finding these labors too arduous, be embarked in the hotel business in Fryburg, conducting the "Eiseman House" for several years. Under his able management it became one of the most popular hotels in the county, and therefore proved quite profitable.

On May 1, 1866, Mr. Loll was married to

Miss Helen Eiseman, a daughter of Lambert and Catherine (Fasenmeyer) Eiseman, the former now deceased. Ten children blessed this union, but only fine are now living, namely: Ed, James, Leopold, William, and Anselm. Leopold is a member of the regular army, and is now stationed on Davis Island. John A., who died at Buffalo, N. Y., October 19, 1893, at the age of twenty-seven years, was also in the service at the time of his death. The others deceased are: Catherine and Florian, who both died at the age of five years; Mary at the age of three years; and Louisa at the age of sixteen months.

In politics Mr. Loll was a Republican, and was honored with a number of local offices, the duties of which he most capably discharged. He was a prominent member of the Grand Army Post, No. 475, and had served as senior vice-commander in the same. He was a pleasant, genial gentleman, of high social qualities, and was very popular, had a most extensive circle of friends and acquaintances who esteemed him highly for his genuine worth.

R W. DINSMORE, retired, post office address Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, is favorably known in the locality where he resides.

JOSEPH A. SUMMERVILLE. Men of marked ability, forceful character and culture leave their impress upon the world, written in such indelible characters that time is powerless to obliterate their memory or sweep it from the minds of men. Their commendable acts live long after they have passed from the scene of their earthly careers. In Mr. Summerville we find one of the most prominent citizens of Clarion county, where he is now acceptably serving as county surveyor.

Born January 4, 1833, in Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Penn., Mr. Summerville is a representative of a good old family of Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather, James Summerville, was born near Belfast, in County Down, Ireland, and was a member of the Seceder or Presbyterian Church. In his native land he was reared and educated, and when a young man crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Pennsylvania. At the age of twenty-six he was married in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, to Miss Sarah Scott, a native of that county, and a daughter of James Scott, who was born in Scotland. They became the parents of the following children: William; Samuel; John; Joseph; Azel; Ann, wife of Abram Titus; Margaret, wife of William Ferguson; Hannah, wife of William Minteer; Fanny, wife of J. D. Rankin; and two others now deceased. With the exception of one, all lived to be over seventy years of age. The father of this family was one of the first settlers west of the Allegheny river in Armstrong county, and there on the old homestead farm he and his wife died at a ripe old age, he having attained the age of ninety-eight years. He was first a Whig, and later a Republican, in politics, and was a valued and honored resident of his community.

John Summerville, father of our subject, was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated. Later he there followed the tailor's trade until 1838. In 1827 he located on a farm three miles west of Kittanning, and there continued to make his home until called to his final rest in 1881. He married Miss Catherine Ferguson, who was born in Adams county, Penn., on what afterwards became the battlefield of Gettysburg, and was a daughter of William and Emily Ferguson, the former a native of Ireland. While the battle was raging at Gettysburg a Confederate soldier conveyed her eldest daughter, then residing on the farm, on the back of an old gray horse, to a place of safety outside their lines.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: James H., a resident of Clarion county; William, a merchant at Chillicothe, Mo.; John F., who died in Clarion county; Samuel M., who was for three years a member of the 78th P. V. I. during the Civil war, and now lives at Vandergrift, Penn.; Emily J., wife of James Ferguson, of Vanderbilt; Sarah C., wife of Francis Dounze, of Armstrong county. The father was a stalwart Republican in politics, and both he and his wife were earnest, consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Reared in a good Christian home, Joseph A. Summerville grew up to be honest, industrious and enterprising, and after attending the public schools he was for a time a student in the Freeport Academy of Pennsylvania. At the age of twenty he began teaching, and successfully followed that profession for nine years, or in all ninety months. In 1856 he came to Clarion county and first located in Porter township. It was in 1866 that he removed to his present farm of 100 acres in Madison township, and to its cultivation and improvement he has since devoted the greater part of his time and attention with most satisfactory results.

At Brady's Bend, Penn., Mr. Summerville

was united in marriage with Miss Laura Sage, a native of that place, and a daughter of James and Margaret (Horn) Sage. Her father was born in Vermont. To Mr. and Mrs. Summerville were born six children: John F., who graduated with honor at McCorkle College of Ohio, in 1879, and is now a successful physician and surgeon of Monroe, Clarion county; William J., who for some time engaged in teaching, but is now a carpenter in Apollo, Penn.; T. B., a carpenter of Clarion county; J. E., a popular hotel proprietor of Rimersburg, Clarion county; Mary, wife of E. Conner, of East Brady; and Maggie, wife of H. H. Shafer, of Rimersburg. The wife and mother died in 1876, and two years later Mr. Summerville wedded Miss Mary C., daughter of John Scott, of Clarion, and by this union have been born the following children: Viola, Anna, Forest B., Ray Scott, Denny J., Amy, Maud, and Joseph A.

Mr. Summerville's political support is given the Democracy, and he is one of the best informed men in the county on the subject of American politics. He ranks among the most honored counselors of his party, and his opinion and advice are often sought on questions of greatest importance to the community. For thirty years he has served as justice of the peace, was secretary of the school board for sixteen years, tax collector ten years, and also treasurer, while he has been county surveyor for five years. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1877 and 1878. His popularity is shown very clearly by his elections to the numerous offices which he has so creditably and satisfactorily filled. He is one of the active and prominent members of the Associate Presbyterian Church of Rimersburg, and is now serving as elder. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend, and his deep and sincere interest in the welfare of his fellow men prompts his support of various charities and enterprises that are calculated to prove of general benefit.

REV. FRANK P. BRITT, pastor of Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Corsica, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, is a gentleman well known and much respected.

ANTHONY H. BECK, ex-sheriff of Clarion county, for years a builder and contractor and a genial landlord, who is extensively known throughout the county where he has passed his life, was born November 16, 1836, at Salem, Clarion county.

George Beck, his father, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., but who upwards of sixty years ago located in Clarion county. He married Elizabeth Schotts, who was born in Clarion county in 1816, and died in 1897. The father of these died when our subject was so young that he does not remember him. The mother who lived her long life in this community was widely known and greatly esteemed.

Sheriff Beck, as he is known to all, losing his father at so young a period in his life, received but few school privileges and those in the schools of Salem, which he attended until fourteen years of age. Early in life he learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it for years. He also learned millwrighting, and, in 1856, paternmaking which occupation he followed until the tocsin of war sounded, when he enlisted as a sergeant in Company H, 8th Penn. Res. Corps as a three-months' man; the company, however, was not accepted as such but was taken as a three-years organization. The command was assigned to the Army of the Potomac and performed good, and, at times, most thrilling service. Mr. Beck was in the various engagements in which his regiment participated. At the battle of Charles City Cross Roads June, 30, 1862, he received a gunshot wound in the face which shattered the left jaw. He was alsowounded slightly in the left leg and side in other engagements. He rose from second sergeant to first lieutenant, being mustered out as such with the command at Spottsylvania Court House, Va., May 18, 1864. On returning home on July 14th of that year, he raised a company to enter the service for ninety days, in the recruiting of which some of his associates joined another division and the company was filled up at Pittsburg, and it was assigned to the 1st Penn. Inf., and designated as Company A. 100 days-service. Lieut. Beck was commissioned captain of the company, which instead of serving the specified time became a five-months' organization, being mustered out at Pittsburg in November, 1864. Capt. Beck then returned to Clarion county, and, at Cooksburg assisted in building a sawmill. For some years following the close of the war he was actively engaged in following carpentering and building, and during that time he erected many of the leading buildings of the county; among them are the beautiful Clarion Normal School Building, the "Jones House," and several of the church edifices. In 1873 he was elected sheriff of the county, and filled the position ably and creditably for upwards of three years. He was an efficient officer, and served the people satisfactorily. On retiring from office he engaged in the hotel business at Parker's Landing, then he kept the "Jones

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House" at Clarion, and has since been interested in the houses at both places. He is a genial and affable gentleman, and, perhaps, no one in the county enjoys a larger acquaintance and is more favorably known. He is popular with the masses, and is a man that commands the respect of the community at large.

In 1866 Mr. Beck was married to Margaret Potter, who was born in Clarion county. Her death occurred April 10, 1860. No children were born of this union, but our subject and his noble wife shared their home with an adopted daughter, now Mrs. L. H. Frank. Socially, our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F., being next to the oldest past grand of his lodge. He is also a member of the G. A. R. In politics he has been a life-long Democrat. He has served as chief of the fire department of Clarion.

ISAIAH J. WIREBACK, M. D., of St. Petersburg, is one of the most prominent representatives of the medical profession in Clarion county. He was born in Hilltown township, Bucks Co., Penn., August 5, 1839.

The family is of German extraction. Isaac Wireback, his grandfather, was a native of this country. He passed the latter part of his life in Lehigh county, Penn. His wife, Mrs. Catharine Wireback, had passed the ninetieth milestone on life's journey when she was called to the world beyond.

Benjamin Green Wireback, the Doctor's father, was a native of Lehigh county, but was reared in Bucks county, where he married Miss Catharine Bitting, who was born in Hilltown township, that county. Her father, Abel Bitting, was of Welsh descent. The Doctor is the oldest of their three children, the others being Thomas B., a resident of Philadelphia, Penn.; and Artemus, a bookkeeper for a mercantile firm in Philadelphia. The father was a farmer by occupation, and a Democrat in politics. He held membership in the Reformed Church, took an active part in all Church work, and served as elder for many years. He died at the age of seventy-two, his wife at the age of sixty-two.

Dr. Wireback passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native county, attended an academy in Allentown, and also A. R. Horn's Classical and Normal School in Bucks county, Penn. He has throughout his entire life made a special study of higher mathematics, and is to-day one of the most proficient scholars in that science in Pennsylvania. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, and in 1863 commenced the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. James G. Mensch, of Pennville, Bucks county, one of the best known and most successful physicians in that section of the State. Later he entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated with the degree of M. D., in 1866, and at once opened an office in Sellersville, Bucks county. Later he engaged in practice for six years in Evansport, Ohio, and on his return to Pennsylvania located in Scottdale, Westmoreland county, but since 1876 he has made his home in St. Petersburg, where his skill and ability soon won for him an excellent patronage.

On July 1, 1868, Dr. Wireback was united in marriage with Miss Margaret E. Fisher, a daughter of Rev. P. S. Fisher, a minister of the Reformed Church at Sellersville, who was taken sick in the pulpit while preaching. While in the midst of his discourse, he was unable to conclude his sermon, descended from the pulpit, was assisted to a neighboring dwelling where he expired before any of his family could be summoned. He was aged sixty-eight years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Veronica Heckert, is also deceased. To the Doctor and his wife were born six children, five of whom are still living, namely: Frank, who is now employed in the oil fields of West Virginia; Madge E.; Verona, a teacher of manual training, now residing in St. Louis; Joseph F., a bookkeeper; Nevin H., who is still in school; and Alice, deceased.

For years Dr. Wireback has been a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democratic party in Clarion county, and has been a delegate to many of its conventions, representing his district at the State Convention in Reading, in August, 1897. He has served as a member of the school board of St. Petersburg for nearly twenty years, takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare of the town, and withholds his support from no enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit. Fraternally, he is a member of Canby Lodge No. 520, F. & A. M., in which he has filled all the offices, and also belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees, the Royal Arcanum, the County Medical Society, the State Medical Society, the American and National Medical Associations, and the Association of Railway Surgeons, being surgeon for the Pittsburg & Western railroad. He is also a member of the Allegheny Valley Clinical Association, and is widely recognized as one of the most successful and able physicians and surgeons of Clarion county. The Doctor is a prominent and active member of the Reformed Church of St. Petersburg; he was made an elder of this Church while residing at Scottdale, Westmoreland county, and he has also been choir leader

for nearly eighteen years, and superintendent of the Sabbath-school for several years. His daughter Madge is a member of the choir. The family is one of prominence in social circles, and enjoys the hospitality of the best homes in St. Petersburg.

QUINCY A. CRAIG is a well-known and prominent merchant of Greenville. Of excellent business ability and broad resources, he has attained a leading place among the substantial citizens of Clarion county, and is a recognized leader in public affairs. He has won success by his well-directed, energetic efforts, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well deserved.

Mr. Craig is a native of Clarion county, born in 1851, and is a son of Washington and Nancy (Thompson) Craig, who were born, reared and married in Indiana county, Penn., but at an early day came to Clarion county, where they spent their remaining years. By trade the father was a millwright, and followed that occupation for many years, but he also engaged in lumbering, milling, and merchandising. He owned a large tract of timber land in Clarion county, and also the store in Greenville which is now conducted by our subject. Public affairs also claimed his attention, and he creditably served in a number of local positions of honor and trust, including that of justice of the peace and postmaster of Limestone, the last of which positions he filled during the war of the Rebellion and up to the time of his death. He departed this life in 1881, and his wife passed away in 1891. Seven of their eleven children are still living, namely: W. T.; John F.; Mary M., wife of James Todd; J. H.; R. M.; Nancy J.; and Quincy A.

After attending the common schools near his home for some time, Quincy A. Craig, of this sketch, entered the academy at Callensburg, Clarion county, where he completed his literary education. His business training was received in his father's store, where he began clerking at an early age, and after being employed in that way for a number of years he took a business course in Duff's Mercantile College, of Pittsburg, Penn., graduating from that institution in 1871, after which he was given an interest in the business. On the death of his father he became sole owner, and has since successfully carried on operations as a general merchant, receiving a liberal share of the public patronage.

In 1875 Mr. Craig was married to Miss Sarah J. Scott, a daughter of Andrew Scott, a native of Ireland. Seven children blessed their union, of whom five are now living, namely: Warren C., who assists his father in the store; Elsie B.; Helen T.; Hazel M.; and Emmons F. The parents holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Craig is now serving as Church treasurer, having filled that position acceptably for the past ten years. Socially, he is a member of the American Mechanics, and, politically, is identified with the Republican party. He, too, has served as justice of the peace, and has been postmaster of the Limestone post office at Greenville since 1890, discharging his duties in a prompt and commendable manner. He is not only one of the leading business men of his native county, but is also one of its valued and representative citizens, whose name is honorably and inseparably connected with its history. He is very progressive, and has taken a most active part in promoting the county's interests and substantial improvement.

DAVID O. ETTERS, Superintendent of the City Schools of Bellefonte, Centre county, Pennsylvania.

J E. McINTYRE, foreman of the Venus Oil Company, with which he has been connected since 1895, was born in Shippenville, Elk township, Clarion county, in 1846, a son of John and Lucy (Wood) McIntyre, the former a native of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Michael McIntyre, a stone mason by trade, was born in Ireland, and educated for a priest, but rather than take up the priesthood he left his home at about the age of sixteen and came to Philadelphia where he clerked in a store for his uncle a year or so, or until the latter's demise. From there he went to New Jersey, where, later on, he was married to Miss Nancy Cunningham. On coming to Clarion county, Penn., he here purchased a partially-improved farm now owned by the Kahles, and to its further development and cultivation he devoted his energies for a number of years. In Shippenville, he died in 1847, and his wife in the year following. He left one sister, Margaret, better known as "Peggy," who conducted a store in the City of Dublin. His mother's or grandmother's maiden name was Mollie Townley.

John McIntyre, our subject's father, passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Elk township, and, on attaining man's estate, was married in Ashland township, Clarion county, to Miss Lucy Wood, a native of New York. Nine children were born to them, only five of whom are now living: Mrs. Ollie Culbert, of Elk township; J.

E., of this sketch; Ambrose, a resident of Nebraska; Mrs. Florence Patterson, of McKean county, Penn.; and Orrin, of Pleasantville, Penn. In 1859, the time of the Pike's Peak excitement, John McIntyre started for that place, but failed to reach his destination. He remained in the West, however, until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the cause, and served as general wagon-master until honorably discharged. He died away from home in the West, in the year 1885. His widow now makes her home in Haynie, Clarion county.

The subject of this sketch was seven years of age when his parents removed to a farm in Elk township, but, at the early age of fourteen, he left the paternal roof and started out to make his own way in the world. Since then his time and attention have principally been devoted to the oil business, first on Oil creek, and later, in Venango, Warren, McKean and Clarion counties, Penn., and also in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. In 1882 he located in Elk township, Clarion county, and for a time was engaged in general merchandising in Pitch Pine. He was also appointed postmaster of Haynie in 1887, a position which he is still filling to the satisfaction of all concerned. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Democracy. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Clarion county, and is recognized as one of its valued and useful citizens, giving his influence to all enterprises calculated to advance the general welfare.

In 1870, in Washington township, Clarion county, Mr. McIntyre was married to Miss Maggie Seigwarth, a native of that township, and a daughter of one of its highly respected early settlers —John H. Seigwarth, who died in 1866. She is one of a family of nine children, the others being Harrison and M. P., both residents of Dubuque, Iowa; Mrs. Jane Kapp, of the same township; Rose, Mrs. D. P. Kahle, of Lineville, Clarion Co., Penn.; Mrs. Amsler, who died in Forest county; Oliver, of Venango county; J. J., of Alabama; and Austin, of Washington township, Clarion county. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre have one daughter, Naomi, now Mrs. Swab, of Pitch Pine.

JACOB L. LONG, a well-known and highly-respected citizen of St. Petersburg, Clarion county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Armstrong county August 9, 1831. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Long, was a native of Germany, and on reaching manhood married Miss Rachel Crozier, by whom he had seven children, namely: John, Jacob, Robert, William, Christian, Susan and Rachel.

The father of our subject, who also bore the name of Jacob, was born in Indiana county, Penn., and wedded Barbara Shirley, a daughter of Thomas Shirley, who was of English descent, and a farmer by occupation. Ten children graced this union, as follows: Jacob L., of this review; Thomas and John, both residents of Henry county, Ill.; Robert, of California; William, of Gage county, Neb.; Melinda J., wife of William Spahr, M. D., of Tarentum, Penn.; David T., who was a soldier of the Civil war, and died in Andersonville prison; Mary E., wife of C. Chapin, of Garden Grove, Cal.; Clark M., deceased, who was a farmer by occupation, and was also a Union soldier; and Mathias A., a resident of Mexico, Mo. The father, who was a cooper by trade, died in St. Petersburg, Penn., in 1869, but his wife spent her last days in Gage county, Neb., dying there when in her eighty-seventh year. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and he was a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Long, whose name introduces this article, was reared in Westmoreland county, where he resided for a number of years, and also made his home for a time in Indiana county, but since 1872 has lived in St. Petersburg. For ten years he followed the blacksmith's trade, but for some time past has been interested in the oil business. Being one of the influential and prominent citizens of his community, he has been honored with a number of official positions, serving as constable for ten years, tax collector, and superintendent of the water works. He also held office while living in Westmoreland and Indiana counties, and always discharged his official duties in a commendable and satisfactory manner.

In Indiana county, Penn., Mr. Long was married to Miss Margaret Jane Boyle, who was born June 2, 1827, in Armstrong county, where she successfully engaged in teaching previous to her marriage. They have become the parents of six children, five still living: (1) Thomas Clark, a contractor of St. Mary's, Ohio, is married and has two children—Josephine M. and Leo McGinley. (2) John M. is a resident of Knox, Penn., and has one son, Benjamin Albert. (3) Mary Jane is the wife of J. F. Vensel, of Tarentum, Penn., and has four children—Nettie Viola, Luella Grace, Gertrude Wenona, and Birdie Olive. (4) William Henry is a contractor of Butler county, Penn., and has two children—Mintie Zoe, and Sarah Margaret. (5) Lizzie Bell is at home. (6) Nettie Florence died at the age of three years.

Thomas Boyle, father of Mrs. Long, was born in Somerset county, Penn., in 1797, and was a son of Charles E. Boyle, a native of Somerset county, Penn. The former married Eliza McGinley, who was born in Franklin county, Penn., and they became the parents of three children, namely: Margaret Jane; Maria Ann, wife of John Trimble; and Eliza D., who died when young. The mother of the children died in 1834, and for his second wife Thomas Boyle married Maria Adair, by whom he had four children: N. Amanda, wife of James Briggs, an editor living in Anita, Iowa; Thomas Newton, presiding elder of the Pittsburg Conference; Hannah A., principal of the high school of Atlantic, Iowa; and Benjamin Franklin, a Presbyterian minister living in Salem, Ohio. The father of this family died in Johnstown, Penn., in 1846, and his second wife passed away in Blairsville, Penn., in 1882.

Maj. Pomeroy, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Long, was a Revolutionary hero, and one of the first white settlers of Westmoreland county. The following article taken from a newspaper gives an account of some of his experiences with the Indians at that early date. "On the premises of John Cummins in Westmoreland county are a corn crib and pig sty, each of which is built of logs. The logs are thickly punctured with bullet holes, and the bullets that made them are still imbedded in the logs. The logs were cut more than 100 years ago by Colonel Pomeroy, one of the first settlers in what is now Westmoreland county, who built a log cabin in the wilderness with them for himself and family. Pomeroy was a famous Indian fighter, as was Maj. Bell, who lived with his family a mile and a half distant. One day Col. Pomeroy's cabin was attacked by a band of Indians. Pomeroy barricaded himself and family in the cabin, and the Indians besieged them all afternoon, firing frequently into the walls. The firing was heard by Maj. Bell, who crept through the woods to the spot. Seeing that the Indians were too strong for him to attack, he returned home, placed his wife and two children on his two horses, and making a circuitous route through the woods approached Pomeroy's besieged cabin from the rear. He succeeded in signalling the Colonel, and Pomeroy managed to get away from his cabin with his family, under cover of the woods in the rear. His wife and children mounted the horses behind Maj. Bell's wife and children, and the party escaped to Fort Wallace, five miles distant, without the Indians discovering them. Soldiers were sent back to attack the Indians, but they had disappeared.

"The bullet-punctured cabin was occupied by Colonel Pomeroy and his descendants until 1840, when it was purchased by John Cummins, who tore it down and made his pig pen and corn crib out of its historic logs. One of Major Bell's descendants, living in the same neighborhood, has the gun which the noted Indian fighter and Revolutionary soldier used in all of his exploits. One of these is related as an especially able and characteristic feat of the Major, is to the effect that once an Indian, in an endeavor to entrap the wily and greatly-feared enemy of his race, imitated the call of the wild turkey near the Major's cabin. The Major was a great lover of turkey hunting, and his practiced ear detected the difference between the call of the bird and the sound of the Indian call, although the imitation was almost perfect. He took his gun and dragged himself on his stomach through the brush in the direction of the sound. He finally located the call in a tall pine tree, and discovered the Indian perched on a branch near the very top. Major Bell fired, and the Indian leaped high above the tree top and tumbled to the ground. The dead Indian was recognized by the Major as Black Wolf, one of the most daring and bloodthirsty of the Seneca chiefs."

S T. HENDERSON, lumberman, post office address Houtzdale, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN C. DILLMAN, the courteous and popular proprietor of the "Hotel Belnap," Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, is one of the most reliable and energetic business men of the place. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Clarion county April 21, 1856, a son of James P. and Mary (Henderson) Dillman, a sketch of whom follows.

Our subject had the advantages of only a common-school education, and his early life was principally spent in the lumber woods. In 1875 he first came to Reynoldsville, and began learning the plasterer's trade, but soon abandoned it, and again turned his attention to the lumber business, which he continued to follow four years. He then conducted a restaurant in Reynoldsville for some years, and subsequently carried on a skating rink at Gallipolis, Ohio, for a year and a half. Returning to Reynoldsville in 1892, he embarked in the hotel business, and in January, 1894, sold his first house and took charge of the "Hotel Belnap," which he has since successfully conducted. Courteous and genial in his manner,

Minnie Dillman

John C. Dillman

as well as having a comfortable and attractive hotel, he merits and receives a liberal share of the public patronage. In his social relations, he is connected with the Sons of Veterans, the Order of Red Men, and the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks; politically, he is a stalwart supporter of the Democratic party, but cares nothing for office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. An upright, honorable business man, he justly deserves the success that has crowned his efforts.

In 1887 Mr. Dillman was married to Miss Minnie Mogle, who was born November 28, 1868, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Reischel) Mogle, whose ancestors were among the early settlers of Indiana county, Penn., where Mr. Dillman was born and reared. To this union were born four children, namely: Mary, now deceased; Blanche I.; James H.; and Scott McClelland. The mother is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and a lady of many excellent traits of character.

Jacob Dillman, our subject's paternal great-grandfather, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and a shoemaker by trade. He had three sons, one of whom, John, served in the war of 1812. Moses Watson, our subject's great-grandfather on his mother's side, served in the Revolutionary war, during which he received seven bullet wounds. John F. Dillman, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1793, in Bucks county, Penn., and married Elizabeth Wise, by whom he had six children: Jacob, Susanna, Elizabeth, Peter, Sarah and Helen. After the death of the mother of these, Mr. Dillman, in 1830, married Nancy Watson, who was born in 1791, in Westmoreland county, Penn. Of this union two children were born who grew to maturity: James P. and Nancy P.

James P. Dillman, father of our subject, was born March 13, 1832, in Clarion county, and remained with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began the lumber business for his own account, in which he continued until coming to Reynoldsville, in 1875, where he has since resided. During the war of the Rebellion he served in Company L, 11th P. V. C., from April 13, 1861, to September 13, 1865. He was wounded at Hanover Court House, Va., and was confined in Libby prison. On April 26, 1855, he married Mary Henderson, who was born April 7, 1839, in Centre county, whence, when she was aged five years, her parents removed to Clarion county, where she received her education. To this union were born four sons: John C., our subject; Eleazer and Walter Merrit and Wilbert Marion (twins). The mother of this family was a daughter of James and Mary (Springer) Henderson, the former of whom was born in Morris county, N. J., in 1791, the latter in Hartford, Conn., in 1801. They were married in 1816, and had a family of thirteen children, seven of whom are yet living: Mary (Mrs. Dillman), Agnes (Mrs. Steel), William, David, John P., James, and Anna (Mrs. White). Grandfather Elias Henderson was born in New Jersey, the birthplace also of his wife Susanna (DeLong). The maternal grandparents, George Springer and wife (Mary Noble) had a family of six children—three sons and three daughters.

Adam Brinker. Among the prominent and successful business men of Salem township, Clarion county, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is a man of sound judgment, keen perception and good executive ability, and these traits have been the important elements of his success. In promoting his own interests he has also materially advanced the welfare of his community in various ways, and therefore deserves to be numbered among its valued and useful citizens.

In Red Bank township, Armstrong Co., Penn., Mr. Brinker was born June 20, 1844, a son of Adam Brinker, Sr., a native of Licking township, Clarion county, whose father was one of the first settlers of this region. Adam Brinker, Sr., was twice married, and by the first union had three children: John, now a resident of Minnesota; Caroline and Susan. After the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Elizabeth (Kribbs) Miller, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of John Kribbs, also a prominent and honored pioneer of the county. Adam is the only child born of this union that is now living, those deceased being: Henry, and Mrs. Levina Jones. The father died at the age of sixty-two, and the mother passed away in 1897, at the ripe old age of eighty-two. He followed agricultural pursuits throughout life, was a supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and was an active and influential member of the Lutheran Church, in which he served as deacon.

Adam Brinker passed the days of his boyhood and youth amid rural scenes, and acquired his education in the local schools. In February, 1864, he enlisted in Company M, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and with his command took part in the battle of Jerusalem Plank Road, and in the engagement at Stony Creek, where he was wounded in the hand, and when well returned to his command; at the second battle of Peters-

burg he was shot through the head, and falling from his horse, was taken prisoner by the Rebels who confined him in Libby prison for 167 days, during which time he suffered so severely from the loss of blood and ill treatment that his weight was reduced from one hundred and sixty-five to seventy-two pounds. On his release he rejoined his company, and was in the engagements around Petersburg and Richmond until honorably discharged from the service. He has never recovered his health, and still suffers from the wound in his head, which destroyed the hearing in one ear, and injured that of the other.

Mr. Brinker spent sixteen years very profitably in the oil fields, and since 1876 has owned and operated his fine farm of sixty-two acres in Salem township, Clarion county, where the well-tilled fields testify to the thrift and industry of the owner. Upon the place is a good orchard and comfortable residence, besides a fine barn, 50 x 60 feet, with rock basement.

Mr. Brinker has been twice married, and by the first union has one son: Ivy, now twenty-four years of age, who wedded Flora Bell and has two children, Park and Harl. In 1885 our subject married Miss Mary Knight, a daughter of Peter Knight, a prominent old settler of Beaver township, Clarion county. Mr. Brinker is connected with the Lutheran Church, while his wife holds membership with the German Reformed Church. He belongs to the Grand Army Post, No. 354, at Nickleville, Penn. His ballot is always cast for the Republican party, and he has been called upon to fill various local positions of honor and trust. In those finer traits of character which combine to form that which we term friendship, which endear and attach man to man in bonds which nothing but the stain of dishonor can sever, which triumph and shine brightest in the hour of adversity—with these qualities he is royally endowed.

JUSTIN JOSEPH PIE (deceased) was born February 2, 1832, in Switzerland, whence, in 1846, he came to America, taking up his residence in Crawford county, Penn. Here he worked at the blacksmith's trade, and also engaged in lumbering until 1870, when he went to Clearfield, from there removing to Osceola Mills, in 1875. Here he purchased the Crawford foundry, which at that time was a very small shop, and at once entered upon a successful business career. The plant was enlarged from time to time until the main building is now 200 x 240 feet, with a foundry, 40 x 80 feet; machine shop, 40 x 90 feet; blacksmith shop, 30 x 36 feet; car and pattern shop, 40 x 80 feet, and boiler house, 50 x 70 feet. Although the plant has been three times destroyed by fire—in 1884, 1887 and 1893—it has been promptly rebuilt, and now does an extensive and profitable business, giving employment to sixty-five hands. Here are manufactured mine cars, car wheels, all kinds of mining machinery, and the Pie radiator, all of which are first-class in every particular, and find a ready sale at the highest market prices. In 1873–4 J. J. Pie built the opera house in Clearfield, Penn., known as the Pie Opera House.

In Covington township, Clearfield county, Justin Joseph Pie was married to Miss Rosalie Risser, a native of Alsace, France, and they began their domestic life at Frenchville, in Clearfield county, where Mr. Pie worked at the trade of blacksmith, and also engaged in lumbering until 1870. He was then elected sheriff of the county, on the Democratic ticket, which position he capably filled for three years. From 1875 until 1880 he made his home in Osceola Mills, and then removed to Lock Haven, this State, and for a time was engaged in lumbering in McKean county. In 1884 he went to Newark, Del., where he purchased an improved farm, known as Deer Park Farm, and thereon made his home until called to his final rest September 19, 1895. His wife had died in Girard township, Clearfield county, October 29, 1869, and in 1874 Mr. Pie was again married in that county, his second union being with Mary M. Reeve, who was born in Newry, Blair Co., Penn. She is now managing the farm in Newark, Delaware.

By his first marriage Justin J. Pie had eight children, namely: (1) Joseph, who died in Osceola Mills, in 1880. (2) Justin, manager of the foundry. (3) George Daniel, a resident of Osceola Mills. (4) Rosalie. (5) Ida, who died in Newark, Del., in 1891. (6) Mary, wife of John F. Giddea, of Bellaire, Ohio. (7) Ernest and (8) Emma (twins); Ernest was killed in the mines at Osceola Mills, April 9, 1896, leaving a widow. Of these, JUSTIN was born in Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., in 1859, and was married in Osceola Mills, in 1880, to Miss Anna Kephart, who was born in Decatur township, Clearfield county, and died in 1890, leaving three children: Charles, George and Gertrude. In 1892, Justin, for his second wife, wedded Miss Susan O'Brien, a native of Bradford county, Penn., and one daughter, Anna Rosalie, has graced their union. George Daniel married Carrie Westbrook, and has three children: Joseph, Ernest and Lawrence.

To Justin Joseph Pie's second marriage were also born eight children, as follows: P. Blair,

Francis Dean, Regina, Reeve, Catherine, Paul and Leo, all at home, and Thiela Wynn, deceased. Of these, Francis Dean was married in June, 1897, to H. Tyson, and they live in Newark, Del., and Regina married J. Armstrong, in June, 1897, and they also live in Newark, Delaware.

JACOB L. FISHER, attorney at law and notary public, Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, is widely known in the community.

J E. HEDDING, who holds the responsible position of superintendent of the Morrisdale Coal Company, is a cool, clear-headed, wide-awake business man, possessing great tact for business, and by his pleasant, courteous treatment of those who come in contact with him has rendered himself very popular among all classes of citizens. He was born in 1844, in Juniata county, Penn., where the birth of his parents, E. G. and Frances (Hughes) Hedding, also occurred. The paternal grandfather, Noah Hedding, was a native of New Jersey, while the grandmother was born in Perry county, Penn. Hon. James and Rachel (Grey) Hughes, the maternal grandparents, were born in Juniata county, the latter being a daughter of James Grey. In 1844 Mr. Hughes removed to Bedford county, this State, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death.

After his marriage, the father of our subject also took up his residence in Bedford county, but later removed to Fulton county, Penn., where he engaged in farming for a number of years. In 1861, on the outbreak of the Civil war, he enlisted at Warfordsburg, Penn., in Company B, 3d Md. V. I., entering the service as a private, but was soon promoted to first lieutenant, and afterward to quartermaster of his regiment. He participated in all the important engagements in which the command took part, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged. He moved his family to Hancock, Md., where he engaged in business for a number of years, and then went to Paw Paw, W. Va., where he died, in 1897, at the age of seventy-seven years, his wife being eighty-six. Their eldest son, Noah Hedding, enlisted at the same time as his father, and took part in all the battles of his regiment until taken prisoner by the Rebels in the spring of 1862. He was first incarcerated in Libby prison, and later at Belle Isle, and suffered all the hardships of Southern prison life. He was finally exchanged, in the fall of 1862, and returned to his regiment. After the close of the war he married Miss Prudence Tabler, of Hedgesville, W. Va., and with their four children they now reside in Paw Paw, that State. S. E. Hedding, another son, also joined the 3d Md. V. I., in the winter of 1863, and served until the close of the war; he married Miss Fannie W. Markley, of Martinsburg, Penn., by whom he has two children, and they now reside at Altoona, Penn., where he is connected with the Building & Loan Association.

Belonging to such a loyal and patriotic family, our subject also wished to enlist in the Union service, and in July, 1863, when only eighteen years of age, he became a member of the 22nd Penn. Cavalry. After faithfully serving some nine months, he re-enlisted, this time becoming a member of the 3d Md. V. I., to which his father and brother also belonged, and continued with that command until honorably discharged when hostilities had ceased and his services were no longer needed. In Warfordsburg, Penn., in 1866, he married Miss Mary J. Truax, and to them were born five children: Charles E., who was drowned at Hopewell, Penn., at the age of four years; Fannie L., who died at Everett, this State, at the age of fourteen years; Chester B., who died at the same place, at the age of seven years; B. E., who is now twenty-two years of age, and is attending medical lectures in the University of Pennsylvania; and Mary V., at this writing ten years old, and at home with her parents.

After his marriage, Mr. Hedding located in Coalmont, Huntingdon Co., Penn., where he engaged in merchandising for two years, and was then for a time in the employ of Lowry Eckelberger & Son, of Hopewell, Bedford Co., Penn. In 1876 he removed to Everett, where he was connected with J. B. Williams & Co., general merchants, for eight years, and still later was with two Philadelphia firms for six years—Wood, Brown & Co., and Howett, Warner & Co. In 1889 he came to Morrisdale Mines to take charge of the company's store, which position he held for six years, and since that time has served as superintendent of the mines. He not only has the confidence and high regard of the members of the company, but is respected by those under him. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and has served as school director in his district for two terms. Religiously he and his family hold membership in the Methodist Church. He is one of the most enterprising, energetic business men of the community, who has made his own way in the world, unaided by capital or influential friends, but his sound judgment and per-

severance have enabled him to overcome the difficulties found in his path, and to-day he is efficiently filling an honorable and important position.

JOHN R. LOWRY, justice of the peace; real estate and insurance; collections a specialty; "Weber Block," Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

DAVID HEFREN has for several years been actively identified with the lumber and agricultural interests of Farmington township, Clarion county. His life has been one of honest and earnest endeavor, and due success has not been denied him. The Hefren family was founded in Clarion county by his father, Ferry Hefren, a native of Ireland, who, when a young man, crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence here, purchasing a tract of wild wood land near what is now known as Crown, in Farmington township, and after marrying Magdalene Walley, he located upon that place, making his home in a log house he had erected. In connection with improving and cultivating his land, he also engaged in boat building on the Clarion river. He died upon that place in 1863, and his faithful wife, who had shared with him all the hardships and trials of frontier life, passed away in 1895.

The subject of this sketch is one of their family of children, the others being as follows: (1) Mary, born on the old homestead in Farmington township, wedded James McAldy, of Beaver county, Penn., who was killed some years later in a sawmill in Clarion county. Their children were James; Charles; and Mrs. Lizzie Coffee, of Rochester, N. Y. (2) Catharine married Thomas McCloskey, of Forest county, Penn., and died on a farm in Farmington township, Clarion county, in 1896, leaving seven children, namely: B. F., Mary, Rosie, James, Charles, Alice and Leo. (3) Peter married Bridget Dalson, of Clarion county, and located at Gravel Lick, on the Clarion river, where he followed boat building and lumbering for some years; moving to Elk county, Penn., he has since engaged in lumbering and farming, and is at present serving as county auditor. His children are: Clara, Wayne, Ida, Charles, Alice, Robert (who died in childhood), Mary and Leroy, all at home. (4) Margaret is the widow of G. W. Sharrow, of Clarion county, who died some years ago at his home at Blakes Landing on the Clarion river. Her children are: A. J., Ella, W. C., Rose, Charles, Stephen, Gertrude and Frank. (5) Rosie married John Joyce, of Buffalo, N. Y., where she died some years ago, leaving one son—John, who still resides in that city. She was three times married, her second husband being a Mr. Vacey, of Buffalo, by whom she had one son, Charles. Her third husband was a Mr. Lyme, of Buffalo. (6) Stephen and (7) James both died in childhood.

Upon the old homestead in Farmington township, where all the other children were born, David Hefren began his earthly existence January 17, 1839, and in the common schools of the neighborhood he acquired his education. In 1860 he and his brother-in-law, James McAlay, built a boat, which they stocked with provisions, cows and a team and wagon, and started down the Ohio river to Parkersburg, W. Va., where they resided for three years while engaged in steamboating on the Ohio, and wagon making. Buying a portable sawmill, our subject shipped the same to the old homestead in Clarion county, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber in partnership with Mr. McAlay until the latter was killed in 1865. Mr. Hefren then moved the mill near Scotch Hill, but two years later it was destroyed by fire. Having purchased a stationary mill in 1869, he contracted with J. G. Brandon to saw the timber on a large tract of land between Cooksburg and North Pine Grove, where he continued operations until 1871, when he purchased 268 acres of Mr. Brandon. Some of his land he has cleared and improved, converting it into a fine farm, on which he erected a large barn in 1874 and a commodious residence ten years later.

In 1864 Mr. Hefren was married to Miss Sarah A. Woolf, of Meigs county, Ohio, a daughter of George and Sarah Woolf, prosperous agriculturists of that State. They began their domestic life upon the old homestead in Farmington township, and all of their thirteen children have been born in Clarion county: (1) James E., born in 1865, married Annie Kempf, of Scotch Hill, by whom he has two children—Harry and Sarah. He resides upon a part of his father's present farm. (2) Peter A., born in August, 1866, is still at home. (3) Mattie, born in June, 1868, died at the age of two years. (4) A girl born December 10, 1869, died unnamed. (5) Catharine, born in May, 1871, is now the wife of Sylvester Wilkinson, of Clarion county, by whom she has two sons—Thomas D. and J. Merrill. They now live at her father's mill in Farmington. (6) Sarah, born in March, 1873, was educated in the Clarion Normal School, and has for seven years successfully engaged in teaching in Forest and Clarion counties. She is a very bright young lady, and is at present living with her father.

(7) John, born in May, 1875, received a common-school education, and resides at home. (8) Anna, born March 20, 1877, completed her education in the Clarion Normal, and is teaching in the public schools of Clarion county, also making her home with her father. (9) Veronica, born in March, 1879; (10) William, on April 17, 1881; (11) Lawrence, in May, 1883, died May 9, 1898, from injuries received in a fall nine months before; (12) Harry, April 3, 1885, died January 27, 1892; and (13) Duane, April 22, 1888, live at home. The wife and mother, who was a most estimable lady, and a devout member of the Catholic Church, was called to her final rest April 24, 1897. Mr. Hefren and his children are also communicants of the same Church.

Politically, Mr. Hefren is an ardent Democrat, has served as school director, and in 1884 was elected county commissioner, a position he filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents for three years. He is one of the most popular and influential citizens of his community, and well deserves the high regard in which he is held. Although he started out in life for himself a poor boy, he has by industry, perseverance and good management accumulated a comfortable competence, being to-day one of the most successful lumbermen on the Clarion river.

F. M. DENNISTON is one of the most energetic and progressive business men of Beaver township, Clarion county, and as a dealer in torpedoes and other explosives he is doing a successful and prosperous business. He is also interested in the oil business, and has carried on operations at Knox since March, 1876, coming here from Grove City, Mercer Co., Penn. He is a native of that county, born in Leesburg, Springfield township, February 26, 1845, and was there reared and educated. He worked at the carpenter's trade previous to coming to Knox, but has since devoted his energies to his present business, being the oldest dealer in torpedoes in this section of the State.

Edward Denniston, father of our subject, was born in Leesburg, Mercer county, in 1815, a son of Alexander Denniston, whose wife was a native of Scotland. She was of Scotch-Irish descent. The grandfather became a pioneer of Mercer county, where he made his home for many years. He died in Dubuque, Iowa, and his wife passed away at the same place, while on a visit to his grave. In the county of his nativity, Edward Denniston was reared to manhood and married Miss Mary Jane Coulter. During early life he was variously employed, conducting the first saw and grist mill run by water power in his locality, and he was also interested in an iron furnace and in mercantile pursuits until the outbreak of the Civil war. He then turned his attention to farming, and still resides on the old homestead at the age of eighty-two, honored and respected by all who know him. His estimable wife departed this life March 4, 1892.

Our subject is the eldest of their five sons. W. C., who operated the home farm in Mercer county, died in April, 1889. A. F. is a resident of Parkersburg, W. Va., and is engaged in the hardware business for the American Supply Company. C. W. lives on the old homestead in Mercer county. Edward was engaged in the torpedo business for the Ohio & Indiana Torpedo Company, and was killed at Cygnet, Wood Co., Ohio, in February, 1897.

In 1880, in Clarion county, F. M. Denniston was married to Miss Anna M. Schmader, who was born in Knox township, that county, a daughter of Simon and Anna (Gates) Schmader, natives of Germany, who were married in St. Mary's, Elk Co., Penn. In 1832 they took up their residence in Knox township, Clarion county, where the father opened up a farm and is still living at the age of eighty-three. In Elk county he had worked in an iron furnace. His wife died March 9, 1893. To them were born seventeen children, of whom the following are still living: Eli, a resident of Knox township; Mrs. Mary Shively, who died in Massillon, Ohio, in April, 1888; Jacob and Mrs. Lizzie Weber, who still live in Massillon, Ohio; Joseph, of Leeper, Farmington township, Clarion county; Samuel and John, farmers of Knox township; Mrs. Reynolds, of Beaver Falls, Penn.; Mrs. Denniston; Henry, of Farmington township; Sebastian, of Clarion county; Mrs. Maggie Fidler, of Rimersburg, Clarion county; Anna Maria, of Irvin, Penn.; and Simon, who resides on the old homestead in Knox township. By a former marriage the mother had one daughter, Mrs. John Snyder, of Knox, who belongs to one of the earliest families of Clarion county. Mr. and Mrs. Denniston have three children: Carrie J., Edward A. and Francis M.

As a Democrat, Mr. Denniston takes quite an active part in political affairs, and has served for three terms as burgess of Knox, and three terms as a member of the city council, being the present chairman of that body. He is a recognized leader in public affairs, and his public and private life are alike above reproach, for his career has ever been one characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty. Fraternally he is connected with

the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Knights of the Maccabees at Knox. In the prosecution of his business there has been manifest one of the most sterling traits of his character—his desire to carry forward to the highest perfection attainable anything that he undertakes. This has marked his social and business career, and has been one of the most important factors in his sucesss.

GEORGE B. WOODS, M. D. Among the younger men who were born in Clarion county, none are more worthy of a place in the annals of the section where his life has been passed, than he whose name opens this review.

Born of parents and grandparents who have figured in the history of central Pennsylvania, Dr. Woods, himself, while yet comparatively a young man, is occupying a most creditable position in his profession, in society and as a citizen of Curllsville, and of the county. George and Sarah (Shell) Woods, his paternal grandparents, were natives of Centre county and Reading, Penn., respectively. Both are buried in Squirrel Hill cemetery, in Clarion county. The grandfather was occupied as a collier. His father was a native of Ireland, but came to Pennsylvania in its early settlement.

Dr. Woods' parents were born in Huntingdon county, Penn., met and were married at Leatherwood, Clarion county, in 1862. The children who came to bless their union were: George B., our subject; and Laura May, who at this writing is teaching in the public schools of New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

George B. Woods was born August 5, 1863, at Leatherwood, Penn., where he was reared on a farm. He remained on the farm until at the age of nineteen, when he engaged in teaching in the public schools of his own district, during vacations attending the Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg. When twenty-two years of age he began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. A. M. Moaney, of Leatherwood. Some six months or more later he began attending lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., remaining two years. In 1887 he was graduated from that institution with honors, being granted a gold medal, the third memorial prize, and located in the practice at Leatherwood, where he remained two and one-half years, then went to Curllsville, where he has since remained successfully engaged in active practice. He is an enterprising and progressive citizen, and is up with the times in all that he undertakes. He is identified with the Lutheran Church. Politically he is a Democrat, and while not an aspirant for office, he has filled several of the minor local offices, as school director and auditor, deeming it a duty as a citizen to yield to the expressed desire of his fellow townsmen. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

On August 25, 1887, at Squirrel Hill, Penn., Dr. Woods was married to Miss Ada M. Armagast, and the union has been blessed with children as follows: Eugene V. and Beatrice, both at home. The mother is a native of Clarion county, born at Squirrel Hill, November 9, 1868, a daughter of Thomas and Susannah (Hepler) Armagast, both natives of Clarion county, the former born in 1824 and the latter in 1825, and they are now residents of Squirrel Hill. The father by trade is a blacksmith, though he is now living retired. He has been a lifelong member of the Reformed Church. In politics he is a Republican. Their children are: Mary married Frank Doverspike, a farmer of Kansas; Martha married J. D. Laughlin, a lumber manufacturer of Pitcairn, Penn.; Agnes is the widow of J. A. Rickard, who was a farmer of Smithland, Penn.; Elsa is the wife of A. F. M. Mohney, who is a physician of Rimersburg; Alice is the wife of Theodore Krotzer, who is an oil operator of Greece City, Penn.; Clarissa is the wife of P. M. Fox, of Curllsville; Elizabeth is the wife of Dr. C. S. Mohney, of Callensburg; William M. is by occupation a blacksmith of Rimersburg; Nettie is the wife of J. B. Slaugenhaupt, who is a farmer of Piollett, Penn.; and Harry S. is a blacksmith, of Pitcairn, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD PLYLER, a representative and prominent citizen of Toby township, is one of the men of Clarion county who have worked their own way from humble beginnings to leadership in commerce, the great productive industries, agricultural pursuits and the management of financial affairs. He is a man of progressive ideas and industrious habits, and the success that he has achieved is certainly well deserved.

Mr. Plyler was born October 10, 1832, in Schuylkill county, Penn., and his parents, Michael and Maria (Burkett) Plyler, were natives of the same county. The paternal grandfather, on emigrating from Germany, located there at an early day and continued to make it his home; by occupation he was a farmer. He and his brother, Peter Plyler, both served as privates in the Revolutionary war. When past the age of eighty-five he died, and was buried near Pottsville,

Penn. The maternal grandparents of our subject were also natives of the Fatherland, and were early settlers of Schuylkill county, where they spent their remaining days.

It was in 1837 that the parents of our subject came to Clarion county and located above Millville, where they made their home for ten years. From there they removed to Jefferson county, where the father followed farming until failing health caused his retirement from active labor. He died in the faith of the Lutheran Church in 1844, at a ripe old age, and was laid to rest near the church of that denomination in Beaver township, Jefferson county. The mother, however, was a Methodist in religious belief, and when she died in November, 1867, at the age of seventy, her remains were interred at Mt. Zion church, Jefferson county. Both were earnest Christian people, and had the respect and confidence of all who knew them.

Edward Plyler is next to the youngest in the family, composed of the following children: Daniel, a retired farmer living in Tylersburg, Penn.; Solomon, who died December 9, 1895, and was buried at Cool Springs, Jefferson county; Simon, a stonemason of Clinton county; Betsy, who married Henry Wonderling, but both are now deceased; Eli, a retired farmer of Jefferson county; Catherine, who has been married three times, first to Peter Spangler, later to Israel Bierly, and third to George Heckner, deceased (she resided with her son near Punxsutawney, Penn., until her death in 1897); Philip, a retired farmer of Jefferson county; and Joseph, a resident of Port Barnett, Jefferson county. At the age of ten years Mr. Plyler, whose name introduces this sketch, began to earn his own living by driving cattle, and was later employed in the lumber woods until his marriage at the age of eighteen. On August 9, 1850, in Heathville, Jefferson county, he wedded Miss Margaret Zerby, Charles Jaycocks, Esq., performing the ceremony. Three children were born to them, but two are now deceased: Mary, who died in childhood; and Thomas, who died in Wisconsin. Sarah, the only one living, is now the widow of Eli McCall, and is a resident of Toby township, Clarion county. She has four children: Margaret, the wife of J. C. Stitt, of Allegheny county, Penn.; Clinton W., of Allegheny county, Penn.; Edward P., who lives with his mother, and is engaged in farming in Toby township; and Mary B., who resides with our subject.

Mrs. Plyler was born in Union county, Penn., June 7, 1830, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Shaffer) Zerby, who resided in Union county until 1836, when they removed to Centre. In 1842 they took up their residence in Shippenville, Clarion county, where her father operated a mill. In 1861 he removed to Armstrong county, where his death occurred in December, 1868, when sixty-four years of age. His wife died on April 11, 1871, and was laid by his side in the cemetery at Slate Lick, Armstrong county. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while he was a Lutheran in religious belief. Their children were: Susan, now the widow of John Meyers, of Iowa, who was a soldier of the Civil war, and lost his arm at Vicksburg; Daniel, who was a member of the 78th P. V. I., and was shot through the head at Stone River, Tenn.; Margaret, wife of our subject; Henry J., who was a member of the 62nd P. V. I., but was never wounded during his entire service; Mary, wife of Joseph Freece, a carriage manufacturer of Erie, Penn.; and Sarah, wife of Martin Wyant, who was also a Union soldier, and is now an engineer residing in Erie. Michael Zerby, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Plyler, was a native of Germany, and on coming to the New World became an extensive land owner in Union county, Penn., where he engaged in farming until his death at the age of sixty years. During the Revolution he served as a private. The maternal grandparents were Daniel and Sarah Alice Shaffer, of Union county, who died in Pine Grove, Centre county, Penn.: the former was also a private in the Continental army during the struggle for American independence, and died at the age of ninety from disease contracted in the service.

For three years after his marriage Mr. Plyler was employed in the flouring-mill of his brother-in-law in Jefferson county, and then erated a mill on shares for one year at Heathville. Subsequently he conducted a mill at Troy for the same length of time, and then going to Cedar county, Iowa, he operated mills in Lathrope and Cartwright for two years, returning to Brookville, Penn., in the fall of 1860. The following spring he took charge of a mill in Prescottville, Jefferson county, and later he conducted another mill in Geistown in the same county, until he joined the boys in blue to aid in the preservation of the Union. It was on August 15, 1862, that Mr. Plyler enlisted in Company I, 148th P. V. I. Capt. John M. McGuire, first commanded the company, and later Capt. Silas Martin, while John A. McGuire served as first lieutenant. Our subject participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and at the last named on July 2, 1863, his left arm was pierced by a rifle ball. From the wheat field, where he received the injury, he was taken to the second di-

vision field hospital, where his left arm was amputated. After being confined in several different hospitals, he was finally discharged at West Philadelphia, October 23, 1863, and returned to his home in Heathville. Other members of the Plyler family who lent their services to the government during the Rebellion were: Joseph, William, Zach, David, Simon and his son, Eli, and Lewis Rodes.

At that time he had $85, and his wife had also saved about that much from the money he had sent her during his service, but it did not take long to use their small capital, and they were finally reduced to $4 with which he began life anew. After six months passed at Heathville, he removed to Red Bank township, Clarion county, where he operated the McKilps & Humphrey mill for two years, and for the same length of time conducted a mill in Toby township. After operating the Snyder mill at Cherry Run for six months, he purchased a farm in Licking township, Clarion county, which he sold two years later for $4,000, making $1,000 on the speculation. He then purchased his present farm in Toby township for $4,000, but two years later sold it for $6,750. The following two years were spent in Callensburg, and for three years he made his home on a small place at the Camp Grounds, after which he purchased his present fine farm. He has met with a well-deserved success in its cultivation, and to-day has one of the most desirable places in the community.

For the past seventeen years he has been a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Callensburg, and also belongs to the Grand Army Post at Sligo. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has been called upon to serve in the offices of constable and supervisor. His estimable wife is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She presides with gracious dignity over their elegant home, and there hospitality reigns supreme, the many friends of the family always being sure of a hearty welcome within its doors. Its inmates are intelligent and refined people, who take a deep and commendable interest in everything calculated to advance the moral, educational or material interests of the community.

P. J. THOMPSON. The subject of this review is one whose history touches the pioneer epoch in the annals of Clarion county, and whose days are an integral part of that dissoluble chain which links the early, formative period with that of latter-day progress and prosperity. He was born here September 18, 1821, and throughout his entire life has been identified with the growth and development of this region.

Caleb Thompson, our subject's father, was of Scotch extraction, and was one of the early settlers of Huntingdon county, Penn., while his mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Adlerman, was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. In 1821 they came to Clarion county, where they spent their remaining years, the father dying at the age of sixty, and the mother at the age of seventy-one. Caleb Thompson was twice married, and by the first union had two children, John and Ruth, now deceased. The following children graced the second marriage: William, Andrew, Caleb, James, David, Jefferson, Abram, P. J., of this sketch, Ruth, Mary, Rachel, Margaret, and Nancy.

On the old home farm P. J. Thompson was early taught lessons of industry and honesty, and in the district schools of the neighborhood acquired his literary education. He aided in the arduous task of clearing and developing the wild land, chopping down the trees and grubbing up the stumps before crops could be planted. In 1848 he located upon his present farm in Elk township, which now comprises seventy-six acres of valuable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry.

In 1845 Mr. Thompson was united in marriage with Miss Mary Keiser, a daughter of George Keiser, one of the first settlers of Clarion county. She is a most estimable woman, and has proved to her husband a true helpmeet, aiding and encouraging him in every possible way. They have now traveled life's journey together for over fifty-two years, sharing its joys and its sorrows, its adversity and prosperity, and have gained the confidence and respect of all who know them. They are the parents of eleven children, namely: Clarence, Edwin, Wesley, Elmer, Burton, Sarah, Alice, Kate, Frances, Elizabeth and Flora. The family is one of prominence, all of the children occupying honorable positions in society. For many years the parents have been earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which three of their daughters also belong. Politically, Mr. Thompson is a pronounced Republican. The part which he has taken in the development of the county has impressed his name indelibly upon its records, and he well deserves mention among the honored pioneers.

N W. SHUGERT, physician, Tidioute, Pennsylvania, is widely and favorably known throughout the State.

HENRY HARRIGER. The Harriger family have been identified with the development of this Commonwealth for more then a century and a quarter. He whose name introduces this sketch, a farmer of Clarion county, is of the third generation who tilled the soil and assisted in the State's onward march to her present high excellency.

There lie buried in the Churchville cemetery Michael Harriger, the grandfather of Henry Harriger, and by his side his wife, who was Elizabeth Smathers, both natives of Luzerne county, Penn., where they lived as early as 1771. Michael Harriger, a son of this pioneer couple, and the father of Henry Harriger, was born in Luzerne county, June 19, 1806, and in 1811 came with his parents to what is now Clarion county, where they located on a farm in Monroe township, upon which their grandson (under consideration) now resides. On September 23, 1830, in Clarion county, Michael Harriger married Elizabeth Wiser, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Core, and their children were: Jacob, born September 27, 1831, died April 21, 1833; John, born January 24, 1833, is a farmer near Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mary, born December 24, 1834, married Jacob Hetrick, a farmer near Kalamazoo, and died in 1863; Henry is our subject; Philip, born March 25, 1839, is a wagon maker residing in Du Bois, Penn.; Washington, born April 17, 1841, was a member of Captain McLain's Company, 83d P. V. I., in the Civil war, and was killed in battle in 1863; Daniel, born December 13, 1844, is a blacksmith at Greenville, Penn.; James L., born January 9, 1847, is a farmer near White Cloud, Mich.; and Alexander, born March 29, 1850, died August 21, 1851. The father of these children died September 8, 1892; the mother passed away September 12, 1857; and both are buried in Licking cemetery, in Clarion county. The father was identified with the Baptist Church and the mother with the Presbyterian. They were good and pious Christians who moved along through life in the even tenor of their way, doing good deeds here and there, and making the world better for their exemplary lives. Her place of nativity was in Mifflin county, where she was born June 30, 1809, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Meyers) Wiser, who were born east of the Alleghany Mountains, located in Piney township, Clarion county, in 1827, and in 1836 settled in Monroe township, where they passed the rest of their lives. He died in 1837, when he was aged fifty-four years. His widow survived until 1854, when she passed away at the age of seventy years. Both are buried at Churchville.

Henry Harriger was born January 17, 1837, on the homestead where he has practically resided for sixty years. At the age of twenty-two years he went to work on a farm for John Trainor, remaining four years. In 1862, when our Union was threatened and Civil war was upon us, fired with patriotism and love of country, young Harriger enlisted in Company H, 155th P. V. I. He was with the Army of the Potomac, and shared the fate of his command from Antietam to Appomattox, participating in the numerous skirmishes and battles in which his company was engaged. Among them were Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Hatcher's Run, and the Wilderness. During the battle of Gettysburg he was confined in the hospital at Fairfax, Va., where he was ill for six weeks. He received an honorable discharge from the service in June, 1865, then returned to the home farm of his parents, and in the fall following resumed agricultural pursuits. Following farming through a long life, Mr. Harriger is not without that ripe experience and knowledge of that avocation that one acquires in years of practical work. He has a beautiful farm of 200 acres, on which he is building a new two-story frame house, which will make himself and wife a cozy home where they may pass the evening of life with the comforts their industry and frugality have won for them. They are upright Christian people, members of the Presbyterian Church, and enjoy the respect of the entire community.

Before her marriage to Henry Harriger, which occurred at the church parsonage in Monroe township, on December 26, 1865, being solemnized by Rev. Joseph Matier, a Presbyterian minister, Mrs. Harriger was Sarah Myers. The children born to this couple are: Jennie M., born October 30, 1866, married James Campbell, a farmer of Piney township, Clarion county; she has two children—Vera, born August 25, 1885, and Lillie May, born September 15, 1896; P. Emery was born August 14, 1868; Bertin C., June 24, 1871; J. Earl, September 19, 1876; and James McC. B., September 21, 1887.

Mrs. Harriger is a native of Clarion county, born in Piney township, April 13, 1845, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Best) Myers. Jacob Myers was born in Clarion county, March 2, 1820, and died April 6, 1886. Sarah Best was born May 6, 1824, and died in 1863. Their marriage occurred May 16, 1844, and the children born to them were as follows: Sarah, the

oldest; John, born September 21, 1846, is a resident of Forest county, Penn.; Henry, born April 3, 1848, died in 1854; Valentine, born January 12, 1850, is a farmer of Sligo, Penn.; Evaline, born January 11, 1853, died in 1855; Minnie C., born December 6, 1856, married Benjamin King, an oil driller residing in Butler county, Penn.; twins, born October 5, 1860, died in infancy; and Morgan, born September 18, 1862, died March 5, 1864. Jacob Myers' second wife was Susan Wiser, who was born in Mifflin county, Penn., in 1820, a daughter of Jacob Wiser, who came from Mifflin county to Clarion county in 1827. He was a weaver by trade. The parents of Jacob Myers were John and Elizabeth Myers, who were from east of the Alleghanies.

A M. BRENNEMAN, a successful contractor and builder in Shippenville, Clarion county, as well as one of the representative citizens of the place, was born on June 8, 1838, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Brenneman, his father, was a native of the same county, and of German descent, while his mother, who bore the name of Christina Ann Gibony, was born in America, of Irish ancestry. Throughout his business career the father engaged in merchandising, and was also interested in the oil business. He was an ardent Republican in politics, and was a well-known and prominent citizen of his community. He died at the ripe old age of eighty-four, and his estimable wife was sixty-five years of age when she was called to her final rest. In their family were fifteen children, eight sons and seven daughters, of whom five are still living. One son, Fulton, was a member of an Illinois regiment during the Civil war, and was killed at the battle of Vicksburg.

A. M. Brenneman spent the first sixteen years of his life in Westmoreland county, where he attended school and then came to Clarion county. During his early manhood he was variously employed in the oil regions, also engaged in contracting and building, and was also a pilot on the Allegheny river for many years. He was residing in Clarion county at the outbreak of the Civil war, and, feeling that his country needed his services, he enlisted April 28, 1861, in Company H, 8th Regiment, P. R. V. C. With his regiment he participated in the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula, was in the engagement at Gaines Hill, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Mechanicsville, and the second battle of Bull Run, where, on the last day of the fight, he was severely wounded. For some time he remained in hospital, but was finally discharged as corporal, in February, 1863. Returning to his home, he remained there until 1876, when he took up his residence in Shippenville, where he has since successfully engaged in contracting and building. He is accorded an honorable position among the enterprising and reliable men of the place.

On July 28, 1865, in Venango county, Penn., Mr. Brenneman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jane Hoy, a native of that county, who died October 21, 1877. Of the five children born to them three are still living, namely: Eva, now the wife of A. P. Black, of Bradner, Ohio; Laura, wife of J. Ehler, of Shippenville; and Anna, at home.

As a Republican Mr. Brenneman has ever taken an active interest in political affairs, and has been elected to a number of official positions of honor and trust. The cause of education has ever found in him a stanch supporter, and as a member of the school board he has done much to advance its interests. His own children were provided with excellent opportunities in that line, being educated in the Clarion Normal. He is an honored member of the Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville, and is now serving as quartermaster. His patriotism and loyalty to his country has never been questioned, for during the hours of the Rebellion he was one of the brave boys in blue that fought so gallantly to preserve the Union, and in days of peace he has also faithfully discharged every duty of citizenship. In September, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of Shippenville.

B C. YOUNGMAN, Superintendent of Public Schools, Clearfield, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN SMITH is a prominent representative of the business interests of St. Petersburg, where he now carries on operations as a general merchant and oil producer. He is one of the most energetic, far-sighted and enterprising citizens of the place, and these characteristics have been the crowning points in his success. His connection with various business enterprises and industries has been of decided advantage to Clarion county, promoting its material welfare in no uncertain manner.

Mr. Smith was born in Seneca county, N. Y., February 8, 1845, and is a son of Edna and Margaret (Stiner) Smith, the former a native of Seneca county, and the latter of Germany. The father is also of German descent, and is still liv-

ing on the old home farm in his native county, at the age of eighty years. His estimable wife is also living. Nine children constitute their family, namely: Eliza, Benjamin, Edna, Charles, Samuel, Sydney, James, William, and Clara. The parents are active and influential members of the Presbyterian Church, in which the father has served as an officer; and they have always done all in their power for the betterment of mankind. He is a farmer by occupation, a Republican in politics, and has served as tax collector.

In the county of his nativity, Benjamin Smith acquired a fair education, and on laying aside his text books worked for some time in woolen and knitting factories. Later he was employed at gas fitting and in the dray and transfer business, and on coming to the oil fields of Pennsylvania at the age of twenty, he found a position on the Shaffer farm at Oil Creek. Subsequently he worked for some time in Titusville, after which he was employed in the lumber woods for one season, and then returned to Waterloo, N. Y., where he worked on a farm for three years. He was next engaged in pumping in the oil fields near Rouseville, Penn., and from there came to St. Petersburg. For a quarter of a century he has now been interested in the oil business, and has bought and sold wells in the Bradford fields and also at Grass Flats where he still owns property. He has three good wells in Richland township, Clarion county, one of which is on the Fulmer farm, and from these he derives a good income. After locating in St. Petersburg, he also engaged in the hardware business until 1888, when he sold out and embarked in merchandising. From the beginning his trade has constantly increased until it has reached extensive proportions, and the liberal patronage so freely accorded him is merited by the fine grade of goods which he carries, and by his courteous treatment of customers.

At the age of twenty Mr. Smith was married in Seneca county, N. Y., to Miss Sarah Crobaugh, a native of that county, and a daughter of George Crobaugh, of Pennsylvania. They have three children: Herbert, who is employed in the oil fields below Pittsburg; Mabel, and Olga. The family occupy an elegant residence which Mr. Smith purchased of Charles Vensel. He is a Republican, takes an active interest in political affairs, and does all in his power to insure the success of his party. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and the Royal Arcanum of St. Petersburg. He takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare of the town, and as one of its leading business men and prominent citizens, he is justly entitled to honorable mention in a work of this character.

B W. PHILLIPS, M. D., of Leeper, is one of the most able representatives of the medical profession in Clarion county. In this county he has spent his entire life, his birth occurring in Porter township, August 18, 1855, and he belongs to one of its honored old families. His grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth Phillips, who, in 1820, left their home in Bucks county, Penn., and came to Clarion county. The grandfather purchased 300 acres of wild land in Porter township, from which he developed a good farm, and upon that place he made his home until called to his final rest in 1867. His estimable wife died in 1895, at the advanced age of ninety-eight years.

In their family were nine children, namely; Harvey; Michael, who was a Union soldier in the Civil war, and died from wounds received in battle; Jacob, who resides on the old homestead in Porter township; Hannah, wife of Rev. John Soliday, of Forest county; Delila, wife of Daniel Soliday, of Pittsburg; Maria, who was killed by a tree falling on her; Nancy, who was born in Porter township, where she still resides; Caroline wife of James P. Divins, justice of the peace of Porter township; and G. V., father of our subject.

G. V. Phillips was born in Porter township, Clarion county, in 1832, and there grew to manhood. He purchased 100 acres of land adjoining the old homestead, and converted the wild tract into a desirable farm. In 1873 he replaced his first home by a commodious and pleasant two-story residence, and also made other valuable improvements upon the place, He retired from farming, however, in 1881, and has since successfully engaged in the grocery and meat business in the city of Clarion.

G. V. Phillips was married to Miss Catharine Henry, and they became the parents of four sons: (1) F. P., born in 1853, in Porter township, began his education in the public schools of the neighborhood, and later pursued his studies at Reedsburg, Clarion county. He married Miss Maggie Slater, of Clarion county, and is engaged in business with his father. He has four children, namely—Katie, Edna, Bessie, and John. (2) Dr. B. W., our subject, is next in order of birth. (3) H. S., born in 1857, received a common-school education, and married Maggie Shanafelt, of Porter township, by whom

he has one son, Earl. They reside on his farm in Porter township. (4) L. M., born in 1860, still resides on the old homestead in Porter township. He married Pearl Fulton, of Clarion county, and has four children—George Karl, Nellie, Fred, and James B.

Dr. Phillips attended the local schools until fourteen years of age, and then secured a position in the store of M. Arnold, where he was employed for some time. Subsequently he attended the Reedsburg Academy, graduating from that institution in 1873, and then commenced the study of medicine in the office of Dr. J. A. Wick, in New Bethlehem, Clarion county, where he was a student for one year. In 1874–5, he attended the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and in 1876 graduated at a medical college in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Doctor began the practice of his chosen profession in New Salem, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he remained until 1878, when he located in Lickingville, Clarion county. In 1888 he came to Leeper, where he soon built up an excellent practice. He also erected a building, in which he has since conducted one of the best drug stores in the place.

In 1879, Dr. Phillips was married to Miss Elizabeth Gilferd, of Clarion county, and to them were born three children: Katie E., who was born in January, 1880, and died the same year; George V., born in May, 1882, and Frank P., born March 14, 1895. The parents both hold membership in the Lutheran Church, and the Doctor is a member of the Clarion County Medical Society. Dr. Phillips is descended from good old Whig stock, and is a pronounced Republican in politics. It is but just and merited praise to say that as a physician he ranks among the ablest in the county, as a citizen he is honorable, prompt and true to every engagement, and as a friend he is a model worthy of all imitation.

HIRAM NEELY (deceased), who was prominently identified with the agricultural interests and oil industry in Clarion county, was born May 20, 1820, in Richland township.

Mr. Neely was a son of Capt. Henry Neely, who was an officer in the war of 1812, and had command of 200 men at the battle of Erie. By occupation he was a lumberman and farmer. In 1807 he came to Clarion county, and after residing for a time in Edenburg, he removed to a farm in Richland township. He married Miss Barbara Fry, a native of Westmoreland county, and they became the parents of the following children: Paul; Polly, who married Samuel Moore; Samuel; Jesse; Jacob; William; Isaac, who still resides on the old homestead; Hiram; Henry; Mrs. Fanny Sickworth, now eighty-four years of age; Mahala; and two who died when young. With the exception of Isaac and Fanny, all are now deceased. Capt. Neely departed this life at the age of eighty-eight, and his wife at the extreme old age of ninety-nine, being at that time the oldest woman in Clarion county. Both were faithful members of the Reformed Church, and in political sentiment the Captain was a Jacksonian Democrat.

During his boyhood and youth, Hiram Neely attended the public schools near his home, and was early instructed in the labors of the farm, so that he became a thorough and systematic agriculturist. At his death he was the owner of a valuable farm of ninety acres in Richland township, Clarion county, which was improved with a comfortable residence and substantial outbuildings, and upon that place are four good oil wells, which added not a little to his income.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Neely was united in marriage with Miss Judith Fink, a native of Berks county, Penn., and a daughter of John and Mary (Delena) Fink, who became residents of Richland township, Clarion county, in 1820. Here the father died at the age of eighty-seven, and the mother at the age of ninety-seven. In their family were five children, namely: Jonas, Mrs. Fritz, Judith, Sophia, and Joel. To Mr. and Mrs. Neely were born the following children: Mrs. Ellen Billhouse; Mrs. Mary Whitling; Emma, widow of David Golley, of Lima, Ohio; Mrs. Amanda Mattern, of St. Petersburg, Penn.; Mrs. Barbara Ann Corbet; Mrs. Malinda Osgood, of Meadville, Penn.; and Oliver, a prominent oil producer of Richland township. The mother of these children departed this life in 1870, and in September, 1873, Mr. Neely wedded Miss Mary, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Smith) Smith, of Mill Creek, the former a prominent citizen and early settler of Clarion county. Two children bless this union: Pearl, now a student of music at Greece City College; and a daughter who died in infancy. The family is one of prominence, the children all occupying honorable and useful positions in life.

Mr. Neely was six feet in height, weighed 185 pounds, and although seventy-seven years of age at the time of his death, he appeared like a man much younger. There is in old age a benediction to all who come in contact with it, that gives out of its richest stores of learning and experience, and grows stronger intellectually and spiritually as the years pass. Such was the life of Mr. Neely, an encouragement to his associates

Hiram Neely

and an example well worthy of emulation by the young. He was a devout member of the Reformed Church, to which his wife and daughter also belong, and he served either as deacon or elder for many years. His useful life was brought to a close May 13, 1898, and his death left a vacancy in the community that will be difficult to flll.

PROFESSOR W. L. GREENE, Superintendent of Public Schools, Du Bois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

F. I. MASTER, of Richland township, Clarion county, whose people he is serving as auditor, is one of the county's most active and thorough business men, whose career has almost without exception been given to the development of the oil interests of this section.

Born in Beaver township, Clarion county, in 1861, Mr. Master is the son of C. D. and Lydia (Connor) Master. The grandfather, Daniel Master, was a native of Berks Co., Penn., and married Christina Johnson, who was born in the same county. After their marriage, they came, in 1834, to Clarion county, settling in Beaver township. He was a farmer and cleared off land, and opened up a farm. His death occurred in 1887, and his wife passed away in 1863. Their children were: C. D.; Jonathan; Reuben; Sarah (Mrs. Cook, of Rimersburg); Mrs. James (deceased); Mrs. Dow (of the State of Indiana); and Mrs. Mohney (of Rimersburg).

C. D. Master (father of our subject) was born in Berks county, Penn., in 1831, but was reared in Beaver township as a farmer, assisting in clearing off and opening up a farm and in the developing of the country in general. He had learned the shoemaker's trade, and followed it to a certain extent. His wife was a native of the same county as her husband. They are now residents of Richland township, and are among the highly esteemed and respected citizens of the community in which they live. Their marriage was blessed with the following children: Emma (Mrs. Wray, of Jefferson county); Sarah (at home); F. J. (our subject); Mrs. Delo; D. E. (a minister of the German Reformed Church); Agnes (unmarried); Ed. (at home); Cora (at home); and Minerva (at home).

F. I. Master was reared in Beaver township, and at the early age of sixteen years began life for himself, engaging in building rigs for derricks for use in the oil fields. Next he was employed in oil pumping, and between these two occupations he passed some fifteen or more years. From boyhood until the present he has given much time and attention to all lines incident to oil producing. In 1891 he began operating for himself. In that year he drilled his first well. He has drilled some nine or more wells in this field, and has been quite successful. He has done much toward developing the oil interests of Clarion county, and is reckoned among the county's enterprising and progressive citizens. In his political views he is a Democrat, and is now serving his township as auditor. He is a member of the K. O. T. M., of Monroeville, and of the Royal Arcanum at St. Petersburg.

In 1886, in Richland township, Mr. Master was married to Miss Mary Knight, who was born in Richland township, a daughter of D. R. and Anna (Crum) Knight, estimable people of the township. His death occurred in June, 1892; his widow still survives him, and resides on a farm. To our subject and his wife have been born children as follows: Grace, Clarence, Edna, Olive and Marie.

H. J. BOSTAPH, oil producer, Richland township, post office address Alumrock, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL PRESTON (deceased) was for many years one of the most honored and highly respected citizens of Washington township, Jefferson county, where he was successfully engaged in farming and in harness making. He was a son of William and Betsy Preston, of Cortland county, N. Y., where his birth occurred January 23, 1824, and in Niles, that State, he learned the saddler's trade. In his native State he acquired an excellent education, and on his removal to Frenchville, Clearfield Co., Penn., in 1851, he successfully engaged in teaching among the French settlers, following that profession for a number of years. He purchased real estate in Mulsonburg, Penn., where he built a shop and worked at his trade for some time, but in 1854 sold out and came to Warsaw township, Jefferson county. After conducting a hotel there for about a year, he bought the Johnson tannery, in partnership with John McKee, and operated the same in connection with work at his trade.

On selling out in 1860, Mr. Preston removed to Rockdale mills, Washington township, Jefferson county, where he purchased property and carried on operations as a harness maker until enlisting, in 1861, in the Union army, becoming a member of Company H, 105th P. V. I. He participated in all the battles of his regiment until

honorably discharged at Camp Jamison, on account of physical disability. Returning to his home, he continued to reside in Rockdale Mills until called to his final rest in March, 1896. Thus passed to his reward a man of noble character, one who acted well his part in life, "wherein all honor lies," and who had gained and retained the confidence, respect and esteem of his fellow men. His character was beyond reproach, while in manner he was quiet and unassuming, choosing that gentle and refined courtesy which was typical of the "old school."

In 1852 Mr. Preston had married Miss Sadie Mowrey, of Frenchville, a daughter of John and Sarah Mowrey, who were worthy representatives of one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families of Covington township, Clearfield county. Some of its members still reside in that and Bradford townships. Mrs. Preston shared with her husband all the trials and hardships of their early married life, and is still living, being the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances who have for her the highest regard. She is a faithful member of the Baptist Church, to which Mr. Preston also belonged. His political support was given the Democracy.

To this worthy couple were born eight children, as follows: (1) Reuben, born in Frenchville, grew to manhood in Jefferson county, and in 1879 married Josephine Dunhoof, of Potter county, Penn. After his marriage he continued to live with his parents for a few years, and then moved to Forest county, Penn., where he followed lumbering until his death, in February, 1893. He left a widow and six children—Bessie, Walter, George, Nellie, Leon, and Grover C. (2) Almerian, born in Frenchville, was also reared in Jefferson county, where he married Sarah Maxwell, of that county, and made his home near his father's place. His wife died in 1887, leaving four children—Samuel, Almerian, Mary and Katie. Two years later he married Emma Slawson, of Jefferson county, by whom he has two children—Alfreda and Compton. He now lives on the old homestead with his mother. (3) Alfreda, born in Jefferson county, in 1854, married Leonard Harvey, of Jefferson county, and they now reside in the State of Washington. Their children are—Samuel, Edgar, Annie, Roswell, Wilda and Charles. (4) William moved to Wichita, Kans., where he was married, and where he still continues to reside. (5) Edison died at the age of twelve years. (6) George B., now a resident of the State of Washington, married Ettie Bowers, of Jefferson county, Penn., and has five children—Stella, Joseph, Alonzo, Hazel and Charles. (7) Lottie married George Rhine, of Ridgway, Penn., and they make their home in Elk county, this State. They have one son—Willie. (8) Lucy married Alonzo Abby, of McKean county, Penn., by whom she has four children—Earl, Burton, Hugh and Lottie. They live on his farm near Smithport, Pennsylvania.

SINGLETON BELL, of Clearfield, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, ranks among the leading attorneys at law of the county.

MATHIAS GEISLER. It is interesting to witness the success of young men who have emigrated to America without capital, and from a position of comparative obscurity worked their way upward to positions of prominence. The readiness with which they adapt themselves to circumstances and take advantage of the opportunities offered brings to them success, and wins for them a place among the leading business men of the community in which they reside. As a poor boy, Mr. Geisler came to the United States; to-day he is numbered among the prosperous business men of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, where for the past thirteen years he has successfully engaged in merchant tailoring.

Our subject was born in Tyrol, Austria, in 1840, a son of John and Lizzie (Cradler) Geisler, who spent their entire lives in that country. As soon as he had reached a sufficient age he entered the public schools of his native land, where he pursued his studies until he was fifteen, and then learned the tailor's trade under the tuition of his father, who followed that occupation as a life work. In 1866 he sailed for the New World with the hope of benefiting his circumstances in life. Coming to Clarion county, Penn., he there remained some four years, and the next year and a half he passed in Kittanning, same State, after which he returned to Clarion county, and engaged in merchant tailoring on his own account until 1884. That year witnessed his arrival in Reynoldsville, where he at once established business, and is now at the head of a large and constantly increasing trade.

Mr. Geisler was married, in 1873, to Miss Caroline Knoll, of Butler county, Penn., and they have become the parents of eight children, who in order of birth are as follows: John B. P., Joseph F., Mary, Albert, Clara, George, Joanna and Francis. The parents and children are all communicants of the Catholic Church, and the oldest son is to be ordained a priest in 1897. He has spent the past four years in Austria and Switzerland, and at this writing he is visiting

Jerusalem. In his political affiliations, Mr. Geisler is a Democrat. He is an upright, reliable business man, whose straightforward course commends him to the confidence and respect of the entire community, and he has made many warm friends since coming to Reynoldsville.

J. S. SLOAN is the popular and efficient postmaster at New Bethlehem, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM SHANAFELT. More than sixty-two years have passed since this gentleman arrived in Clarion county, and he is justly numbered among its honored pioneers and leading citizens. He has been prominently identified with its agricultural and stock-raising interests. His is an honorable record of a conscientious business man, who by his upright life has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. He has rounded the Psalmist's span of three-score years and ten, and although the snows of several winters have whitened his hair he has the vigor of a much younger man, and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime.

Mr. Shanafelt was born March 4, 1825, in Huntingdon county, Penn., and in 1835 was brought by his parents to Clarion county, where he has since made his home. His grandfather, Nicholas Shanafelt, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and died and was buried in Centre county. He was a Revolutionary hero, being with Gen. Washington's army at Valley Forge, and was also with "Mad" Anthony Wayne, during which time he was wounded in the neck. He had three sons who aided in the defense of their country during the war of 1812, and were present at the surrender of Gen. Hull.

Nicholas Shanafelt, Jr., a native of Centre county, was a gunsmith by trade, but after coming to Clarion county in 1835, he devoted his attention principally to agricultural pursuits. In the midst of the forest he cleared and improved a farm, and in the log house he erected thereon he made his home for many years. He married Miss Keziah Greenland, who was of English parentage and a native of Huntingdon county, Penn. They became the parents of the following children: William, our subject, is the eldest; Ezra died at the age of twelve years, and Sarah Ann at the age of eight years; Rev. John is now a resident of Kansas; Rev. Andrew (now deceased) was a resident of Chester City, Penn., was a minister of the Baptist Church, traveled extensively in Europe and the Holy Land, and at one time baptized a man in the River Jordan. Rev. Thomas, now a missionary at Huron, S. Dak., was at one time chaplain to the National Grand Army of the Republic, and is widely known throughout the United States. Mary Jane is the wife of C. J. Ray, who was at one time sheriff of Clarion county, and is now living in Oil City, Penn. The mother, who was an earnest Christian woman and a member of the Baptist Church, died at the age of sixty-six years, while the father reached the age of seventy-three years. For many years he was a deacon in the Baptist Church, and took an active part in all Church and benevolent work. In politics he was first a Whig, and later a Republican.

Coming to Clarion county, when a lad of ten years, William Shanafelt grew to manhood amid scenes of frontier life, and in clearing and improving the home farm he bore an important part. He obtained a fair education in the local schools, and for two months successfully engaged in teaching, but his attention has mainly been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He purchased the old homestead of 120 acres in Porter township, to which he has added until he now has 250 acres of valuable land, and he and his wife also own a tract of 112 acres at the Cross Roads in the same township. He has a commodious and comfortable residence built in modern style, and also good barns and outbuildings. His pastures and meadows rival the famous blue-grass region of Kentucky, and are especially suited to the raising of fine stock. His herd of Shorthorn cattle is the best to be found in the county, and for fifteen years he has carried away the premiums at the local fairs. Besides his cattle he raises a fine grade of sheep and horses. His beautiful home is known as Sugar Grove.

In 1844, Mr. Shanafelt married Miss Catherine, daughter of Rev. Thomas E. Thomas, a Baptist minister, and they became the parents of six children: John, who was educated at Reedsburg, Penn., and is now engaged in teaching in Butler county; Keziah, at home; Maggie, wife of H. S. Phillips, of Porter township, Clarion county; D. W., a resident of Salmon City, Idaho; Lewis, who died in Nebraska; and Arminda, who married Curtis Sloan, of Limestone, Penn., and died in 1890. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1876, and two years later Mr. Shanafelt wedded Miss Jane McNutt, a most estimable lady, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Ardeny) McNutt, who died in Clarion county.

Politically, Mr. Shanafelt is identified with the Republican party, and for a quarter of a century he has been connected with the Masonic

fraternity. He is a prominent and active member of the Baptist Church, is one of its most liberal supporters, and for many years has served as deacon. For eight years he has been a member of the State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Shanafelt stands five feet, ten and one-half inches in height, weighs 185 pounds, and until a year ago enjoyed excellent health for one of his years, but at this writing (1898) is suffering from paralysis. He possesses to a full measure all the fine ennobling qualities for which his ancestors were noted, and his honesty, integrity, gentleness and purity are a constant source of inspiration to his loving family and many friends.

PATRICK McDONALD is engaged in the lumber business in Reynoldsville, Jefferson county. His career well exemplifies the saying that "merit always commands its reward." Making the most of his opportunities through life, he has overcome many obstacles in his path, and has steadily advanced on the high road to success. He is now numbered among the most enterprising and progressive business men of his adopted city, and is well worthy of representation in this volume.

Mr. McDonald was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1848, and is a son of John and Mary (Gaynor) McDonald, who were natives of the Emerald Isle, whence they came to America in 1856. For several years they resided in New York, and then removed to Sullivan county, Penn., where the father worked at the tailor's trade, which he had learned in his native land. He also carried on agricultural pursuits, and developed a farm, to the further cultivation of which he was directing his energies at the time of his death, in 1890. His wife passed away the year previous.

Patrick McDonald was the fifth child in their family. His educational opportunities were limited to the privileges afforded by the district schools of Sullivan county, Penn. At the early age of thirteen years he left the parental roof to make his own way in the world, and has since been dependent entirely upon his own efforts; so that whatever success he has achieved is justly merited. He was first employed as a mail carrier, and followed that pursuit for eighteen months, after which he secured work in the lumber woods of Clearfield county. He was industrious and energetic, and after four years was enabled to embark in lumbering on his own account, since which time he has successfully followed that calling, continually adding to the competence which is the merited reward of earnest labor. For twenty-four years he has been associated in business with Hon. A. C. Hopkins, member of Congress from Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

In June, 1873, Mr. McDonald was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Wilhelm, of St. Mary's, Elk Co., Penn., and their union has been blessed with nine children, eight of whom are still living, namely: John, Francis, George, Mary, Thomas, Brady, Terrence and Ellen. Mr. McDonald and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics he is a stanch Democrat, warmly advocating the free coinage of silver. He occupies a prominent position in business circles, and his life record is in many respects worthy of emulation.

JAMES M. HEPLER, who until recently conducted a good general store in Clarington, Jefferson county, was born in 1862, in West Millville, Clarion Co., Penn., of parents Henry and Martha (McWilliams) Hepler. The father is also a native of Clarion county, and has spent his entire life in Pennsylvania, being at the present time a resident of Allegheny county. For twenty years he successfully engaged in merchandising.

James M. Hepler was provided with good school privileges, but like many boys did not make the best use of the opportunities afforded him. At the age of twenty he began the struggle of life for himself, his first work being teaming, and when business was dull along this line he sought other employment. Among the various occupations which he pursued was that of a mail contractor, but later gave his exclusive time and attention to his store, and by fair and honorable dealing he succeeded in building up a good trade.

In December, 1883, Mr. Hepler was married to Miss Etta L. Simpkins, of Corsica, Jefferson county, and six children have come to bless their union: Roy, Clara, Anna, Mark, Burns and Howard. Socially, Mr. Hepler is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America; politically, he is an ardent Republican. He has served as school director in his township, but cares nothing for office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests.

JACOB G. SMITH, a leading agriculturist and a successful stone mason, now residing in Bell township, Jefferson county, is a representative of one of the old and highly respected families of the county, his parents being William

and Catherine Smith. The father was born in Germany, in 1819, and on coming to this country took up his residence in Young township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a tract of wild land and developed therefrom a fine farm. His first buildings were log structures, which were replaced by a good frame residence and barn. He continued the cultivation and improvement of his land up to his death, in September, 1896; his widow is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Hanck.

Our subject is one of a family of four children, all of whom were born on the old homestead in Young township, where they were reared: (1) Henry A., a substantial farmer residing near Crete, in Indiana county, Penn., married Sophia Norr, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and has four children—Owen, Lottie, Carrie and Emma. (2) Jacob G. is the second in the order of birth. (3) Adam E. owns and operates a fine farm in Bell township, one mile northeast of Punxsutawney, which he purchased of Fred Hummel. He wedded Emma Oswald, of Brady township, Clearfield Co., Penn., and has two children—Roland and Wallace. (4) Lizzie married Frederick Hanck, of Bell township, Clearfield county, and they live on her father's old homestead; their children are Emma, Willie, Grover, Mary, and two whose names are not given.

Jacob G. Smith, of this review, spent the greater part of his boyhood days in working upon the home farm, though he attended the public schools to some extent during the winter season. After attaining to man's estate he learned the stone mason's trade with his half brother, John E. Smith, and has continued to successfully follow the same in Clearfield and Jefferson counties up to the present time. In 1885 he married Miss Sadie Oswald, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and to them have been born six children: Freddy, Minnie, Ida, Alice, Effie and Harry.

Previous to his marriage Mr. Smith had purchased a farm in Young township, and later bought the Adam Kuntz homestead of 139 acres of improved land in Bell township, near the Grube Church. In 1889 he erected thereon a large two-story house, and has also built a summer house and wagon shed, besides making many other improvements which add to its value and attractive appearance. Having a large amount of industry, perseverance and energy, he has made a noble record as a successful business man, and to-day stands as one of the substantial and reliable citizens of Bell township. His political support is ever given the Democracy, and he has faithfully served his fellow citizens in the capacity of supervisor one term, overseer of the poor four years, and is at present a school director in Bell township. In religious faith he and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church of Punxsutawney.

URIAS PEACE is to-day the owner of one of the large and well-cultivated farms of Bell township, Jefferson county, and is recognized as one of the most enterprising and progressive business men. He started out in life a poor boy, but has overcome the obstacles and difficulties in his path by determined purpose, and has thus worked his way upward to prosperity.

Abram and Catherine (Moleberry) Peace, parents of our subject, were born in Dauphin county, Penn., but were married in Centre county, where the father worked in the Bald Eagle Valley for some years. In 1847 he removed his family to Jefferson county, purchasing a farm in Bell township. His wife died in 1859. Our subject is one of six children, the others being as follows: (1) Abram, born in Bald Eagle Valley, wedded Mary Sprow, of Bell township, and is now living on a farm in Henderson township, Jefferson county. They have four children —(a) Maggie, who married and died some years ago, leaving three children; (b) John, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, who married Malinda Shepler, and has one child, Karl; (c) Lizzie, wife of George Shepler, of Henderson township; and (d) Daniel, of Henderson township, who married a Miss Gray and has one child. (2) Elizabeth, born in Bald Eagle Valley, died at the age of seventeen years; she was an exceedingly attractive and amiable girl. (3) Daniel, born in Centre county, married Elizabeth Niel, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and now owns and operates a farm in Bell township; they had four children, but only one, Eva, is now living. (4) Joseph, born in Centre county, died suddenly at the age of nineteen years, while engaged in lumbering on the East branch of the Mahoning; he was a remarkably bright young man. (5) William, born in Centre county, and now a farmer of Henderson township, Jefferson county, married Miss Jane Bair, by whom he has five children—(a) Ida, wife of George Davis, of Henderson township, who is engaged in merchandising in Big Run; (b) Eva, wife of John Pifer, a farmer of Henderson township; (c) Maggie; (d) Edward; and (e) Calm.

Urias Peace, of this review, was born in Bald Eagle Valley in 1845, and was, consequently, about two years old when the family removed to

Jefferson county. His educational privileges were limited, as his services were needed on the home farm, and he assisted his father in the labors of field and forest, working in the woods until he had earned enough to buy a team. He then operated the Henry Brown farm on shares for eight years. He also engaged in rafting timber down Mahoning creek to the Pittsburg markets, has since followed that pursuit, and for some time was engaged in hauling timber for Leavy & Mitchell, on the Susquehanna river. In 1874 he purchased twenty-five acres of land, of Robert McGee, in Bell township, built thereon a house and barn, and made other substantial improvements. He then purchased the Brooks farm of 132 acres, for which he paid over four thousand dollars. He has here erected a new barn, 50x52 feet, and a fine residence. He has cleared the stumps from the place, and now has one of the most richly cultivated farms in Bell township, while the modern improvements and accessories that are there to be seen indicate him to be a most progressive and wide-awake agriculturist.

In 1874 Mr. Peace wedded Miss Mary A. McGee, of Bell township, and the following is the record of their family: Henry M., born in Bell township, is now an employee of the Beach Creek Railroad Company. Homer, born in Bell township, also follows railroading. Della J., born on the farm where her parents now live, is the wife of Harvey Bond, of Indiana county, Penn. Joseph, born in February, 1878, is at home. Arthur, born in Bell township, was, at the age of sixteen, killed by the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting rabbits. Emory, Milton and Ida are all at home. Etha M. died in infancy. Raymond and Herman (twins) complete the family. Mrs. Peace is identified with the Presbyterian Church.

His fellow citizens, appreciating his worth and ability, have called upon Mr. Peace on three successive occasions to fill the office of supervisor, and his duties have been discharged with marked fidelity. His political support is given to the Democracy. His career is that of an honorable business man, who by his upright life has won the confidence and regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and won the warm friendship of many.

ADAM STAPF, late landlord and proprietor of the "Haley House," Lindsey, Jefferson county, has firmly established himself in the good will of the community by his courtesy and fair dealing with all. Mr. Stapf was born in Lawrence county, Penn., and is of German blood, his parents, Frederick and Elizabeth (Klinding) Stapf, having both come from the Fatherland at about the age of sixteen, the remainder of their lives being spent in this State. The father had learned the cooper's trade in his native land, and he continued the business successfully until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-nine years old. His beloved wife preceded him to the unseen world, passing away in her sixty-first year.

The district schools near his father's farm afforded our subject his early educational advantages, but owing to the necessity for self-support, he could not even make full use of those opportunities. He learned the cooper's trade with his father, and at once engaged in business on his own behalf. Industry and judicious management brought him success, and for some time he conducted two shops, one at New Castle and one at Wampum, Penn., with from fifteen to twenty workmen in each. In 1890 he disposed of his then extensive business, and, removing to Lindsey, took charge of the "Haley House," which he conducted in an able manner until disposing of the business.

His popularity is not limited to business circles, and he and his amiable wife, formerly Miss Madey Elliot, of Wampum, are prominent in social life. Mrs. Stapf is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and our subject is identified with the I. O. O. F. and the Order of Elks. In politics he is a believer in the doctrines of the Democratic party, but, while he votes that ticket in State and National elections, he does not carry a partisan bias into local affairs.

J. YOUNG, farmer and ex-county sheriff, Jefferson County; post office address Corsica, Pennsylvania.

JOHN C. FACKINER, senior member of the firm of Fackiner & Jenkins, furniture dealers, undertakers and embalmers, of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, has spent almost his entire life in that city, his birth there occurring in 1863. His parents, Henry and Anna E. (Switzer) Fackiner, were both natives of Germany, whence when young they came to the United States, and they were married in Pittsburg, Penn. During his youth the father learned the shoemaker's trade, but subsequently turned his attention to lumbering, and for many years was prominently identified with the business interests of Punxsutawney, where he took up his

residence at the age of twenty. A very progressive, industrious man, he became the owner of valuable property in and around that city. He died there December 16, 1892, respected and esteemed by all who knew him. His estimable wife still (at this writing) survives him, and is in the enjoyment of good health.

Children, as follows, were born to this worthy couple: The eldest two are now deceased; those living are Kate, the wife of Joseph Conrad, of Jefferson county; Minnie, wife of Louis Knarr, of Clearfield county, Penn.; Lizzie, wife of Hy. Heilbron, of DuBois, Penn.; Caroline, wife of James G. Brennan, of Punxsutawney; Etta, wife of Harry Walters, of the same city; John C., of this sketch; and Daniel, a resident of Washington county, Pennsylvania.

After completing his education in the schools of Punxsutawney, John C. Fackiner engaged in agricultural pursuits upon one of the two farms owned by his father, near that place. Subsequently he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked some nine years, and then embarked in the furniture and undertaking business at his present location. He carries a neat and well-selected stock of everything found in his line, and by his courteous treatment of customers and fair dealing he built up an excellent trade. One of his leading characteristics in business affairs is his fine sense of order and complete system, and the habit of giving careful attention to details, without which, success in any undertaking is never an assured fact. In 1884 he was married to Miss Mattie Redding, daughter of William Redding, of Lindsey, Jefferson county, and they now have one son, Paul. Mrs. Fackiner is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Mr. Fackiner of the German Reformed Church. Socially, he belongs to the Order of American Mechanics; politically, he is conservative, preferring not to be bound by party ties.

G S. HAMM, dealer in general merchandise, in the town of Knox, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

JAMES S. ST. CLAIR. Young men in the past have often been deterred from devoting themselves to a business life because of the wide-spread impression that such a life yields no opportunities for the display of genius. The time, however, has gone by when, other things being equal, the business man must take a secondary place to the lawyer, the doctor, the minister or the editor. In fact, as a rule, let the business man be eqaully equipped, and you will find him to-day in every community exerting a wider influence and wielding a larger power than a man of equal capacity treading other walks of life. The "men of affairs" have come to be in a large degree the men upon whom the country leans. The subject of this sketch is pre-eminently a "man of affairs," and has long been prominently identified with the interests of Punxsutawney (his native city) Jefferson county.

Mr. St. Clair was born in 1843, a son of James and Margaret (Mitchell) St. Clair, who were natives of Indiana county, Penn., whence they came to Punxsutawney at an early day. The father arrived in 1831, and became the first tailor in the place, following his trade here for some years. He was quite prominent in public affairs, served as sheriff of Jefferson county, and also as associate judge. Prior to his entrance into public life he engaged in the grist and saw mill business. He died in April, 1891, respected by all who knew him, and his estimable wife closed her eyes in death just three weeks later. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are yet living, namely: R. M., of Denver, Colo.; Martha, wife of G. S. Campbell; Margaret, wife of W. R. Depp; Mary E., widow of A. J. Monks; James S.; John, an attorney of Punxsutawney; and Clara, wife of A. J. Scott, an attorney of Brookville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. St. Clair, of this review, owing to ill health in his boyhood received but limited educational privileges, but as opportunity offered pursued his studies in Punxsutawney. For a year he served an apprenticeship at the jeweler's trade, but followed that pursuit only two years, later turning his attention to the hotel business, which he conducted for nine years. His energies were then directed toward the lumber business, with which he was connected some five years. His fellow citizens then manifested their appreciation of his sterling worth and fidelity to duty by calling him to public office, and for the past six years he has acceptably served as treasurer and tax collector of Punxsutawney.

In 1864 Mr. St. Clair was married to Miss Anna B. Grafins, of Punxsutawney, and they have five children, namely: Frank G.; Sallie M., wife of C. N. Neale, of Punxsutawney; Martha J.; R. Walter; and Richard Arthur. The parents are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Mr. St. Clair belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political support is given the Republican party, and he stanchly advocates its principles. Every trust confided to his care is faithfully performed, and his high personal worth commends him to the confidence and esteem of all.

JOSEPH F. WIEST is the genial and popular proprietor of the "St. Petersburg Hotel," of St. Petersburg, which is one of the best hostelries of its size in Clarion county. There the traveler finds all the comforts and conveniences of the modern hotel. The rooms are well furnished and are neat and clean, and the table is supplied with the best that the market affords. The landlord reminds one of a Southern judge dispensing hospitality to his friends and guests, and his hotel has therefore become a favorite resort with the traveling public. There is a good bar attached to the office, and in every particular the place is first-class.

Mr. Wiest was born July 27, 1865, in Knox township, Clarion county, and is a son of Martin Wiest, who was born, reared and educated in Baden, Germany. After coming to this country he was married in Pittsburg, Penn., to Mrs. Catherine (Bergman) Fleckenstein, and the only child born of this union is our subject. The father followed agricultural pursuits, and was a supporter of the Democratic party. He died in the prime of life in Knox township.

Joseph F. Wiest passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native county, and in its schools acquired his literary education. For three years after starting out in life for himself he worked in the lumber woods, and subsequently was for the same length of time in the street railway service in Pittsburg. Returning to Clarion county, he has since successfully engaged in the hotel business.

At the age of twenty-five, Mr. Wiest married Miss Lena Frantzwinger, a native of Butler county, Penn., who was reared and educated in Clarion county, and to them have been born three children: Ed M., May and James M. Joseph Frantzwinger, the father of Mrs. Wiest, was a soldier in the French army.

Mr. Wiest is one of the prominent and influential members of the Democratic party in his community, and was one of the five candidates brought prominently before the convention in 1897 for the office of sheriff. Only one received a larger number of votes. He is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, and is deservedly popular with all who know him.

LEVI HEIDRICK, president of the Brookville Railway Company, and senior member of the well-known lumber firm of Heidrick, Watson & Co., of Brookville, is one of the substantial business men of Jefferson county.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Heidrick is of German blood, and in his successful career he has displayed the enterprise, sagacity and conservatism which are so largely characteristic of German-American citizens. John Adam and Henrietta (Sode) Heidrick, his parent, swere born, reared and married in the Fatherland, and at the time of their emigration to America had six children, our subject, who was born in 1847, being the second of their large family to be of American birth. The father, who was a quiet, industrious man, not in the least ambitious for public life, was for many years a contractor for the Brady's Bend Iron Company, at Brady's Bend, Penn. He made three trips to his native land, and on the last one, in 1865, he remained there, his death occurring about two years later. His wife passed away in 1857 at Brady's Bend.

The common schools near his father's home afforded the subject of this sketch his only opportunity for an education, and of these he could not take full advantage, as he began clerking in a mercantile establishment when he was only ten years old. During the Civil war he served one year in Company K, 6th H. A. On his return he engaged in the oil and coal business at Oil City, for a year, and then returned to Brady's Bend. Until 1880 he was engaged in mercantile business in Butler and Clearfield counties, with the exception of three years at Brady's Bend; but leaving this business he became interested in lumbering at Du Bois, where he had conducted a store since 1880. In 1894 he moved to Brookville.

The lumber firm of Heidrick, Matson & Co. was organized in August, 1894, for the purpose of purchasing and operating the Litch lands, situated in Jefferson county, Penn., the firm paying therefor the sum of $135,000. Extensive improvements were at once made in the mill and stream, which were both made to conform to the most improved methods of lumbering. A railroad, connecting the mill and yards with the main line of the Allegheny Valley railroad, was built at an expense to the firm of $12,000. The mill was equipped throughout with modern machinery, and is to-day the best plant in western Pennsylvania, having a capacity of one hundred thousand feet. In addition to the above, the firm in the winter of 1895 entered into a contract with Truman, Henderson & Co., owners of a large tract of lumber in Polk township, Jefferson county, to saw and deliver to the tracks of the Allegheny Valley railroad, at Brookville, all the lumber on their lands, estimated at from sixty million to seventy million feet. This necessitated the building of fourteen miles of railroad, which the firm immediately set about to accomplish, the road being built and equipped

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in the summer of 1896 at a cost of over one hundred thousand dollars. Since the organization of the firm they have made several smaller purchases of timber, and now have enough lumber in sight to keep their mill in operation for several years.

In 1871 our subject was married to Miss Mary Queen, a daughter of John Queen, of Queenstown, Penn., and nine children have blessed their union: Kittie, Charles, Emmet, Mamie, John, Laura, Frank, Ruth and Bessie. In his religious views Mr. Heidrick inclines to the Lutheran faith, in which he was reared, but the family attend the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Heidrick and several of the children being members thereof. Mr. Heidrick is identified with the A. O. U. W., the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., and the G. A. R. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and while never a seeker after official honors, he has been chosen at various times to local offices, and has been especially prominent in educational matters.

DAVID E. CONRAD, merchant, Houtzdale, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, is well and favorably known in the county.

REV. JACOB I. HUMBERT. To be proud of descent from honorable lineage is fitting, but the responsibility entailed is a heavy one. No spot or blemish must appear on that line, and to keep the high standard maintained by worthy ancestors necessitates a careful and conscientious development of the higher moral and spiritual nature that is man's heritage.

Jacob Humbert, the paternal grandfather of the reverend gentleman whose name appears at the opening of this review, was of German descent, and passed his life amid the peaceful scenes of his farm. He was the father of five children, namely: Isaiah, a resident of Iowa; Mrs. Phebe Evans; Daniel and Jacob, deceased; and Abraham.

Abraham Humbert was born in Fayette county, Penn., and became one of the leading educators of the vicinity, following the profession of teacher for over thirty years. He married Mary A. Moser, who departed this life in 1895. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which her husband also belongs. In their family were the following children: Albertus, now a resident of Uniontown, Penn.; Mrs. Mary Deyarman; Jacob I.; S. M., a music teacher, who died in 1894; T. A., at present attending college; and Edward B., now operating the home farm. The father of this family is still living at the age of sixty-nine years; his strictly temperate life has left its impress on body and soul, and made him a living example well worthy of emulation.

Jacob I. Humbert was born in Fayette county, Penn., October 1, 1859, and passed his early years on the home farm, acquiring his elementary education in the district school near by. Later he studied in the State Normal College of Pennsylvania, and at the University of Wooster, Ohio. The early teachings of a Christian mother were not forgotten, and as he approached manhood he determined to follow the Master's command to "Preach the Gospel to every creature." Accordingly, he entered the Western Theological Seminary of Allegheny, Penn., and in 1893 was graduated from that institution. During his student days he had preached to a limited extent, and on leaving school took his first regular charge, Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church at Sigel, with which he has since been connected. His earnest purpose and untiring vigilance have crowned his labors with success, and the congregation now numbers 140 members. Besides this he has also been the pastor of Mill Creek Church, Clarion county. Unceasing in his efforts for the advancement of the Church and the cause of Christianity, he has extended words of cheer to many a poor wandering soul, and turned their hearts. A man of broad humanitarian principles, of enlightened charity and brotherly love, he is well fitted for his work in the Master's vineyard.

On June 8, 1893, Rev. Jacob I. Humbert was united in marriage with Miss Mary S. Mestrezat, who was born in Fayette county, Penn., October 3, 1869, a daughter of John and Barbara C. (Neal) Mestrezat, of French descent. Mr. and Mrs. Mestrezat are earnest workers in the Presbyterian Church. Besides Mrs. Humbert, their living children are: Fred; Aline A., wife of Dr. Atkinson, of Connellsville, Penn.; and Ray. The happy home of Rev. and Mrs. Humbert has been blessed with three children: Katherine A. and Mary A. (twins), born July 15, 1894; and Martha P., born July 6, 1896.

A. W. SMILEY, oil buyer, with residence in the town of Foxburg, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN B. KRAMER, the genial and popular proprietor of the "Hotel Waverly," Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, was born

in Centre county, Penn., March 7, 1842, and is a son of Jonathan B. and Catherine C. (Taylor) Kramer. The father was also a native of this State, born in Schuylkill county, and when a young man removed to Centre county. In early life he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for many years, but his last days were spent in retirement, enjoying a well-earned rest. He was a prominent member of the State Militia, in which he held the rank of colonel, and was also called upon to fill a number of local positions of honor and trust in his township. He died, respected by all, in 1883, at the age of seventy-eight years, and his estimable wife, who was a native of Centre county, closed her eyes in death in 1894, at the venerable age of eighty-two years and one month.

Our subject had the advantages of only a district-school education in his youth, and at the age of fifteen left the school room and started out in life for himself as a farm hand, working in that capacity for a few years. He next engaged in lumbering for about three years, and on the expiration of that time accepted a clerkship in a mercantile establishment in Bellefonte, Centre county, where he faithfully served for four years without losing a single day. Subsequently he engaged in mercantile pursuits on his own account in Centre county for about fourteen years, during which time he acceptably served as postmaster of Lemont. Later he carried on the butcher and livery business in Philipsburg, Centre county, for four years, and while residing there was appointed storekeeper and gauger under President Cleveland's first administration; but after holding the position for a year and a half he resigned and removed to Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Penn. Here he took charge of the "Arlington Hotel," which he conducted for two years, and then sold out preparatory to coming to Punxsutawney, where he purchased the "City Hotel," and carried on same for two years and seven months. Mr. Kramer next went to Canton, Penn., where he conducted the "Canton House" for about a year. Returning to Punxsutawney, he erected the "Waverly," which is one of the leading hostelries in Jefferson county. It is conveniently arranged, well furnished, heated with natural gas, supplied with electric bells, baths, and, in fact, everything found in a first-class hotel of the present day, and is beyond doubt one of the best equipped in the county. Under the able management of Mr. Kramer it has become a favorite resort with the traveling public. In connection with the hotel he has a large and commodious livery stable, well stocked.

On February 12, 1873, Mr. Kramer was married to Miss Emma C. Bricker, a daughter of John C. Bricker, of Centre county, and they have one son, Claude C., living in Punxsutawney. Mrs. Kramer is an earnest member of the Lutheran Church. Socially, Mr. Kramer is connected with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the American Mechanics, and the Knights of Pythias, in which he is serving as past chancellor. At present he is independent in politics, and cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office. Mr. Kramer became Governor Hastings' first client, the Governor at that time being a young man just starting out on his professional career as a lawyer. Our subject has become one of the leading and influential citizens of Punxsutawney, his pleasant, courteous manners attracting to him many warm friends.

H. C. SHAFFNER is the well-known and popular constable of West Clearfield, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH BATESON, JR., a well-known and popular merchant of Rathmel, Jefferson county, was born January 23, 1861, in Clifton, Mich., on or near Lake Superior, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Dickson) Bateson, natives of England, who came to America in 1847.

The father was born July 16, 1828, a son of Joshua and Sarah (Watson) Bateson, of Cumberland, England, where the former followed mining throughout his active business life. He died in 1849, at the age of seventy years, and his wife passed away in 1855, at the age of sixty-seven. In their family were the following children: William, who died in Wisconsin; Mary; Joshua, who died in England; Joseph, the father of our subject; Nancy, widow of Mr. Mosher; John, who died in England; Mary, deceased wife of Thomas White, of England; Thomas, also a resident of that country; and Mathew, who makes his home in Ohio. Mrs. Mary Bateson (the mother of our subject), whose birth occurred May 20, 1826, is a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Stewartson) Dickson, who also spent their entire lives in Cumberland, England, where the father engaged in weaving. To them were born seven children, namely: Robert, who died in England; Elizabeth, also deceased; Mary; Ann, still a resident of England; Sarah, who married Robert Lee, and died in England in 1896; Isaac, of England; and Hannah, who died in England.

On coming to the New World, the parents of

our subject first located in Canada, where they remained only a short time, and then spent seven years on Lake Superior, Mich. Subsequently they lived in Bradford county, Penn., but since 1883 they have made their home in Rathmel, where Mr. Bateson followed mining until 1889, but is now living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest. He is an ardent Republican in politics, and both himself and wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and are widely and favorably known throughout the community. In their family were seven children: Sarah, now the widow of James Johnson, of Du Bois, Penn.; Mary, wife of R. W. Holmes, a farmer of Canada; Joseph, of this sketch; Elizabeth, wife of John Kennedy, also an agriculturist of Canada; Hannah, at home; and Margaret, deceased.

Mr. Bateson, whose name introduces this sketch, accompanied his parents on their removals until finally locating in Rathmel, and remained with them until his marriage, April 15, 1896, to Mrs. Isabella (Beveridge) Brodhead, the widow of Edgar Brodhead. Mr. and Mrs. Bateson have a pleasant home in Rathmel, where they have lived since their marriage, and are surrounded by many warm friends, who are sure to find a hearty welcome at their hospitable home.

Until the age of fifteen, our subject attended school, and then began life for himself by working in the coal mines with his father, continuing that employment until 1886, when he secured a position as clerk in the general store of John Smith at Rathmel. On December 7, 1895, he embarked in his present business, buying out A. A. Swab, and renting the two-story building which he now occupies. It is stocked with a complete line of general merchandise, and by fair and honorable dealing and courteous treatment of customers, he has built up a large and constantly increasing trade. In politics he is a Republican; socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Patriotic Order Sons of America, both of Rathmel, and the Odd Fellows lodge of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian.

DR. J. HAINES, of Brisbin, is not only one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this section of Clearfield county, but has also successfully engaged in the drug business for a quarter of a century. In 1854 he began the practice of his chosen profession, being the first physician and also the first druggist in Brisbin. He has gained quite a reputation as a skilled practitioner, and therefore enjoys a large and lucrative patronage.

The Doctor was born in New Cumberland, Cumberland Co., Penn., October 27, 1831, a son of Samuel and Margaret (Brady) Haines, natives of York county, this State, who early became residents of Cumberland county, but in 1849 removed to Decatur township, Clearfield county, where the mother died two years later. The father afterward made his home for a time in Glen Hope, same county, returning eventually to York county, where he spent his remaining days. Dr. Haines is one of their family of eight children—five sons and three daughters—the others being: Jacob, who during the Civil war enlisted in Centre county, Penn., in the navy, and died in the service; James, now a resident of Coalport, Clearfield county; Samuel, who enlisted in Clearfield county in 1861, in the 45th P. V. I., and died in Salisbury, N. C.; Isaiah, who was also one of the "boys in blue," and is now a resident of Glen Hope; Mary, who became the wife of John Hudson, and died in Philipsburg, Penn.; Elizabeth, who died in Clearfield, and Mrs. Adaline Dixon, who died in Emporium, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Haines accompanied the family on their removal to Clearfield county, and for two years was employed in the sawmill of Christ Harnish, in Decatur township; then removed to Boggs township, where he remained until 1853, when he purchased sixty-five acres of land in Woodward township, Clearfield county. This tract he still owns, and he has cleared away the timber and transformed it into one of the most desirable farms in the locality. In 1850, at Stoneville, Boggs township, he was united in marriage with Miss Esther Ann Ralston, who was born near Manayunk, Penn., a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Fox) Ralston, natives of Ireland and Maryland, respectively. They were early pioneer settlers of Boggs township, Clearfield county, where the mother died, but the father passed away in Huntingdon county, Penn., at the advanced age of ninety years. To the Doctor and his estimable wife have been born children as follows: Alfred, a resident of Jersey Shore, Penn.; William, of Decatur township, Clearfield county; Edward, of Woodward township; Mrs. Sarah Phillips, of Woodland, Clearfield county; Joel, of Wallaceton, in the same county; Thomas, who resides on a farm in Decatur township; Lewis, who is living at Bells Landing, Clearfield county, and Benjamin and Jeremiah, who are still with their parents.

Dr. Haines is the owner of a good farm of fifty acres in Decatur township, and also a hotel

in Oshanter, Clearfield county, which he erected during the three years he engaged in practice in that village. For over thirty-five years he has followed his chosen profession, and has won his way into the regards of the people with whom he has come in contact in his daily rounds by his ready tact and kindly sympathy. Wherever he goes the Doctor wins friends, and he has the happy faculty of being able to retain them. His popularity has made him a great favorite in all circles. He takes an active interest in politics, always giving his support to the principles of the Republican party.

JACOB H. MARTIN is a well-known agriculturist of Ashland township, Clarion county; post office address Valley, Pennsylvania.

ELISHA GAHAGEN. Among those agriculturists of Jefferson county, whose farms manifest to the most casual observer the energy and ability of the owner in his chosen calling, is the gentleman whose name introduces this article. He is a prosperous representative citizen of Porter township, and belongs to one of its prominent pioneer families.

James Gahagen, father of our subject, was born in 1806, in Huntingdon county, Penn., and on attaining to man's estate married Miss Martha Coleman, of Maryland. He then removed to West Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Penn., where he made his first purchase of land, and upon that place resided some years; but in 1833 he sold out and came to Porter township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a tract of 160 acres of timber land. Here he erected a hewed-log house and barn, and at once gave his attention to clearing and developing the land, making that place his home until called to the world beyond. His wife died in March, 1866, leaving him with a family of eight children:

(1) Maria, born in Indiana county, became the wife of John Skinner. She spent a part of her married life in Porter township, Jefferson county, but died in West Mahoning township, Indiana county. Her children were Emeline, now Mrs. Ephraim Adams, of Punxsutawney, Penn.; Henry, who is married, and resides in Wisconsin; Martha, wife of John Scott, of Sunbury, Penn.; and Leonidas, who is married and resides in Indiana county, Penn. (2) John Y., born in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, wedded Sarah A. Postlethwait, and lived on a farm adjoining the old homestead in Porter township, Jefferson county, until his death in 1889. His widow is now a resident of Beaver township, Jefferson county. He had four children—Calvin K., who is married and resides at Elk Run, Jefferson county; Emma A., at home with her mother; Clarence A., at home; and Virgil M., who is engaged in teaching school. (3) Anna, born in Indiana county, married Rev. Edwin Hull, of New York State, and they made their home in Porter township until her death in November, 1863. Their children are Earl, Judson and James. (4) Elizabeth Y., born in Indiana county, became the wife of Daniel McGregor, of Jefferson county, and lived on his farm in Porter township, where she passed away in 1875, leaving eight children—John, Annie, Mary, Hannah, Isabella, Cynthia, Alva and Ida. (5) Charles, born in Indiana county, married Hannah Ray, of Armstrong county, Penn., and resided on the old homestead until his death in 1882. He left a widow and eight children—E. H., Wesley C., Lambert, Loretta, Vienna, Earl, Myrtle and Bell. (6) James, born in Indiana county, wedded Amanda Howard, and died in 1851, leaving a son—James L. (7) Martha died in childhood. (8) Elisha, our subject, completes the family.

Elisha Gahagen, whose name opens this sketch, was born in 1834, on his present homestead in Porter township, Jefferson county, and attended the common schools during his boyhood and youth. He was married in 1858 to Miss Clarrana Welchons, of Jefferson county, and until 1861 they resided on a farm about one mile from the village of Porter. He then located on a part of his father's old homestead, where he still continues to reside. In 1864, however, he left home to aid in the defense of his country, enlisting in Company G, 57th P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac under Gen. Grant, and he remained in the service until hostilities ceased. In connection with farming he worked at the mason's trade for a number of years. He has cleared a large part of the farm, in 1895 erected a large two-story frame house, and has also built a good barn, and made many other useful improvements, which add to its valuable and attractive appearance, making it one of the most desirable places of the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Gahagen became the parents of five children, as follows: Alice M., born in Porter township, in 1859, received a common-school education, and is now the wife of John C. Bahman, of Jefferson county, by whom she has one son, Ancel. They live on a part of her father's farm, and have a fine place. Elizabeth, born in 1862, at the present home of our subject, died at the age of three years. Mary J., born in 1864,

is with her parents. Albertus J., born in 1870, died in infancy; and Harry M., born in 1872, died at the age of three years. In political sentiment Mr. Gahagen is a Prohibitionist, and in religious belief he and his family are Methodist, belonging to Zion Church in Porter township. He has faithfully served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director, overseer of the poor, auditor, and in fact in nearly all of the local offices, and ever discharged his duties in a most commendable manner. He is a worthy representative of the good old Revolutionary stock from which he springs, his grandfather having been a soldier under Gen. Washington. A man of the highest integrity and honor, he has the respect and esteem of all who know him, and his friends are many throughout the county.

GEORGE R. McANINCH. Fortunate is he who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. Our subject is blessed in this respect, for he springs from one of the prominent old Scotch-Irish families of Pennsylvania. The first of the family, of whom he has any knowledge, were three brothers—William, John and Henry McAninch—who made their home along the Allegheny river. William McAninch, the grandfather of our subject, became one of the pioneer settlers of Beaver township, Jefferson county, where he continued to live until after the death of his wife, when he resided with his children, his death occurring in Knox township, same county. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian. Ten sons and one daughter constituted his family, namely: Elisha, Elijah, John, William, George, Lewis, Henry, Sylvester, Samuel, and a son whose name is not given, and Mrs. Isabel Smith.

The birth of George McAninch, the father of our subject, occurred at Catfish, Penn., and he was nine years old when brought by his parents to Jefferson county, where he has since made his home. He was reared in Beaver township, early learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed in connection with the sawmill business during his younger years. In 1852 he purchased a tract of land still in its primitive condition, and therefrom developed a good farm. During the winter season he followed lumbering, his market being Pittsburg, and also continued to extensively engage in carpentering, as he was one of the leading contractors and builders of his locality. He wedded Miss Mary, daughter of Frederick Hetrick, who improved a farm in Polk township, Jefferson county, where his wife died, but he spent his last years in Kansas. Their children were Adam, William, Henry, Anna, Eliza, Esther, Eva, Mary, Catherine, Hannah and Polly. To Mr. and Mrs. McAninch were born the following children: Matilda, wife of S. A. Gordon; Drusilla, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Alvira, wife of T. C. Munson; Stewart, who died, leaving one child; George R.; Mrs. Minerva O'Connor; Catherine, wife of R. D. Richards; and James, now a resident of North Dakota. The mother passed away March 18, 1897, but the father is still living on the old homestead with our subject, at the age of eighty-one years. Both held membership in the Methodist Church, and their sterling worth and many excellent traits of character gained for them the love and confidence of the entire community.

Under the able direction of his father, George R. McAninch, of this review, became a most thorough and skillful agriculturist, and in the common schools aquired his literary education. During the construction of the railroad through this section of the country, he conducted a boarding house for the employees, later operated a sawmill for one year; but has since devoted his attention principally to the cultivation of the old homestead during the summer months, while the winter seasons he has passed in lumbering. The farm contains 200 acres, 150 of which are under cultivation and improved with two comfortable frame dwellings, good barns and other outbuildings, together with a fine orchard. It is underlaid with a good grade of coal and limestone, is pleasantly situated on the Red Bank river one mile from Baxter, and is one of the most desirable places in Clover township.

In 1871 Mr. McAninch was married to Miss Isabel Leslie, whose parents, Noah and Elizabeth (McCan) Leslie, were from New York. They located in Clearfield county, Penn., where the father died. He was a mechanic, employed principally in the manufacture of furniture and in painting. He was twice married, his first wife being the mother of Mrs. McAninch, and to them were born four children: Elmira, wife of O. Darr; Isabel; Mrs. Catherine Anderson; and Frank, a farmer. The parents were Methodists in religious belief. Seven children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. McAninch: H. Clyde, a millwright by trade; Mrs. Nina Harriger; Stewart, at home; Gertie, who died at the age of seventeen years; Catherine, James and May, at home; and Bessie, the youngest, who was born in 1893. The parents are both leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are earnest supporters of all measures calculated to benefit the moral or material welfare of the community. Mr. Mc-

Aninch uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has efficiently filled a number of township offices although he cares little for political distinction. He is a man of scrupulous honor, is brave, generous and humane, and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

ABRAM SNYDER, blacksmith, and wagon and carriage manufacturer, Brookville, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN A. HIMES, a prosperous and thoroughgoing agriculturist of Clarion county, has always made his home in Red Bank township, where his birth occurred August 31, 1841. His father, Joseph Himes, is one of the early settlers of New Bethlehem, Clarion county, and his mother, who bore the maiden name of Abigail Space, was a daughter of Zephaniah Space, who took up his residence here as early as 1808. She died in 1893, at the age of seventy-four years, but Mr. Himes is still living, at the ripe old age of eighty-five. He is a Republican in politics, and is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His children are as follows: Susanna, Zephaniah Space, John Allen, Catherine A. (wife of Joseph Findley, a Union soldier of the Civil war), William B., Percy Lyon, Marshall Shields, Thomas Mc., May A., Margaret Esther, and three who died when young.

The subject of this sketch was reared to hard work upon the home farm in Red Bank township, and pursued his studies in the local schools. In 1866 he located upon his present fine farm of eighty acres, which is improved with a good residence and substantial outbuildings, and to the operation of his land he has since devoted his attention with results which cannot fail to prove satisfactory.

On the anniversary of the birth of this glorious republic of ours, Mr. Himes enlisted in the Union army for the purpose of assisting in preventing its dismemberment, enlisting on July 4, 1861, in the 62nd P. V. I., at New Bethlehem. He served under Capt. Thomas Kerr, and Col. Samuel W. Black, and was first stationed on boats at Pittsburg, Penn., after which he was at Harrisburg for a time. He then went to Washington, D. C., and from Arlington Heights proceeded to Alexandria, Va. After a time spent in camp at Betty Black, he participated in the siege of Yorktown, was in the Peninsular campaign, the engagement at Antietam, the second battle of Bull Run, and the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Mine Explosion and Hatcher's Run. He received two slight wounds, one on the head and the other in the hand, and for six weeks was confined in the hospital at Camp Lookout, Md., by a wound in the thigh received at Hatcher's Run. When the war was over, he was honorably discharged August 7, 1865, and returned home.

In 1866, Mr. Himes was married to Miss Sophia, a daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Bowersox, both now deceased. The children born to this union were: Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, who died leaving three children, two still living, John P. and Pansy E.; Joseph Paul, who died at the age of twenty-six years; Sarah Etta, who married Thomas Miller, and has three children; Clarissa E., wife of S. M. Myers; and Hattie Keziah and Mary Huldah, both at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Himes is a Republican, and, socially, he is a member of Captain Core Post, G. A. R., while religiously he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an upright, honorable business man, was a brave and fearless soldier, and is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, who commands the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

LEWIS B. HILE. Among the substantial and enterprising agriculturists of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, none are more worthy of mention in a work of this character than the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical notice. He is also a worthy representative of leading pioneer families of central Pennsylvania, his paternal grandparents, Henry and Mary A. (Johnson) Hile, being early settlers of Clearfield county. The former was born in Germany, August 30, 1784, the latter in Pennsylvania, August 20, 1787, and their marriage was celebrated on February 1, 1807. They became the parents of thirteen children, namely: James, Abigail, Daniel, Philip, Anthony, Mary A., Henry, Emaline, Ancos, Eleanor, Elizabeth, John and Lorenzo

Anthony Hile, the father of our subject, was born in Northumberland county, Penn., and was nineteen years of age when he came to Clearfield county, with whose farming and lumber interests he has been identified from an early age. He has been quite successful in his undertakings, and as a citizen occupies a prominent place in the community. He married Miss Amelia Bloom, a descendant of William Bloom, who

came from Germany to America in Colonial days, locating in New Jersey. For six years during the Revolution he was a member of Washington's army, and on the close of the war returned to his New Jersey home. In 1795 he migrated to central Pennsylvania, at first taking up his residence in Centre county, and in 1802 coming to Clearfield county, where he cleared and improved a farm in what is now Pike township. He reared a family of seven sons and three daughters, whose descendants are now numerous throughout this region.

To the parents of our subject were born the following children: James H., now a resident of Lumber City, Clearfield county; David W., a farmer, who was one of the brave "boys in blue" during the Civil war; John N., also an agriculturist; Eli B., a farmer; Mrs. Martha J. Guppy; Lewis B.; Mrs. Fanny McDivitt; Adda, wife of John Hipps; William B.; Mary E., wife of A. W. Russell; and Amanda L., wife of James E. Rorabaugh; Fanny and Mary are now deceased.

In Clearfield county Lewis B. Hile was born December 17, 1849, and was reared to the honest pursuits of a farmer, while his literary training was obtained in the country schools. Until his marriage he remained with his parents, and then located upon his present farm of one hundred acres in Ferguson township, twenty-five of which had been cleared and a house and barn erected thereon. The buildings have been remodeled, an orchard set out, and now fifty acres are under cultivation. The place is pleasantly situated one mile from Kerrmoor, and is underlaid with minerals which he yet holds. He has converted his timber into lumber, and in 1888 embarked in merchandising in Marron, carrying on business there for six years, during which time his family still resided on the farm, but he now gives his exclusive attention to his agricultural pursuits.

In 1870 Mr. Hile was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda Wise, a lady of intelligence and culture, and a daughter of Michael and Phœbe (Schroppy) Wise, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and belonged to families that were early established in this section. From the wilderness her father opened up and improved a farm in Pike township, where he died in 1871. His wife, who yet survives, now makes her home with her children. They were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Their family included the following: Elizabeth, now the wife of E. Bloom; Lucinda; Sarah, wife of J. A. Johnson; James, a resident of Kansas; Wilmina, wife of W. L. Johnson; Lydia, wife of W. C. Cardin; Clara, wife of F. Robinson; Samuel, who operates the old homestead; Mrs. Maggie Bloom; and Mrs. Lillie McKnight. Four children bless the union of our subject and his wife: Dora, widow of A. Wolf, who was an engineer; Charles, a resident of Tennessee; Perry and Frank, at home. The mother is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a most estimable lady. Socially, Mr. Hile affiliates with the I. O. O. F., and, politically, is identified with the Democratic party, taking an active interest in all public affairs, but never aspiring to office, though he has efficiently filled some local positions.

JOSEPH ADAM HANST, a furniture dealer and undertaker, is one of the leading and popular business men of Knox, where he established his present store in 1888. He is a native of Clarion county, his birth occurring in Beaver township, in 1857, and is a son of Adam and Christina (Kaufman) Hanst, who were born, reared and married in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. On their immigration to the New World, they took up their residence in Beaver township, Clarion county, where the father successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until called to the world beyond at the age of sixty-five years. In connection with general farming he also dealt in horses, and was numbered among the most reliable business men of his community. Politically, he was a Democrat, and, religiously, was a consistent member of the Reformed Church, to which his wife and family also belonged. Mrs. Hanst died of apoplexy.

The subject of this sketch is the third in order of birth in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: Peter, who was born in Germany, and now resides in Rockland, Penn.; Jacob, of California; George and Frederick, both well drillers of Midway, Penn.; Kate, wife of John Fleming; Lou, wife of Samuel Kribbs, a carpenter and painter of New Castle, Penn.; Matilda, wife of Lemuel Rankin, of Clarion; and Lewis, who died when young.

On the home farm Mr. Hanst, of this sketch, passed the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads, obtaining his education in the common schools. In early life he learned the trade of a carpenter and builder, but since 1888 has devoted his attention exclusively to his present business, and with results which cannot fail to prove satisfactory. In 1894 he graduated at a school of embalming, and is therefore well qualified to follow his cho-

sen calling. He occupies pleasant and commodious quarters, his store room being 22x50 feet, and he carries a large and well-selected stock of furniture and everything needed in his business.

In August, 1882, Mr. Hanst was married to Miss Emma Jones, who was born, reared and educated in Piney township, Clarion county. Her father, who is now deceased, was born east of the Mountains, of English ancestry, and, on reaching manhood, married Susie Master, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, who still resides on the old homestead in Piney township. He was an agriculturist by occupation, a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his family were the following children: Charles (who was a soldier of the Civil war), Mary, David, William, Anna, Frances, Della, Hattie, Samuel, Celia (who died when young), Emma (wife of our subject), and one who died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Hanst were born a son and daughter, but both are now deceased.

In political sentiment, Mr. Hanst is a free-silver Democrat, and in religious belief is a Lutheran. He is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias, the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and belongs to that class of representative American citizens who promote the general prosperity while advancing individual interests.

W A. CRAWFORD, farmer and oil producer, Richland township, Clarion county; post office Mariasville, Pennsylvania.

DUEY DOUGLAS, who was one of the brave boys who shouldered their guns and went to the front in defense of their country during the war of the Rebellion, is now a leading and prominent farmer of Morris township, Clearfield county. He was born in Tyrone, Huntingdon Co., Penn., in 1830, a son of ——— and Elizabeth (Haines) Douglas. The father, who was a native of Scotland, came to America when a young man and located in Sinking Valley, Huntingdon Co., Penn., where he purchased a farm, which he operated for a time. There he married Elizabeth Haines, and our subject was the only child born to them. Subsequently the father located on a farm near Shirleysburg, Huntingdon county, where he died. The mother subsequently married Joseph Akey, of Tyrone, and they became the parents of eight children.

Mr. Douglas, of this review, passed the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity, and obtained his education in its public schools. When a young man he came to Clearfield county, where he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza, daughter of William Miller, who was one of the honored pioneers of the county. Mr. Douglas then purchased 156 acres of land near Coalport, Clearfield county, and immediately commenced to clear and improve the same. In connection with farming he engaged in lumbering and rafting on the river for a number of years. On disposing of his first place he purchased seventy acres in Morris township, in 1866, and has since made his home upon that farm, which is under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. His land is underlaid with an excellent grade of coal, and from the mines which are now in operation he receives a royalty, which adds not a little to his income.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas had a family of eight children: John, who died unmarried at the age of thirty-eight years; Ida and Nellie, both deceased; Duey, a railroad man of Jersey Shore, Penn., who married Ellen Ardey, and has two sons; Wilbert, of Munson, Clearfield county, who married Anna Hoover, and has two children; and Edith and James, at home. Mr. Douglas always affiliates with the Democratic party, whose principles he stanchly advocates, and has done much to promote the interests of the community, with which he has been identified for almost a third of a century. His honor and integrity are unimpeachable, his word being considered as good as his bond, and in all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Adventist Church. During the dark days of the Rebellion he served as a soldier in the Union army.

C H. MATTESON, dealer in lumber, shingles, coal, flour, feed and hay, Foxburg, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

JOHN F. GALLAHER, who resides in New Washington, is connected with one of the oldest families of Clearfield county. His grandfather, James Gallaher, who was of Irish descent, was the first settler in what is now Burnside township, locating there before the organization of either Chest, Burnside or Bell townships. He made the first improvement where the Cummings orchard, in New Washington, is now situated. To this section of the country he was

accompanied by Daniel Turner, a surveyor, with whose assistance he took up large tracts of vacant land. Here he extensively engaged in lumbering and farming, and was a conspicuous factor in the development of that region. He married Margaret Ramsey.

James Gallaher, father of our subject, was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., May 27, 1801, and came with his parents to Clearfield county in 1806. In this frontier region he was reared, and in the schools of the neighborhood was educated; but his privileges in that direction were limited to two terms of three months each. The experiences of business life, however, brought him a good practical education. He married Sallie Lee, of an honored pioneer family of Centre county, a daughter of Jacob Lee, a farmer, and a record of their children will be found in the biography of James Gallaher, Jr., on page 736, this volume.

The mother of this family died in 1858, and in 1860 James Gallaher wedded Mrs. Mary L. (Horton) Kelly, who was born in Athens county, Ohio, May 13, 1826, a daughter of Isaac C. and Rose (Fonston) Horton. When she was five years of age her parents removed to New York, where she was reared and educated. Her father was a native of New York State; her grandfather, Thomas Horton, was a native of England, and served with the patriot army in the Revolutionary war. Isaac Horton removed in 1837 to Tioga county, Penn., where he followed farming until his death in January, 1860; his wife died in September, 1884, aged eighty years; both were consistent members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: Mrs. Abigail Wilcox; Mrs. Sarah A. Kilburn; Mary L.; William, a druggist; Mrs. Susan E. Hutton; Mrs. Jane Dodge; and Mrs. Rose Tomb.

The mother of our subject was married, first (in 1848), to James Kelly, of New York, and soon afterward removed to Clearfield county, where Mr. Kelly engaged in the lumber business. He was the first to drive logs on Chest creek and the river, also conducted a general mercantile store and carried on farming, meeting with excellent success in his labor. He died June 26, 1857. In their family were three children: William, who died in the State of Washington in 1890; James H., a prominent attorney of Clearfield; and Harry, who died in California in 1890. After the death of Mr. Kelly his widow married James Gallaher, and of this union there were six children: John F.; Rose, wife of William Carlisle; J. Lincoln, who died at the age of sixteen years; Virginia, a trained hospital nurse; George, a merchant of Fairport, Ohio; and Mary, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Gallaher were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. The former carried on an extensive and prosperous lumber business, owned large tracts of timber land and a number of improved farms, and was also an enterprising and successful general merchant. He conducted those various business enterprises until about ten years prior to his death, which occurred in 1880. He spent the last decade of his life on the homestead farm. He was a public-spirited man, who did much to promote the substantial improvement of the community, and to the poor and needy was a generous friend. Strongly opposed to slavery, he became an Abolitionist, and joined the Republican party on its organization. Friends strongly urged him to accept the candidacy for both the House of Representatives and State Senate, but he declined all political honors. He died respected by all, and to his family left a valuable estate as a result of his industrious life. His widow still lives on the old homestead.

John F. Gallaher was born February 11, 1861, in what is now Bell township, Clearfield county, and was reared under the careful direction of his parents, who instilled into his mind lessons of industry and honor. In early life he became his father's assistant in business, and has always been interested in farming and lumbering. When he married he established a home near his parents. He followed lumbering until about two years ago, when he abandoned that to give his entire attention to the farming interests of his mother, and to the management of the estate. As a progressive and public-spirited citizen he keeps well informed on public issues, and votes with the Republican party. He has filled a number of offices in New Washington, and is now serving his second term as justice of the peace, his incumbency in that office to cover a period of ten years.

Mr. Gallaher was married, in 1889, to Cora Mahaffy, daughter of William and Mary M. (Estreker) Mahaffy. Her maternal grandparents were natives of Germany, and located in Clearfield county at an early day. Her father was a representative of a pioneer family of this locality, and was an important factor in its growth and development. After his marriage he located in New Washington, where he followed lumbering, being one of the chief promoters of the lumber industry in Burnside township. His political support was given the Democracy, and he filled some offices of honor and trust in the community, serving as constable for a number of years, and in other official positions. He died in February, 1890; his widow is still living in New

Washington. They were parents of seven children: Frank E., who is engaged in the harness business, and lives with his mother; Cora; John B., a farmer, harness maker and mail agent; Thomas R.; Harry, who died in childhood; Kate Rose; and Robert D. Five children have graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gallaher, of whom four are now living, namely: James K., born December 23, 1889; Frank, born September 22, 1891; Rose, born February 13, 1893; and Eva M., born February 26, 1895.

HARRY F. MATSON. Among the young and enterprising business men of Brookville, Jefferson county, his place of birth, there is probably none more energetic than this gentleman. Born June 19, 1873, he is a son of the late H. and Eliza (Smith) Matson, the former of whom was also a native of Brookville, the latter of Clarion county, Pennsylvania.

As a representative citizen of Jefferson county, the memory of the father of our subject will go down in history, and be ever held in respect. For many years he was one of the most prominent merchants, not only of his native town, but of the entire county. In 1851 he married Miss Eliza Smith, and four children blessed their union, Harry F., the subject proper of this sketch, being the only survivor. In 1895, after many years of energetic and faithful business, the father passed away, the mother dying in the same year. In religious faith they were Presbyterians, and in his political preferences Mr. Matson was a Republican.

Harry F. Matson, whose name introduces these lines, attended in his boyhood the Brookville public schools, acquiring a good practical education, such as would fit him for the responsible duties of life. Entering his father's place of business, he soon became a proficient and capable young business man, and at the early age of twenty-two years, on the death of his father, he assumed the entire responsibility of the concern, in which he is ably assisted by his estimable wife. Like his father before him, he is a representative merchant of his day, and it is no flattery to say of him that, ages being equal, there is not a more thoroughly practical, all-around business man in Jefferson county.

On June 11, 1895, Mr. Matson was united in marriage with Miss Anna May Spare, who was born March 24, 1872, at Brookville, Penn., and educated at Bellevue Academy. Presbyterians by birth and heritage, they are liberal supporters of the Church of that denomination in Brookville, while in his political associations Mr. Matson is a stanch advocate of the principles laid down in the platform of the Republican party. He is one of the most popular and highly respected young men of Brookville, and no doubt a brilliant future lies before him.

FRANCIS MIGNOT, of Covington township, Clearfield county, was for many years actively engaged in general farming, and met with such excellent success in his chosen calling, that he is now enabled to spend his declining years in ease and retirement, enjoying the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He was born in France, in 1821, and in 1832 accompanied his parents, H. and Frances (Charbonet) Mignot, to the United States, arriving in Bellefonte, Centre Co., Penn., July 4, of that year. From that city the parents came to Frenchville, Clearfield county, where the father purchased sixty acres of land in the midst of the forest, which he transformed into a good farm. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits in Covington township throughout the remainder of his life.

Our subject is one of a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Charles married Caroline A. Leconta, by whom he had two children, and they lived at Deer Creek, Clearfield county. Elizabeth married Francis Barto, a farmer of Covington township, by whom she had eight children. John, an agriculturist of the same township, married Miss Ferissa ——, and has nine children. Augustus, a farmer of Girard township, married Catherine Gormont, and has eight children. Florentine, a farmer of Kansas, married Margaret Cayot, and has several children. Emil, a farmer of Covington township, married Malinda Picard, who died in 1866, leaving four children, and he afterward wedded Maggie Martin, of Centre county, by whom he has seven children. Boniface, who died at the age of seventeen.

For five years after his immigration to America, Francis Mignot lived in Howard, Centre county, and in May, 1837, removed to Karthaus, Clearfield county, where he worked at the furnace for the Coke & Iron Company some three years. Since that time he has made his home in Covington township, where he purchased 150 acres of wild land, which he immediately commenced to clear and improve, transforming the same into a highly-cultivated tract.

Mr. Mignot was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Mulson, a daughter of Peter and Catharine (Peirrot) Mulson, of France, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: Lucy, wife

of John Rouguex, a farmer of Covington township, by whom she has thirteen children; Elizabeth, wife of Francis Voichet, also a farmer of Covington township, by whom she has three children; Katharine, wife of Lerdon Rolley, of West Virginia, by whom she has ten children; Caroline, who married (first) John Picard, a farmer of Covington township, and had one child, and after his death wedded James Frelin, of the same township, by whom she has three children; Mary, wife of F. L. Coudriet, of Covington township, by whom she has four children; Adda, wife of Jule Jennett, of the same township, by whom she has eight children; Nomie, wife of Joseph Higgins, of Bitumen, Clinton Co., Penn., by whom she has two children; Rosie, wife of Charles Wright, of Salamanca, N. Y., by whom she has one child; Ellen, who died when two years old; and N. F., who married Jane Rougeux, and lives on the old homestead in Covington township.

Mr. Mignot gives his political support to the Republican party, for whose interests he has always worked, and has served as school director in his district. A worthy and prominent citizen, he has taken a lively interest in the progress and development of the county, giving his encouragement and substantial support to various institutions calculated to build up the community and for the best good of the people. In religious faith he is a devout Catholic, as is also his family.

ELLIS I. HALL, who is engaged in the torpedo business in Knox, Clarion county, was born October 17, 1840, in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored and highly respected families of this section of the State.

His paternal grandparents, James Hall and wife (who was a Miller) were natives of Ireland, who, on coming to America, first located in Mifflin county, Penn. At an early day, however, they took up their residence in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre county, where both died. For some time the grandfather successfully followed teaching. His children were John, father of our subject; Samuel, who died in McKeesport, Penn.; James, who died in Columbiana county, Ohio; Miller, who conducted a hotel in Milesburg, Centre county, where his death occurred; Benjamin, who lived for some time in Clearfield county, and later in St. Marys, Elk Co., Penn.; Alexander, who went to California in 1849, and died there; Eliza, who married David Haney, and removed to Jefferson county, Penn., where her death occurred; Mary, who wedded Peter Hoover, and died in Clearfield county; Jane, who married first a Mr. McCoy, and later a Mr. Van Volen, and died in Centre county; and Margaret, who married Abraham Estes, and died in Jefferson county.

John Hall was born in 1800, in Mifflin county, where he was reared, and during his youth he learned the shoemaker's trade in Philipsburg, Penn., after which he removed to Lawrence township, Clearfield county. He was married to Miss Nancy Passmore, a native of that county, and a daughter of Abraham and Susanna (Pierce) Passmore, who were born in Maryland, and died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. By trade her father was a blacksmith. She also departed this life in Lawrence township, and later Mr. Hall was again married in Knox county, Ohio, his second union being with Mrs. Nancy (Horn) Conoway, who now resides in Colorado. The father's death occurred in Cedar county, Iowa, September 8, 1876. He was a lumberman by occupation, for many years served as justice of the peace, and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

Our subject is next to the youngest of the eight children born of the first union, the others being as follows: Margaret, deceased wife of George Bowersox; George H., a prominent business man of Clearfield county; Julia Ann, wife of Levi Dressler, of Union township, Clearfield county; Elizabeth, who married William Null, and died in Jefferson county; Mary, wife of John Ross, of Clearfield county; Rebecca, widow of Henry Sulsbaugh, and a resident of Pennsylvania; and Caroline, wife of Eli Passmore, of Greenwood township, Clearfield county.

Ellis I. Hall, of this review, spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and obtained his education in its public schools. In early life he devoted his time principally to lumbering, being engaged in the manufacture of square timber. Laying aside personal interests he enlisted at Curwensville, May 15, 1861, in Company K, First Pennsylvania Rifles, or "The Bucktails," commanded by Col. Ed Irvin. He was mustered into the United States service at Camp Pierpont, was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and participated in all of the battles of his regiment until honorably discharged at Harrisburg, in June, 1864, when he returned home.

On leaving his native county, in 1870, Mr. Hall went to Venango county, Penn., where he became interested in the oil business, drilling for oil. In 1873 he located in St. Petersburg, Clarion county, removed to Beaver township four years later, and in 1890 took up his resi-

dence in the village of Knox, where he is still living. In 1885 he had established business there as a dealer in and manufacturer of torpedoes, nitro-glycerine and other explosives, and also conducts a similar store in Oil City. He soon succeeded in building up a good trade, and now has his business on a good paying basis, being one of the most successful business men in his line in this section of the State.

In Centre county, Penn., Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Miss Martha Miller, a native of that county, who died in Clearfield county, and the only child born to the union is also deceased. Mr. Hall was again married, in 1871, in Venango county, this time to Miss Eliza Rose, also a native of Centre county. Six children have been born to them: Orville, who is married, and lives in Oil City, Penn.; Frampton B.; George E.; Rhoda B.; one who died in infancy; and John Arthur.

Politically, Mr. Hall is a stalwart supporter of the Democracy, and, socially, is a member of George H. Covode Post, G. A. R., of Knox; Edinburg Lodge No. 550, F. & A. M.; Edinburg Chapter No. 259, R. A. M.; Talbut Commandery No. 43, K. T.; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Knights of Pythias. He is one of the prominent and influential citizens of Knox, and wherever known is held in high regard.

SAMUEL SPANOGLE is a representative citizen of Graham township, Clearfield county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, who on many battle fields demonstrated his loyalty to the Union cause. He has long been a resident of the township in which he now makes his home, and his many excellencies of character have gained for him a place in the foremost ranks of the best citizens of the community.

Mr. Spanogle was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1842, a son of Leonard and Alice (Dale) Spanogle, who were also natives of that county. The father followed farming there until his death, after which his widow married Samuel Spitler, of Huntingdon county, and came to Graham township, Clearfield county, in 1855. They settled on the farm where our subject now resides, and the mother is at present a resident of Allport, Penn. Mr. Spitler died in Iowa, in 1883. By the first marriage there were two children: Andrew, who is living in Munson, Clearfield county; and Samuel, of this sketch. The only child of the second marriage is now deceased.

Samuel Spanogle spent the first nine years of his life in the county of his nativity, and then came to Graham township, Clearfield county, where his education was largely obtained. He early became familiar with the pursuits of farming and lumbering, and these industries have largely claimed his attention throughout his life. He is now one of the most progressive and substantial farmers of Graham township, and is the owner of a rich and desirable tract of land of one hundred acres, all under a high state of cultivation. It is improved with good buildings and all the accessories of a model farm of the nineteenth century, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place well indicates the careful supervision of the owner. His realty possessions also comprise two houses and lots in Allport.

On September 21, 1861, Mr. Spanogle offered his services to the government for three years, enlisting in Company G, 84th P. V. I. He was mustered in at Harrisburg, and joined the Army of the Potomac. He valiantly responded to every call of duty, and displayed his valor on many hotly-contested battle fields, including Winchester, Bath, Strasburg, Mt. Jackson, Berryville, Front Royal (1), Fredericksburg, and Front Royal (2). In the Shenandoah Valley he was taken ill, and had to be sent to Mt. Pleasant (Va.) hospital. At Cedar Mountain he rejoined his regiment, and participated in the battle of Culpeper. Being again taken sick, he was sent to Fairfax Seminary hospital, where on account of his disabilities he was honorably discharged in November, 1862, after which he returned to Clearfield county. In Morris township, he was married in 1865, to Miss Emily Merrell, a native of that township, and a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Taylor) Merrell, pioneer settlers there. Mr. and Mrs. Spanogle have a family of six children: Mrs. Carrie Forcey, of Bigler; George, who is married and resides in Bridgeport, Clearfield county; John, who makes his home in Bridgeport; Robie (Mrs. P. Conley), a teacher of Atlantic City; William and Olive.

Mr. Spanogle gives his political support to the Republican party, and does all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. He has served as a member of the school board, and is deeply interested in the cause of education and in all measures calculated to promote the best interests of the community. His duties of private life are discharged with the same fidelity that he manifested in his country's hour of peril.

BONIFACE RICHTER, M. D., now practically living retired in Beaver township, was for many years one of the leading and most successful physicians of Clarion county. As a

young man he came to America, and with no capital he started out in a strange land to overcome the difficulties and obstacles in the path to prosperity. His youthful dreams have been realized, and in their happy fulfillment he sees the fitting reward of his earnest toil.

Dr. Richter was born in Baden, Germany, on November 30, 1820, a son of George and Lizzetta Richter, who were representatives of a prominent old family of that country, and there spent their entire lives, the father dying at the age of seventy-five, and the mother when eighty-four years of age. For many years he held the responsible and honorable position of forest inspector under the German government. Both parents were Lutherans and reared their children in that faith. The family numbered the following children: Antone, an architect in the employ of the German government; Nancy; Frederick, a resident of Geneva, Switzerland; Frank, of New York; Boniface; Paulina, a teacher of music in Yeddo, Japan; and August, a confectioner, who died in New York.

Dr. Richter acquired an excellent education in his native tongue, and in 1848 joined the German army in the war against Denmark, in which he served for two years. In the Fatherland he also studied medicine, and, on crossing the Atlantic in 1850, located in New York, where he engaged in practice for nine months. Later, he lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, and in May, 1852, he removed to Pittsburg, Penn., and from there he went to Red Bank, Jefferson county, this State, where he spent three years. On coming to Clarion county, he opened an office in Monroe, where his skill and ability soon won recognition, and gained for him a large and lucrative practice. During the Civil war he was commissioned surgeon of the 98th P. V. I., in which capacity he served for four months. For fifty-two years he was actively engaged in practice, and met with excellent success, but he has now laid aside the arduous duties which fall to the lot of the physician and surgeon.

In 1854, in Clarion county, Dr. Richter was married to Miss Mary, daughter of John Ashbaugh, and to them were born nine children, namely: Frederick and Antone, both residents of Beaver township, Clarion county; Etta; Louisa (of Cincinnati, Ohio), Pauline (wife of A. Hood, of Cleveland, Ohio), Emma (of Cincinnati), Hannah, August, and Artilla.

In religious belief the Doctor is a Lutheran, and, in politics, a stanch Republican. He is a man of broad and liberal views, always well posted on current questions and issues, and is justly ranked among Clarion county's honorable and valued citizens. He has never regretted his emigration to America, for here he has met with success and made many warm friends.

JOSEPH H. ROWLES. The subject of this personal history is an agriculturist of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and is well esteemed as a man of industry and enterprise, besides being a worthy citizen and having to his credit an unblemished war record. He was born in Lawrence township, in March, 1834, and comes of a family that has long been identified with the history of the county.

John Rowles, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania, born of German lineage. In 1812, he came to Clearfield county, locating in Curwensville when that now thriving borough contained but three houses, and there worked at his trade of blacksmithing throughout life. He married a Miss Whippo, who died in Lawrence township in 1862, and they became the parents of the following children: Price and Thomas, who both died in Lawrence township; George, who died in 1865; William, deceased; John, who died in Lawrence township, in 1866; Andrew and Richard, who also died in Lawrence township; Jesse, who died in infancy; Harmon, the father of our subject; Taylor, who died in Lawrence township, near West Clearfield, in 1888; Maxwell, who died in the same township, in July, 1894; Titus, whose death occurred in Lawrence township; Susannah, who married John Gill, of Centre county, Penn., where her death occurred; Grizey, who first wedded Andrew Kline, of Lawrence township, and after his death married Ebenezer King, and both died on the same day in 1856, in Lawrence township.

Harmon Rowles was eight years of age when brought by his parents to the county, and in the schools of Lawrence township he acquired his education. He was married in what is now Pike township, to Susannah Henry, a native of Ireland, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (McBride) Henry, who were also born in that country, coming to America in 1810. Her parents first located in what is now Pike township, Clearfield county, but later became residents of Ferguson township, where their deaths occurred. Mr. Rowles took his bride to a new farm in Lawrence county, which he at once began to clear and cultivate, and there spent his remaining days, dying July 2, 1892. His wife had passed away in April, 1875. In politics he was a Jeffersonian Democrat. Their family consisted of five sons and four daughters, namely: P. A., a resident of Knox township, Clearfield county; Joseph H.,

whose name introduces this sketch; H. F. and D. P., both living in Knox township; William, who was drowned in Lawrence township in 1848; Susannah, who married James McCully, and after his death wedded James Sanders, of Mahaffey, Clearfield county; Mrs. Louisa Dunlop, of Knox township; and Mrs. Mary E. Swatsworth, of Lawrence township.

In the schools near his childhood home, Joseph H. Rowles received his literary training, and in 1856 located upon his present farm, comprising fifty acres, which at that time was covered with a heavy growth of timber. He cleared the land, and has transformed the place into one of the most highly cultivated tracts in the locality. In 1864, in Lawrence township, he enlisted in Company B, 100th P. V. I., for one year or during the war, and was assigned to the Army of the James. He participated in the battle of Fort Steadman, and was in front of Petersburg at the time of its surrender. Hostilities having ceased, he was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, July 28, 1865, and returned home.

In Lawrence township, in 1861, Mr. Rowles was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Hickok, who was born in that township, a daughter of Abel and Margery (Bloom) Hickok, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Pike township, Clearfield county. As a single man the father had come to the county, where he married Miss Bloom. His death occurred in Knox township, in January, 1884, and his wife died the following April. They were the parents of eight children: John, a resident of Pike township; Mrs. Rowles; Henry, of Glen Richey, Clearfield county; James, of Knox township; Mrs. Mary Dunlop, of Pike township; Martha, wife of Robert Rowles, of the same township; Samuel, of Knox township; and Aaron, who died in 1864. To Mr. and Mrs. Rowles were born twelve children, as follows: (1) Melissa died when young. (2) C. L. V., of Lawrence township, married Keturah Bauman, and has four children—Ethel, Mary, Melva and Elsie. (3) William Lorenzo, of Knox township, married Melissa Dunlop, and has five sons—Warren, Clem, Wayne, John and Clint. (4) Mrs. Roxy Dunlop died in Knox township, in 1892, leaving one child, Olive. (5) Almond died at the age of three years. (6) Harmon died at the age of two years. (7) James is a teacher in Clearfield county. (8) Susannah is the wife of Benjamin Barnett, of Knox township. (9) Aaron, (10) Harriet, (11) Lewis and (12) Josephine complete the family.

Mr. Rowles is an earnest supporter of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and is now serving as justice of the peace, which office he will, on the expiration of his present term, have creditably filled for a quarter of a century. He holds membership in Lorimer Post, G. A. R. His industry in the pursuit of his own business, his spotless private life, and the character of the services he has rendered in his official capacity, have elevated him to the highest estimation in the community where he has always made his home, and where he is so widely and favorably known.

SAMUEL S. BARNETT, a farmer and blacksmith, has met with a well-deserved success in his callings, and his fine, well-ordered farm, which is pleasantly situated in Farmington township, Clarion county, with its carefully cultured fields, its neat buildings and all their surroundings, denote the skillful management, industry and well-directed labors of the owner.

Henry Barnett, the father of our subject, was born in 1807, in Doylestown, Bucks Co., Penn., and in that county he was reared, and married to Catharine Hetrick. In 1830 he removed to Knox township, Clarion county, where he developed a small farm and continued to make it his home for some years, but later took up his residence in Farmington township, two miles east of Tylersburg, where he purchased 105 acres of wild land and erected thereon a log house. He at once commenced to clear and improve the place, and also worked at his trade of blacksmithing. His death occurred in 1846, but his wife long survived him, dying in 1881.

Of their children four were born in Bucks county, and the others after the migration of the family to Clarion county: (1) Betsy is now the wife of Daniel Smith, of Beaver township, Clarion county. (2) Seneca married Sarah McDonald, and lived in Jefferson county, Penn., until killed in a coal bank. He left a large family of children, namely—Daniel married a daughter of John Chase, a pioneer lumberman of Clearfield county, Penn., and they make their home in Knox township, that county, where he is engaged in lumbering; Anna M. married Russel Van Horn, of Armstrong county, Penn., and died some years ago leaving a large family; Elijah, a farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, married Maggie Kelsey, of that township, and now has several children; Thomas, also an agriculturist of Jefferson county, married Margaret Neil, of Porter township, and has ten children; Catharine married Alexander Welshon, of Jefferson county, and with their family they now live near Luthersburg, in Clearfield coun-

ty; Maggie is the wife of Daniel Kelsey, of the State of Washington, and has a family of children; John, Marcella, George and Emma, are yet unmarried, and still reside in Porter township, Jefferson county. (3) Henry, a resident of Knox township, Clarion county, married Betsy Nicely, of Washington, the same county, and has a family of seven children. (4) John died in childhood. (5) Joseph married Lizzie Bennett, of Farmington township, Clarion county, and both died some years ago, leaving four children—Daniel, Jane, Joseph and Lizzie. (6) Aaron married Louisa Lukehart, of Clarion county, and they died leaving two children—David and Susanna. (7) Margaret died unmarried some years ago. (8) Catharine is the deceased wife of Gotlieb Braith, of Clarion county. (9) William married Maggie Wild, of Beaver township, Clarion county, and they removed to Ohio, where she died some years ago. (10) Anthony died unmarried many years ago.

Samuel S. Barnett, who completes the family, was born in Knox township, Clarion county, in August, 1832, grew to manhood on the old homestead in Farmington township, and received his education in the common schools. In 1851 he was married to Miss Sarah Nicely, of Washington township, Clarion county, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Nicely, who came to Clarion county from Bedford county, Penn., where she was born in 1833.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett began their domestic life in Clarion county, but later removed to Forest county, where he engaged in blacksmithing until his removal to Porter township, Jefferson county. After working at his trade for five years at that place, he in 1863 returned to the old homestead in Clarion county, but three years later removed to Washington township, where he made his home and engaged in blacksmithing for twenty years. In 1883 he purchased the Porter Haskell farm in Farmington township, which at that time was but slightly improved. He has cleared the greater portion of the tract, in 1888 built a large and substantial barn, and has made many other excellent improvements. In connection with farming he still works at his trade, and receives a liberal share of the public patronage. His tastes lying in the direction of mechanics, he soon mastered blacksmithing in all its departments during his boyhood, although he never served a regular apprenticeship, and he also became an accomplished wagon and sled manufacturer through his own unaided efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett have become the parents of eleven children: (1) James B., born in 1854, died in childhood. (2) John W., born in 1856, in Forest county, died when a young man. (3) Elmira, born in Jefferson county in 1860, died when a young lady. (4) George H., born in Clarion county, in 1858, died in childhood. (5) Albert B., born in 1862, is single and is employed in Kane, Penn. (6) Joseph, born in 1864, in Clarion county, was a very bright young man, who was killed by a falling tree while engaged in lumbering near his parents' home. (7) Frank, born in Clarion county, is at home. (8) Lavina J., born in 1867, in Clarion county, is now the wife of Joseph Hall, a farmer of Farmington township, and has six children—George, Miner, Ruth, Alda, one whose name is not given, and Sarah. (9) Elizabeth M., born in 1871, in Clarion county, married Samuel Boyd, of the same county, and they now live in Forest county. They had three children—Clarence, Lila, and Sarah C., but the last two were burned to death. (10) Solomon, born in 1874, and (11) Samuel P., born in 1876, are both with their parents.

In the use of his elective franchise Mr. Barnett usually supports the Republican party, but is not strictly partisan, and has never aspired to official honors. His parents were members of the Lutheran Church, but he and his wife are now connected with the United Brethren Church, and do all in their power to promote the moral welfare of the community. His support is always given to every interest that is calculated to elevate humanity, and his own life has been one of unbending integrity and honorable purpose. He has justly won the proud American title of a self-made man, for he entered upon his business career without capital, and by perseverance, energy and straightforward dealing has achieved success.

JOHN MOORE, one of the progressive agriculturists of Farmington township, post office Leeper, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

LEWIS FETTERS, a trusted employee of the Berwin-White Coal Company, in charge of their blacksmith shops at Chesterfield mines in Bigler township, Clearfield county, is a veteran of the Civil war, having shown his patriotism by enlisting in January, 1864, as a boy of fifteen, and serving gallantly during the remaining months of that fierce struggle. He is a native of Blair county, Penn., having been born at Bell's Furnace, July 22, 1848.

Daniel Fetters, father of our subject, was born in Blair county, in 1802, and at one time owned a farm at the site of the present city of

Altoona. That locality not seeming as promising in the early days as some others, Daniel Fetters removed to Tyrone to engage in teaming. For a number of years he hauled goods from Pittsburg to Tyrone, but on the completion of the canal as far as Water street, Huntingdon Co., Penn., he began teaming from that point to Tyrone. When the Pennsylvania railroad was finished, early in the '50s, he found his old occupation gone, and then became a watchman for the same company, attending engines and doing similar work for five or six years. He then moved to Howard, Centre county, and spent two years working round the forge of the Lyons Company. From there he moved to State College, where he remained two years, and then went to Washington Furnace, and finally to Milesburg, where he made his home until his death in August, 1881. He enlisted in the army in 1862, joining the 45th P. V. I., under Capt. Curtin, of Centre county, and took part in all the engagements of his regiment as long as his health permitted; he was discharged for disability and returned to Milesburg.

Daniel Fetters was married in his native county to Miss Jane Aikens, who died in 1857, leaving a family of six children, all of whom were born in Blair county: (1) Catherine married Jacob McClellan, now deceased, formerly of Centre county, and she still resides upon the farm which he owned and operated at Greenwood Furnace, Huntingdon Co., Penn. They had four children. (2) Rachel married John Hemin, a miner at Brisbin, and has three children living. (3) Mary married John I. Gingher, a skilled iron-worker employed in the rolling mills at Milesburg. They have five children—Harry L., who is married and lives in Millesburg; William, who is single; Anna, who is married and resides in Centre county; and Francis and Maria, both at home. (4) Sarah married William Miller, of Milesburg, but has no children. (5) Samuel is engaged in teaming in Bellefonte. He married Miss Tenie Emil, of that city, and has children—William, Mary, Bessie, Lewis, and Maggie.

The subject of our sketch left the old home in Blair county during his boyhood, accompanying his father in his search for another location. At the age of thirteen he was employed in the rolling mills at Milesburg, and in 1861 he began to learn the blacksmith's trade with Henry Everly, of Boiling Springs, Centre county. After one year he returned to Milesburg, and again entered the rolling mills, where he remained about a year and a half. He then worked for a short time at Hollidaysburg and at Allegheny Furnace, Penn., continuing his trade at the latter place with P. M. Smith. The "dark days" of the war, when results seemed trembling in the balance, inspired him with the determination to go to the front, notwithstanding his youth, and he enlisted at Hollidaysburg, in Company G, 12th Pennsylvania Cavalry. A short stay at Camp Curtin followed, and then he went by way of Carlisle, Penn., to Alexandria, where he remained five weeks. Their next stopping place was at Harper's Ferry, where he was mounted, and he finally joined his regiment at Bolivar Heights, Va. He was engaged in a number of skirmishes and several battles before Lee's surrender ended the long war. Early in 1865 he was taken ill and sent to a field hospital at Winchester, and later to a hospital in Baltimore, Md., where he spent three weeks. On May 15, 1865, he was discharged in that city, and returned home.

Wishing to see something of the West before settling down, he went to Illinois, and worked until January, 1866; but this experience was sufficient, and he came back to his native State to stay. Locating in Clearfield county, he worked two years as a driver for Houtz & Read, at Brisbin, one year in Morrisdale, and three years for Thomas Henderson, in a blacksmith shop. His wife in her maidenhood was Miss Margaret E. Phillips, daughter of Solomon and Susanna Phillips, of Woodward township, Clearfield county. He made his home near Brisbin, remaining until 1874, when he bought a house and lot in Parsonville, Penn. Nineteen years he spent there, but in 1892 he sold the place and moved to Chesterfield, in order to take charge of the shops of Mine No. 19, under James Gatehouse, as contractor. He is a man who inspires confidence, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. and Mrs. Fetters have seven children: (1) Rachel, born in 1870, is the wife of George Higgins, a miner at McCartney, and their five children—Albert, Maud, Lewis, Margaret and Joseph—are all living. (2) Susanna, born March 4, 1876, married John Slonie, a railroad employee, residing at Belsena, and they have one son, Grant S. (3) Sarah, born in 1872; (4) Mary, born in 1877, (5) Charlie, born in 1883, (6) Samuel born in 1887, and (7) John Irwin, born in 1891, are at home. Politically, Mr. Fetters is a Republican, and, while never a seeker after office, he at one time held the post of constable in Decatur township, Clearfield county.

WHARRISON PASSMORE, who is devoting his energies to blacksmithing in Luthersburg, belongs to one of the honored and

highly respected families of Clearfield county. For many years his parents, George and Mary A. Passmore, were well-known residents of the borough of Clearfield, where the father, who had learned his trade in Centre county, established one of the first blacksmith shops, and continued to carry on business till within a few years of his death. He was one of the earliest settlers of the county, locating here when it was almost an unbroken wilderness, and he took quite a prominent and active part in its growth and development.

Our subject is the eldest in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: (2) Elam, who grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, wedded Mary Short, of Clearfield, and then purchased a farm on Chestnut Ridge, Pike township, in the same county, where he still resides. They have six children—Hanson, Rosanna, Amos, Adam, Conrad and George. (3) Harvey married Maggie A. Hancock, and resided on the old homestead for a number of years, then lived with his father in Clearfield until the latter's death, when he bought a farm in Lawrence township, where he is still living. He had four children—John, a promising young man, who was the main support of his crippled father, but died in 1896; Lillie, now Mrs. James Ogden, of West Clearfield; and Alice and Louis, at home. (4) Jane is the wife of David Bressler, of Curwensville, Penn. (5) George, twin brother of Jane, is a resident of Bower, Clearfield county, where he follows blacksmithing. He married Katie Swope, of Brady township, and has five children—Effie, now Mrs. Johnson, of Bower; Luther, who is married and lives in Clearfield; one whose name is not given; Elwood and Sherman. (6) Martha is the widow of Mr. McKnight, of Clearfield, who died a number of years ago, leaving three sons—Elmer, who was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad near Clearfield in 1880; Max, who was married in Du Bois, and now lives in Allegheny, Penn.; and George, who was married in Reynoldsville, where he resided for a number of years, but now follows the trade of cigar making in Pittsburg. He has five children. (7) Edward, born in Lawrence township, learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he is now employed in Clearfield. He married Ida Smith, of that city, and has five children—Ira, Gussie, Wade, and three whose names are not given. (8) Fannie is the wife of a Mr. Caldwell, and lived for some time in Du Bois, but is now a resident of Oil City, Penn. They have a large family of children.

On attaining to man's estate Mr. Passmore, of this review, was united in marriage with Miss Mary Fox, of Lycoming county, Penn., a daughter of Mathias and Susan Fox, well-to-do farming people, who came to Brady township, Clearfield county, from Lycoming county in 1836, and located near Troutville, where the father followed agricultural pursuits until his death. The mother survived him a few years, and died at the home of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Passmore have become the parents of eight children: (1) Susanna, born in August, 1857, in Curwensville, married William Kelly, of Brady township, and they now live in Hastings, Penn., where he is engaged in the business of marble cutting. Their children are Rosie, now Mrs. Bolinger, of Hastings; Ida, who is married and lives in the same place; Edna, married; and Maud, Phillis, Harry, Queen, Taylor, and one whose name is not given, are all at home. (2) Harvey, born August 7, 1859, died when young. (3) Austin Irwin, born January 3, 1862, removed to California on reaching manhood, and from there went to Salem, Ore., where he married Miss Mary Helkenson, of Chicago. He died in 1892, leaving a widow and one child, who now reside in Utah. (4) George B., born March 21, 1864, now follows the occupation of blacksmithing in Salem, Brady township, Clearfield county. He wedded Mary Bamitz, of the same township, and has four children—Rhoda, Seenes, Warren and Byron. (5) Lorena L., born in February, 1867, married John Bell, of New Millport, and they now live on his farm in Greenwood township, Clearfield county. They have one child—Karl. (6) William, born in Luthersburg, September 24, 1869, learned the blacksmith's trade under his father's able direction, and in 1890 entered the employ of George Errich, of Penfield, with whom he remained one year. He then worked in the woods near Mahaffey for Mr. Labord, one winter, and for the following year was with Jones & Walker. In 1891 he took charge of his father's shop in Luthersburg, and still carries on business there, making his home with his parents. (7) Lila, born December 23, 1871, died at the age of six years. (8) James, born April 3, 1874, died at the age of two.

For a year after his marriage, Mr. Passmore resided in Curwensville, and then bought a farm near Luthersburg and a lot in that village, where he built a commodious two-story frame residence in 1885. There he has successfully carried on blacksmithing up to the present time, and is acknowledged as one of the most straightforward and reliable business men of the place. In his undertakings he has prospered, and throughout the community he is regarded as one of the most highly respected citizens. He is quite a promi-

nent leader in local politics, advocates the principles of Democracy, and has served as overseer of the poor. In religious belief both he and his estimable wife are Lutherans.

ISAAC W. WALKER, a harness maker and express agent at Rimersburg, is one of the self-made men of Clarion county. In the respect that is accorded to men who have fought their own way to success through unfavorable environments we find an unconscious recognition of the intrinsic worth of a character which can not only endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. The following history sets forth briefly the steps by which our subject, now one of the substantial citizens of Rimersburg, overcame the disadvantages of his early life.

Mr. Walker was born December 27, 1831, on Fifth street, in Pittsburg, Penn., a son of Samuel and Martha (Gott) Walker, who were born, reared and married in Allegheny county. The paternal grandfather, Isaac Walker, who was of Scotch extraction, spent his entire life in that county, where he worked at his trade of boiler making. He departed this life at the extreme old age of one hundred and twelve years, and his wife died suddenly from a stroke of paralysis at the age of one hundred and ten.

Samuel Walker, our subject's father, was also a boiler maker by trade. For seven years he served in the regular army, during which time he took part in the Mexican war under Col. Black. During the Civil war he served a three-months' term under Captain Sirwell, of Kittanning, and later enlisted in Company B, 105th P. V. I., under Captain Craig, but after serving eighteen months he lost his hearing and was honorably discharged. On leaving the army he resided for three years with our subject, and then entered the Soldiers' Home at Pittsburg, where he died in 1866, at the age of seventy-five years. His remains were interred in the soldiers' burying ground in that city. His wife died in 1870, aged sixty-eight years, while residing with her daughter Sallie, in Dayton, Ohio, and at that place she was laid to rest. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is the eldest in the family of four children, the others being Hannah, who died unmarried in Pittsburg; William, who died of cholera in that city, in 1853; and Eliza, wife of Samuel McGibbins, a monument manufacturer of Paris, Illinois.

At the early age of nine years Isaac W. Walker began earning his own livelihood by running errands and making himself generally useful in a wholesale hardware house of Pittsburg, where he remained for three years. In 1845 he commenced serving an apprenticeship to the harness maker's trade with R. H. Hartley, of Pittsburg, and the first year received only $20, the second $35, and the third $75, but during the last year made extra money by working at nights. He continued to work as a journeyman for the same firm in Pittsburg for one year, and when they established a branch house in Clarion, he removed to that place, remaining with them until the fall of 1853. He left the firm owing to a difficulty arising from politics. As his employer was a Republican, and he a Democrat, the former tried to keep our subject from voting, but was not successful, and the $56, which was then due, Mr. Walker never received, Coming to Rimersburg, he became associated in the harness business with Christ Churchbarger, and as his partner died a year later, he purchased his interest of the heirs, and has since continued business alone with good success.

On December 30, 1852, in Clarion, by James Swiney, Esq. Mr. Walker was married to Miss Lavina Beaver, a cousin of General Beaver. They became the parents of three children: William, the eldest, died in 1892 from being poisoned at Homestead, Penn., and left a widow, who was formerly Miss Laura Uckler, and now resides in Bradford, Penn. Emma is the wife of Samuel Chambers, an extensive farmer and stock raiser of Missouri. Mary is the wife of Thomas Flocker, of Allegheny, Penn. They also had an adopted daughter, Lizzie, who died November 6, 1896.

Mrs. Walker was born in Blair county, Penn., November 8, 1835, and is a daughter of Hon. Henry and Susanna (Graftus) Beaver. The father was born July 20, 1776, in Bedford county, Penn., a son of John and Anna (Uhl) Beaver, and as a life work he engaged in the undertaking business. He was one of the most prominent and distinguished citizens of his community, and was often called into public life, serving as justice of the peace for the long period of thirty years; a representative to the State Legislature for two terms; and also a congressman for three terms. He proved a most popular and capable officer, and left office as he had entered it with the respect and confidence of all who knew him. His political support was given the Democracy, and both he and his wife were connected with the Reformed Church. He died at Martinsburg, Blair Co., Penn., September 8, 1842, and was buried at that place. She was born March 12, 1795, and passed away

at the home of our subject, August 12, 1874, being laid to rest in the Rimersburg cemetery.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Beaver were the following children: Elizabeth, who married Allen Dunn, but both are now deceased; Mary, deceased wife of Henry Acker, also deceased; John G., deceased, who built more furnaces than any other man in the State, and for many years managed the old Curtin furnace in Centre county; Anna, Rachel and Eva, who all died when young; Anthony, deceased; Susan, deceased wife of Charles Bobb, a retired carpenter, residing in Martinsburg, Penn.; Henry, a traveling salesman of Allegheny, Penn.; Catherine, widow of Robert Patterson, of Freeport, Penn.; Lavina, wife of our subject; and Sarah A., deceased wife of Joseph Boyles, of Parker, Pennsylvania.

As a Democrat, Mr. Walker has always taken an active interest in political affairs, and for ten years he most creditably and satisfactorily served as burgess of Rimersburg, declining a re-election. He also carried the mail for seventeen years, and has now served as express agent for the past ten years. Since 1856, he has been a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Rimersburg, and both he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is now serving as steward. Time rests lightly upon this worthy couple, who are still quite active for people of their years. Mr. Walker is now one of the oldest surviving pioneers of Rimersburg, and with the growth and development of the place he has been prominently identified. Success is not measured by the heights which one may chance to occupy, but by the distance between the starting point and the altitude he has reached; therefore Mr. Walker has gained a most brilliant success—a just reward of meritorious, honorable effort, which commands the respect and admiration of all.

FRED KOHLER, a well-known agriculturist of Brady township, post office Troutville, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

HENRY L. HARTZFELD, a prominent farmer and lumberman, has throughout life been identified with the interests of Brady township, Clearfield county, where he was born in 1847, a son of Henry and Catharine Hartzfeld. The father, who was a native of Germany, in 1843 became a resident of Brady township, where he purchased a tract of fifty acres of wild land two miles south of Luthersburg. There he began life in true pioneer style in a round-log cabin, and at once commenced to clear and improve his place. He also erected a barn of round logs, but as time passed and his financial resources were increased he replaced these buildings with a comfortable two-story frame residence and a substantial bank barn of large dimensions. There he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his death.

Of their five children, George, the eldest, was born in the Fatherland, and was about a year old when the family crossed the ocean and took up their residence in Brady township, Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood on the old homestead, attending school for about three months during the winter season. After his marriage to Miss Mary Smith, of Jefferson county, he located on the home farm, where he still resides. They have four children: Lizzie, now the wife of Joshua Sugart, a carpenter of Troutville, Penn.; and William, Flora and Lula, all at home. (2) Eliza A., born in Brady township, married Amos Brooks, of Pottstown, Schuylkill Co., Penn., and they reside on his farm, one and one-half miles south of Luthersburg. Their children are: William C., Mary, George, Emma and Sarah. (3) Henry L. is next in order of birth. (4) Charles was reared on the old homestead, and after reaching man's estate married Miss Mary Marshall, of Bloom township, Clearfield county. He then purchased 120 acres of land in Brady township, adjoining our subject's farm, and transformed the place into a highly-cultivated tract, erecting thereon good buildings and making many other valuable improvements. After living there for fourteen years he sold and bought a farm on Chestnut Ridge, one mile from Curwensville, where he now resides. He has one daughter, Edith. (5) Jacob, born in Brady township, wedded Miss Annie Korb, of that township, and is now successfully engaged in the oil business in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., where he owns many productive oil wells and has become quite wealthy. He has one son, Walter.

During his childhood and youth Henry L. Hartzfeld, our subject, was provided with but limited advantages for securing an education, and in early manhood began learning the carpenter's trade. Previous to his marriage, however, he bought seventy-five acres of land of Jacob Hummel, located about four miles southeast of Luthersburg. Only about three acres had been cleared, and a small frame house, but no barn, had been erected. Through his own energy, perseverance and good management he has converted the wild land into a highly productive farm. In 1874 he built a large bank barn, and in 1890 a fine two-story frame resi-

dence. He has removed the stumps from a large portion of the place, and to-day has one of the most desirable farms in Brady township.

In 1875 Mr. Hartzfeld was united in marriage with Miss Clara Weaver, of Brady township, and they have become the parents of eight children, as follows: Mary C., born in 1876, is now the wife of Ellis A. I. Wingert, of Brady township, who resides on his farm about two miles southeast of Luthersburg, on the old Erie turnpike, between that place and Curwensville. They have one son, Chester E. The other children of the Hartzfeld family are still at home, and are named Lydia R., Milton H., Franklin T., Alice N., Gertrude, Jessie Irene and Homer E. Mr. Hartzfeld affiliates with the Democratic party, and has held the office of school director for three years. Both he and his wife are active and prominent members of the German Reformed Church of Luthersburg, to which two of their daughters also belong, and although living four miles from the village they attend service regularly. For a number of years Mr. Hartzfeld has served as elder and director in the Church, has taken an important part in its work, and been one of its most liberal contributors, giving freely of his means to all benevolent, charitable or Church work. He has also taken an active interest in the Sunday-school, and well deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

MICHAEL TOOMEY, one of the self-made men of Clarion county, whose early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, commenced life without other capital than his strong hands and resolute will, and has attained to a fine position, socially and financially, among his fellow citizens. He is now successfully engaged in merchandising at North Pine Grove. He is a native of Ireland, where his parents, Daniel and Catharine (Highland) Toomey, spent their entire lives. Our subject was the first of the three children to come to America, arriving in New York in April, 1849, but in 1851, the others, Dennis and Mary, also crossed the Atlantic and took up their residence in Pittsburg. For many years the brother served as fireman, and for some time was foreman in the round house of the Pittsburg & Cleveland R. R. Company. He died in Allegheny, in 1887, and the sister passed away the same year.

On landing in this country, Michael Toomey came with his friend, James Dugan, to Brady's Bend, Penn., and for one winter was engaged in digging ore for the furnaces of Clarion county. Later he was connected with the Alney furnace in Armstrong county, and, in 1850, located in Strattonville, where he worked on a mill for James Guthrie for a short time, after which he was similarly employed at Coleman Run. In 1853 he purchased 120 acres of the O'Donald property, which he transformed into a good farm. He was married, in June, 1855, to Miss Winifred McDonald, of Jefferson county, who was a native of county Kilkenny, Ireland, and died in 1881. After his marriage Mr. Toomey located upon his farm, on which he erected good and substantial buildings, and made many other improvements which added to its value and attractive appearance. After the death of his wife, he remained on the farm for several years, his sister keeping house for him.

In 1885, Mr. Toomey sold some of his property and removed to Allegheny, where he invested in a house and lot, and there lived retired for three years. Renting his place, he returned to Clarion county in 1888, and has since successfully conducted a large general store in North Pine Grove, carrying only the best goods and receiving from the public a liberal patronage. At one time he was also extensively interested in the lumber business, and is to-day the owner of a large amount of real estate in North Pine Grove.

In 1891, Mr. Toomey was again married, this time to Miss Lizzie Kastner, of Clarion county, a daughter of Martin and Margaret Kastner, honored pioneers of the county. One child graces this union—Daniel F., born in North Pine Grove, in June, 1895. After his marriage Mr. Toomey built a fine residence in that village, which continues to be his home. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Catholic Church at Crown, and he is identified with the Democratic party. At the present time he is serving as school director.

In his native land Mr. Toomey had obtained a good education, which has been of great value to him throughout his active business life, enabling him to engage in various enterprises. He has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken, and is to-day one of the most prosperous and successful business men of his community. Charitable and benevolent, he has given liberally of his means toward the support of churches, schools and other worthy objects, and has thus materially advanced the public welfare.

W H. REARDON, of Shippenville, Clarion county, has for twenty years been actively identified with the oil interests of this sec-

tion of the State. Thoroughness and persistency have characterized his entire business career, and have been supplemented by careful attention to details and honorable, straightforward effort, that has gained him a most excellent and enviable reputation.

Mr. Reardon was born February 26, 1843, at Jefferson Furnace, Clarion county, and is a son of John and Mary Ann (McDowell) Reardon. The birth of the father occurred in the same county, in 1821, while his parents, Patrick and Ruth (Williams) Reardon, were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively. At an early day the grandparents of our subject migrated to Clarion county, where the grandfather worked in the iron furnaces for some time, but later he entered the ministry of the Baptist Church and devoted the remainder of his life to preaching the Gospel. His death occurred in Venango county, Penn., in 1873, but the grandmother departed this life while a resident of Elk township, Clarion county.

John Reardon, our subject's father, grew to manhood in Clarion county, where he worked in the furnaces until 1852. In that year he went to California, became owner of mines at Iowa City, that State, and in 1856 was killed by a premature explosion. His wife whom he had married in 1842, remained in Shippenville, where her death occurred in 1876. Our subject is the eldest of their seven children, the others being as follows: Robert enlisted in 1862, at Shippenville, in the 103rd P. V. I., and, on the expiration of his three-years' term, reenlisted in the same company and regiment. Being taken prisoner by the Rebels, he was confined in prisons at Andersonville and Florence for eight months and ten days, during which time he endured all the hardships and privations of Southern prison life. He now resides in Rimersburg, Clarion county. J. M. lives in Beaver City, the same county. Mrs. Ruth Hubbard makes her home in West Virginia. Louise died when young, in Elk township, Clarion county. Burton went to South America in the interest of an oil company. Mrs. Mary McElhatton lives in Beaver township, Clarion county.

In his native county W. H. Reardon spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and at Shippenville enlisted for six months in Company G, Second Battalion, being sworn into the United States service at Camp Howe, Pittsburg. He was on detached duty on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, being stationed in West Virginia, nineteen miles from Cumberland. He was honorably discharged at Pittsburg, June 21, 1864, but on the 20th of the following July, he joined Capt. Tanner's independent company for one hundred days, and was stationed at Cap Reynolds, Pittsburg, excepting when making one trip into West Virginia. On being finally discharged December 10, 1864, he returned to his home in Shippenville.

In 1868 Mr. Reardon became interested in the oil business on Oil creek, and two years later removed to Tidioute, where he also operated in oil until his return to Shippenville in 1874. Here he conducted a flouring-mill for two years, but since that time has devoted his attention almost exclusively to the oil business, owning a number of valuable wells in partnership with ex-Congressman Kribbs.

In June, 1865, Mr. Reardon was married in Clarion county to Miss Amanda Elizabeth Baker, a native of the county, and a daughter of Thomas and Frances (Zellers) Baker, who were also born in Pennsylvania, and were married in Elk township, Clarion county. Her paternal grandfather was a native of Switzerland, and was an early settler of Clarion county. Thomas Baker was a miller by trade, and in connection with Richard Richardson built a mill in 1859. In January, 1864, he removed to Shippenville, where his death occurred in 1886, and his wife survived him only about three months. Of their family, seven are still living, namely: J. W. (a resident of Lucinda, Penn.), Mrs. Reardon, Mrs. Maggie Kahle (of Oil City, Penn.), Lott G. (owner of the mill in Elk township, Clarion county), Joe (who makes his home in Shippenville), Frances E. (of Clarion) and Mary (wife of J. M. Slick, of Clarion). Mr. and Mrs. Reardon have two children: Thomas B. (who is married and lives in Groveton, Allegheny Co., Penn.), and Frances (wife of L. D. Wagner, of Shippenville).

Fraternally, Mr. Reardon is a member of Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., and Mountain Lodge No. 114, A. O. U. W., of Shippenville. He has ever taken an active interest in public affairs, and has been one of the most capable and faithful members of the borough council. The measures he advocated always met with warm and cordial support, and he did much to advance the welfare of the place. As a business man he is notably reliable, has made the most of his opportunities through life, and has accumulated a handsome property.

W. C. DAVIS, county commissioner of Clearfield county, is one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Houtzdale, with whose commercial interests he has been identified since 1881, but has made his home in the

village since the year previous. He first embarked in general merchandising, which he successfully followed until 1891, when, in partnership with B. W. Hess, he began the wholesale liquor business, in which he has since engaged.

A native of Clearfield county, Mr. Davis was born in Ferguson township in 1850, a son of Thomas C. and Rebecca (Kooser) Davis. The father's birth occurred in Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., in 1820, whence, in 1845, he came to Clearfield county, first locating upon rented land in Ferguson township. There he married Miss Kooser, a native of Somerset county, Penn., who came with her parents to Clearfield county at an early day. From the farm in Ferguson township Mr. Davis removed to Lumber City, where he engaged in lumbering, and also took a contract for the construction of a portion of the Tyrone and Luthersburg pike. His death occurred in Lumber City in 1859; his wife died in Madera, Clearfield county, in 1892. To them were born four children: W. C., of this sketch; Mrs. Phebe Hegarty, of Madera; Mrs. Anna Cowher, of Patton, Cambria Co., Penn.; and Mrs. Laura Hindman, of Glen Hope, Clearfield county. The mother was again married, becoming the wife of Joseph Stewart, of Bigler township, Clearfield county, by whom she had two children: Joseph; and Leslie, who is engaged in the insurance business in Houtzdale.

At the age of twelve years Mr. Davis, of this review, accompanied his mother on her removal to Bigler township, where he completed his education in the public schools. On leaving the school room he turned his attention to lumbering and farming, which occupations he continued to follow in Bigler and Becaria townships, Clearfield county, until coming to Houtzdale in 1880. In 1873, in Gulich (now Bigler) township, he married Miss Hannah C. Hegarty, who was born in Clearfield county, a daughter of William and Jemima (Dunlop) Hegarty, the former a native of Ireland, but reared in Clearfield county, and the latter a native of Pike township, that county. Both died in Gulich township, the father in his eighty-fourth and the mother in her eighty-first year. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have five children: Pearl Thomas, June, Ursula, Ada and Tomena.

In his political views Mr. Davis is an ardent Republican. He takes a deep interest in public affairs, and since becoming a resident of Woodward township has been called upon to fill a number of local offices, being elected to his present position as county commissioner in November, 1896. He has been a champion of every movement designed to promote the general welfare, a supporter of every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social, industrial and educational interests. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Osceola Lodge No. 515, F. & A. M.; Clearfield Chapter No. 222, R. A. M.; and Philipsburg Commandery No. 74, K. T.

JONAS FLICK. The life of this gentleman is a striking example of what can be accomplished by perseverance, industry and economy if guided by sound judgment. In his efforts to secure a home and competence he has been ably seconded by a sensible wife, and to-day, as the result of their untiring labor, they own one of the most desirable farms in Toby township, Clarion county.

Mr. Flick was born September 10, 1834, in Madison township, Clarion county, a son of Charles and Catherine (Reecer) Flick, of Northhampton county, Penn., who migrated to Clarion county at an early day. Both died upon the home farm in Madison township, the mother February 14, 1853, aged sixty-two years, and the father September 28, 1887, at the age of eighty-four years, one month and fifteen days. They were buried in different cemeteries at Rimersburg. In the Reformed Church they held membership, while, politically, the father was identified with the Democratic party.

The subject of this sketch is the eldest of a family of nine children, the others being as follows: Jacob, who was accidentally killed for a deer by a hunter; Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Logan, who was drowned; John, who died in childhood; David, a farmer of Rimersburg; Reuben, an agriculturist of Clarion county; Sarah, deceased; Jesse, a farmer of Toby township, Clarion county; and Caroline, wife of Jesse Stitt, a farmer of the same township. After the death of his first wife, the father wedded Mary J. Mortimer, a native of Madison township, Clarion county, where she still lives. Six children blessed this union, namely: John and Henry, both farmers of Clarion county; Hannah, wife of J. E. Summerville, of Rimersburg; Charles, who was killed on the railroad; and Alice and Anna, still with their mother.

Under the parental roof Jonas Flick grew to manhood, and in February, 1855, on the farm where he now resides, he was married to Miss Juliann Pollard, Rev. McCauley, a Seceder minister, performing the ceremony. The children born to them are as follows: Edward and Malissa, both deceased; Vianna, deceased wife of P. J. Mortimer, a farmer of Madison township;

Charles, deceased; Calvin, who married Jennie Bowl, and is now employed in the oil fields at Coraopolis, Penn.; David, who married Bell Crick, now deceased, and is also at work in the oil fields of Coraopolis; Benjamin, at home with his father; Malinda, wife of David Stevens, a farmer of Madison township; and John, a farmer of Toby township, who married Blanch Hull.

Mrs. Flick is a native of Clarion county, born September 22, 1834, a daughter of Stephen and Rachel (Rhoads) Pollard, who were born in Centre county and came to Clarion county at an early day. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1882 at the age of seventy-two years, and the mother passed away in 1867, aged sixty-two, their remains being interred in the Rimersburg and Churchville cemeteries, respectively. They were consistent and earnest members of the Reformed Church, and in politics the father was a stanch Democrat. The children born to them were as follows: Margaret, now the widow of William Culberson, and a resident of Toby township, Clarion county; Catherine, wife of Alexander McGahey, a retired farmer living in Indiana, Penn.; Juliann, wife of our subject; Benjamin, who is engaged in the restaurant business in Oil City, Penn.; Amos, a farmer of Toby township; and Sallie A., deceased.

Mr. Flick remained on his father's farm until twenty-three years of age, and then began to engage in agricultural pursuits on his own account, operating different farms in Clarion county until he had saved enough to purchase a place of his own. It was in 1872 that he bought his present farm of 140 acres of rich and arable land in Toby township, and to its cultivation and improvement he has since devoted his energies with results which can not fail to prove satisfactory. In his political affiliation he is a Democrat, and in his social relations he is an Odd Fellow. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the German Reformed Church, and he has served as elder for the past two years. He has been very successful in his life's work, and is now numbered among Toby township's most prosperous citizens, and being endowed with many virtues and a genial, hospitable manner, he receives the respect and confidence of the entire community.

LEWIS ZEIGLER, whose hearty endorsement of all measures that pertain to the public welfare, numbers him among the valued citizens of Du Bois, was born in Brady township, Clearfield county, September 8, 1851, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Weber) Zeigler. His father was born in Centre county, in 1824, a son of Frederick and Catherine (Shugart) Zeigler, natives of Adams county, Penn. Their marriage was celebrated there October 21, 1821, and in pioneer days they located in Brady township, Clearfield county. The grandfather was its first collector, and was a man of prominence in the community. He was a great hunter, and for some years was the popular proprietor of a hotel in Troutville. He died July 7, 1888; his wife passed away in Brady township, in 1890. For sixty-five years he was a resident of this locality, and in addition to his other interests opened up a good farm near Luthersburg.

The father of our subject was only two years of age when the family located in Brady township. He was educated in the public schools, reared to agricultural pursuits and afterward opened up a fine farm. In politics, he was a stanch Republican, and cast the only vote for that party in the Shinley school district at an early day. In Brady township he married Elizabeth Weber, who died in 1851, leaving one child, Lewis. In 1856 James Zeigler was united in marriage with Mary Coonrad, who was born in Berks county, Penn., but was reared in Jefferson county, where her father, William Coonrad, located at an early day. James Zeigler died in Brady township, July 18, 1872; his widow subsequently married Isaac Cable, and is now living in Paradise, Jefferson county.

In his native township, Lewis Zeigler was reared, and through the summer months assisted in the labors of the farm, while in the winter season he pursued his education in the public schools. He afterward engaged in farming, and in 1874 took up his residence in Luthersburg, where he remained until removing to Du Bois, May 1, 1876. For the period of five years he was employed by John Du Bois, and in 1880 embarked in the grocery business, which he carried on until 1883, when he became a member of the firm of Spronkle, Zeigler & Co., a connection that was continued until 1886. The partnership was then dissolved, after which Mr. Zeigler conducted the bottling works now owned by Hugh McCullough. A year was thus passed, when he sold to J. A. Terpe, Jr., and in connection with L. Anderson conducted a temperance restaurant until 1888, when he was elected tax collector; in the following year he was re-elected.

Mr. Zeigler has been a very prominent factor in the development, growth and substantial improvement of Du Bois. He assisted in the organization of the town, in connection with George R. Vosburg, E. F. McCall, and J. M.

Raught, and in 1881 was elected a member of the city council. In the following year he was elected burgess of Du Bois, was re-elected in the spring of 1883, and was nominated in 1884, but was defeated by W. T. Ross, ex-county commissioner, who received a majority of eighteen votes. In 1886 Mr. Zeigler was elected over W. C. Pentz, the present city attorney. In 1890 he was appointed postmaster, entering upon the duties of that office March 1, 1890, and serving until May 1, 1894.

Mr. Zeigler was married in Luthersburg, March 9, 1872, to Rachel A. Murray, a native of Warren, Penn., who died April 28, 1895. They had children as follows: James R., who is married and is engaged in the grocery business in Gallatin, Penn.; Joseph E., of Du Bois; Charles A., of Austin, Penn.; George E. and W. G., who reside in Gallatin; U. S. and Olive, both of Du Bois. In politics, Mr. Zeigler is a stanch Republican, giving an intelligent support to the principles of the party, and doing all in his power to advance its interests. Socially, he is a valued member of Garfield Lodge No. 557, F. & A. M., and for twenty-five years has been a member of Mingo Lodge No. 753, I. O. O. F., of Troutville. He is now clerking in "St. Elmo Hotel," and his wide acquaintance and affable manner well fit him for this position. He owns considerable real estate in Du Bois, all of which has been acquired through his own efforts. His official career is above reproach, and no one is more worthy of honorable mention in this volume.

ETTA M. WAY, farmer, post office address, Curwensville, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES C. LEWIS, of Farmington township, Clarion county, is a native of the State of New York, a son of Asa and Nancy (Green) Lewis. The father was born in Schoharie county, N. Y., in 1801, and in early life with his wife, and one child, who was also born in Schoharie county, he removed to Broome county, N. Y. On his arrival there his only possessions consisted of fifty cents in money, and an axe. Later he purchased 140 acres of wild woodland, which he at once began to clear and improve after building thereon a log house and barn. Subsequently he replaced these by more modern and substantial buildings, and the land he placed under a high state of cultivation. There his wife died in 1848, and he passed away in 1882, honored and esteemed by all who knew him.

The subject of this sketch was one of their family of eleven children, the others being as follows: (1) Adelia, born in Schoharie county, N. Y., married Joseph Self, of Broome county, and they reside in the old homestead in the latter county. Their children are—Albert; Charles; and Mrs. Louella Whitney, of New York. (2) James R., born in Broome county, in 1826, married a lady of Broome county, and they now live in Lisle, N. Y. They have two children—(a) Frank, born in Broome county, in 1850, was educated in New York, and is now a prominent attorney of Seattle, Wash. At the present time he is serving as State Senator. He is married, but has no family—(b) Wilfred, a native of Broome county, obtained an excellent education in New York. He is married and lives in California. He has two daughters. (3) Cyrus is married and lives in Broome county, N. Y. His children are—Freeman, Harriet, and Newell. (4) Caroline is the wife of Henry Rogers, of Broome county, by whom she has four children—Nancy, Samantha, Jacob and Laura. (5) Henry spent some time in Warren county, Penn., but now lives near Lisle, N. Y., where he is engaged in farming. He married Margaret Wiley, of Broome county, and has three children—(a) Louella died in childhood. (b) Elmer married Caroline Corry, of New York, by whom he has one daughter, Myrtle, and they live near Lisle. (c) Parley, born in Broome county, in 1869, was educated in Lisle, and in May, 1892, he married Alice Fellers, of Clarion county, Penn. They lived in New York until 1897, but are now residents of Clarion county. (6) Lodema married Thomas Payne, of Broome county, and in 1865 they came to Clarion county, where he engaged in lumbering for a number of years. He is now one of the prominent business men of the city of Clarion. His wife died some years ago, leaving no children. (7) Asa also came to Clarion county in 1865, and turned his attention to lumbering. Here he married Maggie McMichael, and they now live on a farm two miles north of Tylersburg. Their children are—Thomas, Daisy, Roy and Mary. (8) William came with his brothers to Clarion county in 1865, and after following lumbering for a number of years, he purchased the Rev. Gilfillin farm in 1888, making his home thereon until his removal to the city of Clarion in 1897. He has always extensively engaged in business, and is to-day quite well-to-do. He married Emma McCormick, of Clarion county, and has two children—Earl and Hazel, at home. (9) Almyra married Lewis Stebing, and a few months after her marriage

she was thrown from a buggy and instantly killed. (10) John during his boyhood came to Clarion county, where he engaged in sawing lumber and managing mills until his marriage, Miss Sadie McMichael, of Clarion county, becoming his wife. They now live in Edward county, Kans., where he is engaged in stock-raising. Their children are—Fred, Arthur, Asa and Owens.

On the old homestead in Broome county, N. Y., Charles C. Lewis was born in December, 1845, and in the schools of the locality he acquired a good practical education. In 1865 he accompanied his brothers, Asa, Henry, William and John, on their removal to Clarion county, where they all became interested in the lumber business. In 1873 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Annie Logue, of Clarion county, a daughter of William and Sarah Logue. After his marriage he purchased the Henry Davis farm, located one mile north of Tylersburg, and has erected thereon a good two-story house and barn, and has made many other improvements, which add to its value and attractive appearance. In connection with the operation of his land he is still engaged in lumbering.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are as follows: Lodema, born on their present farm in 1874, was educated in the common schools, and is now the wife of Irwin Swat, of Clarion county. They live with her father on the old homestead. William A., born in 1879, also received a common-school education, and is at home. James F., born in 1882; Fannie, born in 1884, Nellie, born in 1891, and Frank P., are all at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Lewis is a Republican, and in his religious belief both he and his wife are Methodists, belonging to the Church in Tylersburg. Although he came to the county without capital, he is to-day one of the substantial citizens of Farmington township. He and his brothers started in business on a small scale as jobbers, and, through energy and a determination to better their condition in life, they gradually came to the front in business affairs, and at present are numbered among the representative men of the community.

DAVID J. PIFER, a substantial citizen of Big Run, Jefferson county, well known in business circles as a dealer in hardware and agricultural implements, was born in that county in 1856, and has always made his home there. His father, William E. Pifer, now a prominent farmer and lumberman in that locality, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., whence when about twelve years old he went to Jefferson county, and by a life in which the quiet pursuit of duty has been a leading characteristic has won the respect of all who know him. His estimable wife, Lida Shetterly, passed from earth in 1888.

The ordinary advantages of a country school enabled Mr. Pifer, our subject, to gain the elements of a practical education, and the training in farm work, which he received at home, prepared him to follow that honest calling in manhood. It was not until 1891 that he decided to choose another occupation, and then, removing to Big Run, he spent one year in the restaurant business before engaging in his present enterprise. His store is an attractive one, his stock of hardware and implements large and well selected, and he enjoys an extensive and profitable trade.

Mr. Pifer was married in October, 1882, to Miss Emma C. Priester, daughter of Ludwig and Elizabeth (Hope) Priester, now well-known residents of Jefferson county. The father was a native of Germany, but the mother was born in Indiana county, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Pifer have no children of their own, but an adopted daughter, Turila Luella, shares their home. They are Methodists in religious faith, and Mr. Pifer is a trustee of the Church. Thoroughly public-spirited, and sympathetic with all progressive movements, they rank among the leaders of their community. In his political views Mr. Pifer is a Democrat; while he has never felt tempted to turn from his business in order to seek official honors, he has been chosen to various positions, now holding a borough office.

LEVI HARNISH (deceased), who in his lifetime was one of the best and most highly respected citizens of Madison township, Clarion county, was born in Mifflin county, Penn., May 15, 1827, and was descended from an old Pennsylvania family, which has been prominently identified with the history of this country both in days of peace and in time of war.

John and Elizabeth (Young) Harnish, his parents, were natives of Lancaster and Huntingdon counties, respectively, and spent their last days in Clarion county, where the mother died at the age of fifty-two, and the father at seventy-five. He was a farmer and blacksmith by occupation, a Whig, then a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in religious belief. His wife was originally a member of the Presbyterian

Church, but, later, she, too, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. Both had the respect and esteem of all who knew them.

Levi Harnish spent the first sixteen years of his life on the old home farm, and was then bound out to learn the blacksmith's trade with Robert Glenn, of Centre county. He soon mastered every detail of the business, becoming a thorough and skillful workman, and followed that occupation for over a half century. He became a resident of Clarion county in 1843, and from 1856 up to the time of his death, April 2, 1898, he lived upon his farm of seventy acres in Madison township. He converted the tract into one of the most desirable farms of the neighborhood, and in connection with its operation also successfully worked at his trade and dealt in horses.

On August 29, 1864, Mr. Harnish enlisted in the 6th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and later was transferred to the 212th P. V. I. For some time he was stationed at Fort Eaton and Fort Warren, near Washington, D. C., and remained in the service until the war was over, when he returned to his home to take up the more peaceful pursuits of civil life.

At the age of thirty-three, Mr. Harnish was married, in Clarion county, to Miss Martha McElhattan, a native of Centre county, and a daughter of Robert McElhattan and wife. Four children were born to this union, namely: John Nelson, who was born, reared and educated in Clarion county, wedded Miss Mary Hartman, by whom he had three children: Ethel, Fanny and Alfred. Phœbe is at home. Mary Elizabeth died at the age of twenty years, and one child died in infancy.

Mr. Harnish was a judicious and faithful counsellor, a genial companion and Christian gentleman. His devotion to the national interests of the country is excelled only by the patriotism which never loses sight of the highest duties of citizenship. His good works will live after him and keep his memory forever green. He was a Republican in political sentiment, and was an exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a leading member, doing all in his power to advance the cause of the Master.

JOHN A. McMURRAY, a progressive and successful agriculturist of Clearfield county, is the owner of a fine farm of 100 acres, located in the borough of Ramey. While the estate has many natural advantages, it has been improved under Mr. McMurray's liberal management until it ranks among the best of its size in that region. Nor is his success confined to this line of work only, as he has engaged in business as a lumberman and merchant with like results, although at present he devotes his attention to his farm.

Mr. McMurray was born at Hegarty's Cross Roads, Clearfield county, February 14, 1849, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. His father, the late John McMurray, who was a native of Jersey Shore, Penn., came to Clearfield county in 1845, locating in New Washington, where his first wife (formerly Miss Rumer, of Jersey Shore), died a short time after their removal. In 1847 John McMurray was married to Mrs. Jane (Alexander) Hegarty, widow of John Hegarty. About the same time he purchased 160 acres of partly improved land in Knox township, Clearfield county. There was a house and barn on the place, and he added other improvements as time passed, and cleared the remaining woodland. He resided there until two years before his death, when he sold it, and made his home with his daughter, Mrs. James Wiley. His second wife died in 1872.

By his first marriage Mr. McMurray had one daughter, Martha, who married William Mahaffey, of Mahaffey, Penn., and died about six years ago. There were four children by the second union, our subject being the eldest. The others were: (2) R. received a district school education, and remained at home until his marriage to Miss Annie Hursh, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hursh, of Becaria township, Clearfield county. He then bought the place known as the George Hegarty farm, and resided there until 1887, when he sold and purchased property in Ramey, and built a fine residence. He engaged in mercantile business, but was burned out in 1893, causing his retirement from that field of effort. Being well-to-do, he devotes his attention to his investments at home and in Virginia, where he purchased real estate some years ago. He has two children living—Louisa and Martha, both at home. (3) Catherine was educated in the schools near the old homestead, and is now the wife of James Wiley, a farmer near Ansonville, Penn. They have five children living—Murray, Florence, Effie, Velma and Ruth, who reside with their parents. (4) Charles B. received a common-school education, and at the age of eighteen engaged in the lumbering business. He was married to Miss Melissa Shoff, of Bigler township, Clearfield county, and resided in Amesville until the death of his wife, and soon afterward, in 1890, he removed to Ansonville and became interested in mercantile pursuits.

He now owns one of the largest stores in that town. In 1890 he married Miss McGahan, who resided near Ansonville. He has three daughters, one, Myrtle, by the first marriage; and two by the second, Georgie Jane and Ruth Edna.

Our subject passed his early years at the old homestead in Knox township, and, in 1870, was married to Miss Sophia E. Young, daughter of Albert and Mary Young, of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, residing near Marion post office. In 1871 Mr. McMurray purchased 160 acres of land in Bigler township, Clearfield county, known as the Joseph Hegarty homestead. This was partially improved, with about forty acres cleared. Mr. McMurray has since cleared sixty acres, and, in 1881, he sold the sixty acres with the old improvements, retaining the portion of the estate which lay nearest the borough of Ramey. He has made many improvements thereon, building a barn and a large two-story residence. In 1891 he engaged in mercantile business in Bigler township, but sold out three years later.

Mr. and Mrs. McMurray have had twelve children, of whom ten are living: (1) Mary J., born July 1, 1871, was educated in the high school at Ramey. She married Blair Echard, of Roaring Springs, and now resides in Ramey, where Mr. Echard, who is a carpenter by trade, bought a lot and built a tasteful residence. They have one son, John Alexander, born in 1896. (2) John A., born October 5, 1872 (unmarried), resides at the homestead with his parents. (3) William C., born March 9, 1874, resides in Ramey. He was married in 1894, to Miss Lizzie Warshing, of Ramey borough, and they have one daughter, Effie A. (4) Emma May, born March 1, 1876, (5) Margaret Matilda, born January 20, 1878, (6) George Russell, born April 5, 1880, (7) Anna Bertha, born November 27, 1882, and (8) Sarah Delilah, born February 8, 1884, are all at home. (9) Cleveland, born April 3, 1886, died June 25, 1889. (10) Pearl Eliza, born June 6, 1888, is at home. (11) Earl S., born August 6, 1891, died in October of the same year. (12) Ruth Aletha, born January 23, 1893, is at home with her parents. Mr. McMurray and his wife are prominent members of the Baptist Church. One of their daughters is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Ramey.

Politically Mr. McMurray has always been identified with the Democratic party. He has never been known as an aspirant for office, but in 1896, the people of Ramey borough desiring a thorough-going, progressive man as street commissioner, selected him for that place.

R P. GILMORE, one of the most energetic, progressive and reliable business men of Farmington township, is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Clarion county. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Gilmore, was a native of Ireland, and on coming to the New World located in Clarion county when it was a vast wilderness. In his family were two sons, but Hugh died at Helen Furnace in early manhood.

Amid scenes of frontier life, David Gilmore, our subject's father, was born in 1807, at Helen Furnace, Highland township, Clarion county, and, on attaining to man's estate, he married Miss Elizabeth Porter, in 1833. Her parents were Joseph and Jane Porter, of Westmoreland county, Penn. After his marriage Mr. Gilmore purchased 2,000 acres of land in Farmington and Highland townships, and in the former he cleared and improved a farm. His first home was a log house, but in later years it was replaced by a good frame residence, and many other excellent improvements were made upon the farm which added to its value and attractive appearance. He erected the first gristmill in Highland township, and engaged in farming to some extent, but devoted the greater part of his time to lumbering on the Clarion river, where he carried on operation for a number of years. He was one of the first to engage in building coal and iron boats to be run down the rivers to the Pittsburg market, and, in 1830, erected a water saw and grist mill on Little Toby creek, where for a number of years he engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber, which was rafted down the Clarion river. Later, in 1847, he built a large gristmill on the same creek, which he operated for some time, manufacturing flour and feed, and in 1850 built a double sawmill equipped with the latest improved machinery. He continued to successfully engage in business until called from this life in 1886, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, who had proved so true and faithful a helpmeet, still survives him.

Eleven children blessed their union, namely: (1) Samuel, born in Clarion county, in November, 1833, owns and operates a farm in Highland township, Clarion county. He married Jane Brenneman, of that township, by whom he had five children, three still living—William A.; Burton S.; and Elizabeth, now the wife of Calvin Brenneman. After the death of his first wife, Samuel Gilmore wedded Clarinda Porter, of Clarion county, and to them were born four children—Robert, Stewart, Ella (wife of Ben McKinsey, of Highland township) and Arthur. (2) Isabel died in childhood. (3) William was killed

in 1850, by a tree falling on him. (4) Matilda, born on the old homestead in Farmington, is now the wife of Jasper Maxwell, of Highland township. (5) Nancy, born in 1841, died of consumption when a young lady. (6) R. P., of this sketch, is next in order of birth. (7) Miles J., born in May, 1845, is a farmer of Highland township. He married Emma Whisner, and has eight children—Walter W., Ella M., G. Arnold, David, Mary, Eliphes, Banks and Bertha. (8) Rufina, born in 1847, lives on the old homestead. (9) Joseph Porter, born in 1850, is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Highland township. He married Laura Whisner, and has ten children—Sharpley, Isaac, Charles, Almeld, Alice and Annie (twins), Addis, Lawrence, Edward and Harry. (10) Mary, born in 1852, is the wife of Scott Zink, of Mill Creek, Clarion county, and had five children—Robert (who died in infancy), Gerty (who died at the age of fourteen years), Park, Pearl and Gerry. (11) Alice J., born in 1855, married Newton Thompson, of Clarion county, who is now engaged in merchandising in Highland. They had two children—Charles, and Edward, who died in childhood.

Robert P. Gilmore, whose name introduces this sketch, was born on the old homestead in Farmington township, in March, 1843, and was reared in much the usual manner of farmer lads of his day, acquiring his education in the public schools near his home. Under his father's able direction, he soon became familiar with all departments of lumbering, and in 1868, he purchased the Walters mill and the Disle tract of timber land, preparatory to engaging in the manufacture of lumber on his own account. He cleared some of his land, taking out square timber and building boats for the Pittsburg & Allegheny markets until 1872, when he disposed of the business, and, as a millwright, engaged in erecting mills for a number of years. In 1880, in company with James Whitehill, he went to Drew county, Ark., where that gentleman engaged in the lumber business, and our subject served as foreman for a year. Returning to Pennsylvania, he located in Forest county, where he engaged in building boats until February, 1883, when he went to British America and built a mill, remaining there for a year.

In 1884 Mr. Gilmore returned to the old homestead in Farmington township, Clarion county, and three years later bought the grist and saw mill formerly owned by his father, together with 200 acres of land. He also purchased the old home place in 1892, and since his father's death has tenderly cared for his mother and sister. In his political views he is a Democrat, and in religious belief a Presbyterian. He is a liberal contributor to all enterprises calculated to promote the moral, educational or material welfare of his township and county, and is justly numbered among its useful, valued and highly esteemed citizens. As a business man he ranks among the best, and the success that he has achieved in life is certainly well deserved.

ABRAHAM GALENTINE, farmer, Brady township; post office address, Luthersburg, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

JOHN A. LEWIS. Among the leading citizens of Elk township, Clarion county, who faithfully served their country during the Civil war, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch.

Mr. Lewis was born in Callensburg, May 6, 1842, a son of John and Catherine (Drumphry) Lewis, who were born, reared and married in New Jersey, whence they came to Licking township, Clarion Co., Penn., at an early day. In the midst of the forest the father developed a farm, which he made his home until his removal to Sligo in 1855, after which he was employed on public works and at a furnace until his death, which occurred in 1863. His wife had departed this life in 1854 while residing near Callensburg. In their family were the following children: Sarah, now Mrs. Young, of Elk township, Clarion county; Daniel, who died in Clarion county; James, who enlisted at Sligo, in July, 1861, in the 62nd P. V. I., and, being injured in battle, died at Washington, D. C., in 1863; Peter, who also enlisted at Sligo, in the 155th P. V. I., and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1863; Hiram, a resident of Elk township; John A., of this sketch; Mrs. Catharine Myers, of Venango county, Penn.; and Luther Hall, of Clarion county.

In the county of his nativity, John A. Lewis was reared and educated, and in early life learned the stone mason's trade, which he has successfully followed since the war. In 1861 at Curllsville, Clarion county, he joined the boys in blue as a member of Company G, 62nd Pennsylvania Artillery, for three years, and was sworn in at at Pittsburg in July of that year. With the Army of the Potomac he participated in the battle of Antietam and the seven-days' fight in front of Richmond, after which he was sent to Newark, N. J. Being taken ill, he was mustered out, but in March, 1863, at Sligo Furnace, he again enlisted, this time for three

years, becoming a member of Company H, 155th P. V. I., which belonged to the Army of the Potomac. He took part in the battles of the Wilderness and Laurel Hill, and when the war was over participated in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., after which he was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Penn., in July, 1865.

Returning to his native county, Mr. Lewis lived at Sligo Furnace until 1871, when he came to Elk township, where he owns a good farm of fifty acres under a high state of cultivation, and, in connection with its operation, he also works at his trade. In 1863, in Licking township, Clarion county, Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Mary Heffner, who was born and reared in Germany. Her parents, John and Margaret (Fern) Heffner, were also natives of the Fatherland, and on coming to the New World located in Clarion county, Penn., where the father died, but the mother is still a resident of Elk township. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have seven children: John Henry, who is married; Silas Austin, who is married and lives in Montpelier, Ind.; and George William, Charles O., David N., Allison Luther and Scott R., all at home.

Mr. Lewis gives his support to the principles of the Republican party and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He has served as a member of the school board in his district, and has been prominently identified with all measures for the good of the community. Fraternally, he holds membership in Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R.

WILLIAM H. H. BLACK, of Shippenville, finds an appropriate place in the history of those men of business and enterprise in Clarion county, whose force of character, whose sterling integrity and whose good sense in the management of complicated affairs and marked success in bringing to completion important business enterprises, have contributed in an eminent degree to the development of the vast resources of this section of the State. He began his business career as a clerk in his father's store, later was similarly employed in Pittsburg, and was for a time engaged in business in Oil City, Penn. He now makes his home in Shippenville, and is employed in looking after his large land and oil interests here.

Mr. Black was born in Clarion county, June 23, 1840, and is a son of Jacob Black, one of the honored pioneers and prominent business men of the county, where he located in 1828. He was a native of Maryland, and a son of Frederick Black, who was of German descent. After coming to Shippenville, the father was married in that place, July 18, 1833, to Miss Margaret Shippen, a representative of the leading and influential families of the county. She was a daughter of Robert Shippen and a sister of Richard Shippen, in whose honor Shippenville was named. To Mr. and Mrs. Black were born nine children: Mrs. Priscilla Montgomery, now deceased; Frederick, who died in infancy; Bordley, who was born in 1838, and is now a prominent business man of Franklin, Penn.; W. H. H., of this sketch; Mrs. Jenny G. Crawford, of Venango county, Penn.; Maggie, who died in childhood; Josephine, who was born in 1846, and died in 1890; Jacob (twin brother of Josephine), who is connected with the Second National Bank of Clarion; and Ellen E., who died at the age of two years. The mother, who was born June 30, 1809, died February 16, 1874, and the father, born January 25, 1809, departed this life April 20, 1888. In politics, he was a stanch Republican, and in religious belief was first a Presbyterian, and later a Lutheran. His energy, integrity, prudent business methods, and reliable sagacity all combined to make him one of the ablest business men of Clarion county, and his life in every respect was well worthy of emulation.

During his youth our subject was provided with a good practical education which well fitted him for the responsible duties of business life. He has traveled extensively in the East, South and West, and his observing eye and retentive memory have enabled him to carry back with him the scenes of beauty and historic interest that he has visited, they remaining with him as pictures on memory's wall. Travel, and his social, genial nature have made him an entertaining companion, and he is a stanch and loyal friend, fond of good fellowship and devoted to those who have his confidence.

JOHN KERL, one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of Elk township, Clarion county, is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits upon the old homestead, where his birth occurred in 1863.

Ernest Kerl, his father, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1832, where the paternal grandfather spent his entire life. At the age of nineteen, the former emigrated to America and took up his residence in Elk township, Clarion county. He was a self-made man, having on his arrival here only twenty-five cents, but he soon found

employment, working at the furnaces, in a livery stable or at anything whereby he might earn an honest dollar, and being industrious, energetic and persevering, he succeeded in accumulating a handsome property. He purchased 100 acres of woodland, which he soon transformed into a fine farm, it being the place upon which our subject now resides.

In 1862, in Elk township, Ernest Kerl was married to Mena Alleman, also a native of Hanover, Germany, who in 1841 was brought to the New World by her parents, Charley and Mary (Kiser) Alleman, also natives of the Fatherland. They located in Elk township, where her father died at the age of eighty-two, and her mother also passed away there. To Mr. and Mrs. Kerl were born three children: John, of this review; William, a resident of Elk township; and Louisa, wife of George Hautz, of West Clarksville, N. Y. The father died on the old homestead June 27, 1889, but the mother is still living in Elk township. Both were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, of Shippenville, with which he was officially connected, and he was instrumental in securing the erection of the house of worship at that place. In politics he was a pronounced Democrat. He was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community, enjoying the confidence and high regard of all with whom he came in contact.

John Kerl attended the district schools near his home, and upon the farm early became familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He now owns the old homestead, comprising 100 acres of valuable and productive land, which is under a high state of cultivation. On April 7, 1891, in Pleasantville, Venango Co., Penn., he was married to Miss Fredericka Nusbaumer, a native of Baden, Germany, and a daughter of John George and Anna Marie (Zeller) Nusbaumer. In that country her father died in 1889, at the age of seventy-one, but her mother is still living in her native land. During her girlhood, Mrs. Kerl worked by the month, and at the age of nineteen crossed the Atlantic. She has two sisters living in this country—Mrs. Bower, a resident of East Titusville, Penn.; and Mrs. C. Foss, of Pleasantville, Venango county. Two children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kerl: Ida May, born May 19, 1892; and Stanley Henry, born June 27, 1895.

In religious belief Mr. Kerl is a Lutheran, and in politics is a Democrat. As an enterprising, progressive farmer, with ideas of his own, he has no superior in Elk township, and as a citizen merits and receives the respect of all who know him.

NELSON M. MEALS, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon residing in Callensburg, was born in Butler county, Penn., April 6, 1848, and is descended from an old and honored family of Pennsylvania, which was founded here by his great-grandfather, Samuel Meal, who was born on the River Rhine, in Baden, Germany, and came to America during Colonial days. Three of his brothers remained in the Fatherland and one went to South America. He located in York county, Penn., whence he removed to Westmoreland county, in 1796, and previous to 1801 took up his residence in Butler county. He was a blacksmith by occupation, but also traded to some extent with the Indians, who were always his friends. He married a Miss Richardt, whose mother bore the maiden name of Shoupt, and to them were born six children: George; Samuel; William; Margaret, who married George Daubenspike; Jacob, and Daniel. The parents of these children were members of the Lutheran Church, and died in Butler county.

Daniel Meals, the Doctor's grandfather, became a successful farmer of Butler county, where he died, and he willed the old homestead to the Doctor's father. He had married Catherine Studabaker, of Pennsylvania, who was of German descent, and whose people were mostly agriculturists. Five children blessed this union: Samuel; Mary M., wife of M. Turney; Margaret, who first married a Mr. Campbell and after his death J. Daubenspike; David and Joseph. Mary is the only one now living. All were members of the Lutheran Church, but after coming to Clarion county Dr. Samuel D. Meals, our subject's father, became a Presbyterian.

Dr. Samuel D. Meals began preparation for the medical profession under the direction of Dr. Joseph Eggert, of Butler county, and later attended lectures at a medical college in Cleveland, Ohio, after which he successfully engaged in practice in Butler county for fifteen years. In August, 1859, he removed to Callensburg, Clarion county, and here prosecuted his profession until called from this life October 8, 1884. Upright and honorable in all of life's relations, he stood high both as a physician and citizen. He married Miss Hannah, daughter of William Emery, a carpenter and farmer of Butler county, whose other children were Robert; Nancy, wife of J. Blaine; Sebastian, twin brother of Nancy; Mary, wife of a Mr. Hartzel; and Joseph, a Methodist minister, who is now professor of mathematics in a college in Oregon. The parents and the other children were all Presbyterians in religious belief.

Dr. Meals, of this review, is the eldest in a

family of eight children, the others being as follows: Mrs. Maggie M. Pollock; Mrs. Catherine Stoner; Clara J., who first married a Mr. French, and, after his death, a Mr. Jamison; Emaline, wife of W. L. Elliot; Mrs. Lotta Cochran; Edna, wife of W. A. Beer; and Samuel W., a resident of Greene county, Pennsylvania.

In the county of his nativity, Dr. Meals began his education in the common schools, and after coming to Callensburg, at the age of eleven years, he attended the academy at this place. He early commenced reading medicine with his father as preceptor, and, in 1870, entered the Western Medical University of Ohio, at Cleveland, where he pursued his studies for one term. He then engaged in practice with his father until the school year of 1873–4, when he was again a student in that institution. Since his graduation he has enjoyed a liberal patronage, which he well merits. His investigation into the science of medicine, and his skillful application of the knowledge he has thereby obtained, has won him a place in the foremost ranks of the medical fraternity. He holds membership in the co nty, State and National Medical Societies.

Dr. Meals was married in 1872 to Miss Jennie R. Graham, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Miller) Graham, the former of Scotch-Irish descent, and the latter of Irish lineage, her father, William Miller, being a native of Ireland. James Graham was a farmer by occupation, and was the father of nine children: Samuel, Thomas, James, William, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret and Jennie R. To the Doctor and his wife were born eight children, namely: Elizabeth, wife of N. Stover; May, who died at the age of two years; Kittie, wife of J. F. Lavure; Nora M., at home; Clarissa D., who died at the age of twelve years; and Mary A., Samuel O. and Nelson M., all at home. The wife and mother, who was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, departed this life June 22, 1894.

Dr. Meals was again married, this time in December, 1895, his second union being with Miss Martha J. Dunlap, a daughter of Samuel Dunlap, who was also of Scoth-Irish descent, and a son of John Dunlap, a native of Ireland. Samuel Dunlap married Lavina Slaughenhaupt, of German extraction, by whom he had six children: Minna, wife of O. Lash; Martha J., wife of our subject; Mark; Mrs. Laura McGee; James, and George. The father was an agriculturist, and was one of the leading members of and active workers in the Independent Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife also belonged. His death occurred May 26, 1897. One child was born to Dr. and Mrs. Meals, but died when only four weeks old.

Politically, the Doctor is identified with the Republican party, has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, and has creditably served as burgess of Callensburg. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the American Mechanics, while, religiously, he and his wife belong to the Methodist Church and take quite an active part in its work.

JOHN R. BLACK, a leading agriculturist of Elk township, Clarion county, was born December 24, 1833, on his present farm, and is a worthy representative of one of the most prominent families of the county. His paternal grandfather, Frederick Black, was born in Maryland, of German ancestry, and became one of the honored pioneers of this region, having located at Canoe Furnace, Clarion county, at an early day.

William Black, our subject's father, was also a native of Maryland, but was reared in Clarion county, where throughout his active business life he followed the occupations of farming and lumbering with good success. In Elk township he was married to Miss Sarah Berlin, who was born in 1809, and was reared in Clarion county. She now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Craig, in Greenville, but the father died at the age of fifty-six, honored and respected by all who knew him. In the family were seven children: George (who died in Franklin, Penn.), John R., Paul B. (a resident of Elk township, Clarion county), Mary (deceased), Frances (wife of William McClintock), Martha (who died at the age of three years), and Maggie (wife of D. Craig, of Greenville, Clarion county).

In the schools of his native township, John R. Black secured a good practical education, and under the able direction of his father, he became thoroughly familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He now owns the old homestead of seventy-five acres of rich and arable land, and is successfully engaged in general farming, and in the dairy business. By the exercise of great industry, perseverance and good management he has brought the land to its present highly cultivated state, and his improvements are of a substantial character, everything about the place denoting prosperity and thrift.

On October 23, 1856, in Elk township, Mr. Black was married to Miss Susan Sanders, who was born in Union county, Penn., a daughter of Peter and Catharine (Felthaft) Sanders, early settlers of Clarion county. The father died in

Berks county, but the mother's death occurred in Clarion county. Both were faithful members of the Reformed Church, while in politics Mr. Sanders was a Democrat, and a farmer by occupation. In their family were eight children, namely: Anna, John, Caroline, Sarah, Samuel, Jane, Willie, who died in infancy, and Susan.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Black: Sarah, wife of Samuel McDowell, of Erie, Penn.; Albert P., a physician of Bradner, Ohio; Evaline, wife of A. C. Zimmerman, of Elk township, Clarion county; Lillie, wife of Harry Dotterner, of Kellyville, Penn.; Charles Webster, who is now at work in the oil fields of West Virginia; John Newton, who died at the age of four years. Of these, Mrs. Dotterman was for eight years a successful and popular teacher of Clarion county.

On October 1, 1862, Mr. Black enlisted in the 109th P. V. I., and when his term of service had expired he was honorably discharged, in 1863. He was mostly engaged in guard duty at Fort Keys and Yorktown. The Republican party has always found in him a stanch supporter, and he has been called upon to serve in a number of township offices. He has been quite prominently identified with the interests of the community in which he lives, and he has assisted materially in the development of the portion of the county in which he resides. He bears a high character for sterling integrity, and both he and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Lutheran Church in Ashland township.

I W. MONG. Great are the changes which time and man have wrought in Clarion county since this gentleman was born on his present farm in Elk township, in 1844. As the years have passed, he has seen its wild lands transformed into beautiful homes and farms, its timber made into marketable products, its primitive homes into substantial residences, and the work of improvement carried forward until the county to-day ranks among the best in this great Commonwealth. Mr. Mong has participated in the work of advancement, and well deserves mention in this volume as a representative man.

His parents were David and Rebecca (Parks) Mong, natives of Clarion and Huntingdon counties, respectively. From a wild tract the father opened up the farm on which our subject now resides, and to its improvement and cultivation devoted his time until his death, which occurred about 1857. The mother died in January, 1863. In their family were six children: Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Hazlett, a widow lady now living in Ohio; Mary Jane, a resident of Erie, Penn., and the widow of John Deemer, a soldier of the Civil war; Nancy C., wife of H. J. Smith, of Delaware; I. W., of this sketch; James A., who died in Kansas; and James Henry, who died in the East.

In August, 1862, when only eighteen years of age, Mr. Mong, of this review, enlisted in Beaver township, Clarion county, for three years, in Company G, 155th P. V. I., and was mustered into the United States service at Pittsburg, where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Aldie, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania Court House, North Ann River, Talopotomy, Bethseda Church, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. On June 8, 1864, he was wounded by a gunshot, and was first confined in the hospital at Alexandria, Va., and later in Grace Church Hospital, Philadelphia. He rejoined his regiment in front of Petersburg, and later took part in the battles of Weldon Railroad, Preblestown, Hatcher's Run, Quaker Road, Dobney's Mill, Boydton Plank Road, White Oak Road, Five Forks, and Appomattox. After participating in the Review at Washington, D. C., he was mustered out at Arlington Heights, and was honorably discharged June 5, 1865, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Since his return home Mr. Mong has engaged in farming and in the oil business, and now owns the old homestead of eighty-six and a half acres in Elk township, Clarion county, whose well-tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance plainly testify to the skill and ability of the owner in his chosen calling. In January, 1868, in Ashland township, Clarion county, he wedded Miss Mary E. Pierce, who was born in Clarion county, a daughter of David and Lavina (Hockman) Pierce, natives of the same county, where the father died. The mother is still a resident of Ashland township. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mong five are still living: Harvey P., who is married and is engaged in farming; Raymond W.; Wilson E.; Lavina B.; and James G.

Mr. Mong uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has most efficiently served as treasurer of Elk township. Socially, he affiliates with the K. O. T. M. His genial, pleasant manner has made him quite popular in both business and social circles, and as a public-spirited, enterprising man, he is recognized as a valued citizen of the community. He has always

been found as true to his duties of citizenship in days of peace as when he followed the old flag to victory on Southern battle fields.

DAVID H. PARSONS, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Limestone township, is a representative of an old and honored pioneer family of Clarion county, whose members have been actively identified with the growth and development of this region from an early day, and have watched with interest the wonderful transformation that has taken place.

Mr. Parsons was born on the farm which is still his home, August 29, 1830, a son of Thomas and Jane (Craig Sayers) Parsons. His grandfather, David Parsons, spent his entire life in Centre county, Penn., where the great-grandfather, Thomas Parsons, first located during the Revolutionary war. However, he was soon compelled to leave his new home, having been driven out by the Indians, and returned to Maryland, where he remained for seven years. At the end of that period he again came to Centre county and reclaimed his land, which he converted into a good farm, making it his home until called to the world beyond.

The father of our subject was born in Centre county, but when a lad of fifteen years came with his father to Limestone township, Clarion county, where he continued to make his home throughout the remainder of his life. He owned and operated the farm on which our subject is now living, and throughout his active business life devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. After a useful and well-spent life, wherein he gained the confidence and respect of all who knew him, he passed away in 1875. The birth of his wife occurred in Westmoreland county, Penn., but when a child of five years she was brought to Clarion county, and during the eighty-six years of her residence here she witnessed almost its entire growth and development. During her childhood wolves made the night hideous with their howls, and many other kinds of wild animals still inhabited the forests. From April 6, 1830, until her death in July, 1895, Mrs. Parsons made her home upon the farm where her son now lives. She reached the advanced age of ninety-one.

During his boyhood and youth David H. Parsons attended the subscription schools, but the terms were short, and his education was necessarily limited. His training in farm work, however, was not so meagre, and he early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He has made that honored calling his life work, has aided in the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm, but he has one of the most desirable places in Limestone township. Where at one time was an oak forest, now waving fields of grain greet the eye, and a beautiful home and good and substantial outbuildings now adorn the farm, which comprises 107 acres of excellent land.

On September 30, 1856, Mr. Parsons was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Harvey, a native of Berks county, who became a resident of Centre county, and later of Clarion county. Earnest and conscientious Christians, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is now serving as trustee. Socially, he affiliates with the Masonic Order, and, politically, is identified with the Prohibition party, of whose principles he is an earnest advocate. In 1896 he was the candidate of his party for the State Legislature. He has ever been a liberal contributor to all objects tending to advance the welfare of his Church or the cause of temperance, and in his daily walks he has shown himself consistent with the beliefs he professes, and is everywhere honored and esteemed.

C. H. ROWLAND. Success in any line of occupation, in any avenue of business, is not a matter of spontaneity, but it is the ligitimate offspring of a subjective effort in the proper utilization of the means at hand, the improvement of opportunities, and the exercise of the highest functions made possible by the specific ability in any case. In view of this condition the study of biography become valuable, and its lessons, of practical use. In tracing the success of Mr. Rowland we find that he has steadily worked his way upward until he is now one of the largest coal operators of Houtzdale, and he is also successfully conducting a store in Moshannon.

Our subject was born in Hancock, Md., in 1860, a son of John and Sarah E. (Hedding) Rowland, the former a native of Bedford county, and the latter of Landisburg, Perry Co., Penn. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed to Huntingdon county, this State, in 1866, and in 1874 took up his residence in Houtzdale, where he followed several different lines of business until his death in February, 1893. His estimable wife is still a resident of Houtzdale. They reared three children, namely: Anna, wife of H. J. McClure, of New Castle, Penn.; C. H. and Mary.

From Huntingdon county, C. H. Rowland

accompanied his parents on their removal to Houtzdale, and here he completed his literary training in the public schools. He began his business life as a clerk, and has since turned his attention to coal operating, being now interested in the old Moshannon Coal Company. On the incorporation of the company, D. Knight was the first president, and he was succeeded by Daniel Button, now a resident of Philadelphia. In January, 1895, Mr. Rowland became interested in the business, and he is now operating the bank of the company and also No. 6, owned by the United Colliery Company, with which he became connected in 1888. He now has in his employ one hundred and fifty men, but usually has three hundred, the expenses of the corporation being over $200,000 per month. The coal obtained in this district is only the upper or drift mining, the lower vein being yet untouched. In 1893 a company was formed, known as the Houtzdale, or Prospect Shaft, of which our subject became secretary and treasurer, and they sunk a shaft which was operated for about six months. Over $70,000 were expended, but the company still have their mining machinery and everything with which to begin operations at any time.

In 1886, in Houtzdale, Mr. Rowland was married to Miss Anna Cutshall, a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., and to them have been born five children: Lulu Ellen, Howard H., Margaret, Edward, and Charles.

Our subject gives his political support to the Republican party, and, socially, he belongs to Osceola Lodge No. 515, F. & A. M. He is widely recognized as one of the representative citizens and leading business men of Clearfield county, has done much to promote its commercial and industrial activity, and advance the general welfare of the community. He carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and carefully looks after the interests of his employees, now working on full time.

ROBERT L. LOGAN is the junior member of the well-known firm of Giles & Logan, general merchants of West Monterey, Clarion county, and their ability, enterprise and upright methods have established for them an enviable reputation in business circles. J. H. Giles the senior member, is one of the pioneer merchants of the place, where he has now successfully engaged in business for twenty-eight years. For twelve years he was a member of the firm of Gardener & Giles, but in 1880 purchased his partner's interest, and then admitted Theo. Logan to membership in the firm. That connection continued for eight years, and then Mr. Giles was alone for two years, but in 1890 Robert L. Logan purchased an interest in the business, which they have since successfully conducted under the firm style of Giles & Logan. They carry a large and well-selected stock of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, groceries, etc., and receive from the public a liberal patronage.

Mr. Giles was born in 1844, and during the Civil war was a loyal citizen and faithful soldier. For six years he successfully engaged in the oil business, but throughout his active life has given his attention principally to mercantile pursuits. He is a Republican in politics, is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is one of the most highly respected and honored citizens of Clarion county. His wife is now deceased.

Robert L. Logan was born in Armstrong county, December 4, 1860, and is a son of Samuel Logan, now a prominent citizen of Perry township, Clarion county. John Logan, the grandfather, was born in Ireland, and belonged to a good old Scotch-Irish family. On coming to the United States he located in this section of Pennsylvania, where he became widely and favorably known among the early settlers. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Harriette McCall, was a daughter of Matthew McCall, also an honored pioneer of Clarion county. Robert L. Logan is one of a family of nine children, seven of whom are still living, and six of the number have been successful and prominent teachers.

On the old home farm the subject of this sketch spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and in the public schools of the neighborhood he began his education, but later supplemented the knowledge there acquired by a course in the Grove City Academy. At the age of nineteen he commenced teaching, and successfully followed that profession for a number of years, but since 1890 has devoted his attention exclusively to merchandising. Although he is still comparatively a young man, his popularity is established on a firm basis—that of his own well-tested merit.

On June 12, 1889, Mr. Logan was united in marriage with Miss Emma, daughter of John Slaugenhaupt, who died in Perry township, Clarion county, in 1891. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Logan, of whom the elder died in infancy. Dale Faith, the younger, was born in 1895. The parents are Presbyterians in religious belief, and Mr. Logan is now serving as trustee of the Church. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and is a stalwart sup-

porter of the Democratic party, taking an active and prominent part in its work, and serving as a delegate to its conventions, but has never been an aspirant for official honors. His support is cheerfully given all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his town and county, and he is therefore numbered among the valued and useful citizens of the community.

JACOB BEER, a representative of the agricultural interests of Clearfield county, being a progressive farmer of Sandy township, is engaged in the operation of his fine farm of 117 acres, fifty of which he has placed under a high state of cultivation.

A native of Clearfield county, Mr. Beer was born in Huston township, a son of William and Mary (Peterman) Beer. Both the father and paternal grandfather were born in Armstrong county, Penn., where the family had located at an early day, and there the father grew to manhood and married Miss Peterman, also a representative of a pioneer family of that county. When that section was comparatively new they took up their residence in Huston township, Clearfield county, the father purchasing a wooded tract of forty-two acres, which he at once began to clear and transform into a good farm. Years afterward he bought 146 acres of timber land in Sandy township, erected a good residence thereon, and in 1885 built a substantial barn. There his death occurred some years ago, and his wife passed away in the following year. They were the parents of children, as follows: Mrs. Mary Jane Shannon, of Huston township; Margaret, wife of Theodore Hoyt, of Sandy township; Mrs. Melinda Burns, of the same township; Jacob, of this review; George, who resides on the old home farm; Mrs. Eliza Shoemaker, of Sandy township; Sarah, wife of Alex Bundy, of the same township; and Mrs. Rhoda Bundy, also of Sandy township.

Jacob Beer secured a good practical education in the schools of Huston township, and early became familiar with the labors of the farm, being now a most thorough and skillful agriculturist. In Sandy township he was married to Miss Ida Shoemaker, a native of Huston township, of which her father, William Shoemaker, was one of the pioneers. Four children have been born to them: G. W., S. C., Nancy O. and Esther Ruth. In his political affiliations, our subject is a Republican, and takes considerable interest in public affairs, doing all in his power to advance the welfare of the community, and he has served as supervisor of his township. In religious faith, he is a consistent member of the Reformed Church of Sandy township.

CALVIN P. BARRETT. Among the influential members of the farming community of Clearfield county, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is entirely a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, having been the only architect of his own fortunes, and has raised himself from a state of poverty to affluence, aided by his own strong arms, indomitable energy and laudable ambition. He is now one of the most progressive agriculturists of Greenwood township.

In the county where he still makes his home Mr. Barrett was born December 4, 1847, a son of Hiram and Susanna (Myers) Barrett. Andrew Barrett, the grandfather, was born in Columbia county, Penn., of German ancestry, and became one of the pioneer settlers of Centre county, where Hiram was born and reared. The latter was married in Columbia county, and about 1835 came to Clearfield county, where he followed farming until called from this life in 1891, at the age of seventy-six years. His faithful wife, who still survives him, lives at the old homestead in Jordan township, at the age of seventy-eight. From early life both held membership in the Baptist Church, and were widely and favorably known. The father took a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, always supporting the Republican party, but he cared nothing for official distinction. During his younger years he was employed in the Curtin Iron Works, but later gave his entire time and attention to farming and lumbering.

Twelve children, six sons and six daughters, were born to the parents of our subject, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. They are as follows: William, a farmer and lumberman; Sarah, wife of S. Henry; Julius, who was a Union soldier all through the Civil war, and died from the effects of his service in 1874; Conrad, a resident of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, who was also in the Union service, and was twice wounded; Andrew, a farmer; Calvin P.; Mary, wife of J. Clinger; Martha, wife of H. Herd; Adelia, wife of A. McCully; Priscilla, wife of J. C. Straw; Samuel, at home; and Mrs. Barbara E. McCracken.

The early educational privileges afforded Calvin P. Barrett were quite limited, but by reading and study in subsequent years he has acquired a good practical knowledge which well fits him for the responsible duties of business

life. Until twenty-four years of age he remained under the parental roof and engaged in teaming in the woods. After his marriage, in 1874, he purchased a tract of land which was but slightly improved, and later added to this until he had a good farm. In the meantime he continued to work in the woods during the winter season, and was quite successful in lumbering and rafting on the river. In 1881 he sold his farm and purchased the place where he still resides. Thirty acres had been cleared, and he now has fifty acres under a high state of cultivation and improved with a commodious two-story residence, barn, outbuildings and a fine orchard, all the result of earnest, persistent and well-directed effort.

In 1874, Mr. Barrett was married to Miss Mary E. Passmore, whose grandfather, Gainor Passmore, emigrated from England to America at an early day, and took up his residence in Pennsylvania. Hiram Passmore, the father, is a native of Clearfield county, and is still a resident of Ferguson township, where he has developed a farm from the wilderness. In connection with agricultural pursuits he has also followed lumbering. He has now reached the age of sixty-eight, and enjoys the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Shafer, is a consistent member of the Baptist Church. With the exception of one, all of their eight children reached years of maturity, namely: Mary, wife of our subject; Delila, wife of H. Tubbs; Joseph, a farmer; Samuel, also a farmer; Vinna, wife of G. Thurston; Harriett; and Lavina, wife of J. Roles.

Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, of whom one died in infancy. Those living are: John, who follows lumbering; and Delila, Lewis, Minnie, Liddia A., Samuel, Perry and Gurney, all at home. With the United Brethren Church Mr. Barrett holds membership, and fraternally he is connected with the Grange. Formerly he was a Democrat in politics, but on account of his views on the temperance question now votes with the Prohibition party, and is one of its most ardent advocates. He has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director and overseer of the poor, and has given his support to all worthy enterprises which will in any way benefit the community or advance the general welfare.

THOMAS H. GOON, the popular owner and proprietor of the "Mountain House," at Kerrmoor, is a native of Clearfield county, born in the city of Clearfield, September 1, 1851, and comes of a family that has long been identified with the agricultural and business interests of this section. His paternal grandfather, Isaac Goon, who was of English descent, was a prominent agriculturist residing near Clearfield, and upon his farm there his death occurred. Politically he was a Whig. In his family were five children, namely: Isaac, John, Joseph, Elizabeth, wife of J. Comstock, and Mrs. James Moore.

Joseph Goon, the father of our subject, was reared on the old homestead near Clearfield, where he early became familiar with the work of the farm, but at an early age he also learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked for many years. After his marriage he located in Clearfield, but later purchased a farm which he conducted for some time, and then returned to shoemaking. Subsequently he engaged in the sewing machine business in Clearfield, selling machines extensively throughout the country. He was a prominent member of the Democratic party, took an active interest in all public affairs, and at one time was the candidate of his party for sheriff, but was defeated. With the Methodist Episcopal Church both he and his wife were connected, and he was an active member of the Sons of Temperance.

Joseph Goon married Miss Caroline J. Holt, a lady of intelligence and culture, who died in May, 1894. Her father, Thomas Holt, Esq., a farmer of Bradford township, was well and favorably known by all the early settlers of Clearfield county, with whose interests he was identified for many years. He was a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democratic party in his community, and acceptably filled a number of official positions. In religious belief he was a Methodist. His children were as follows: Vincent B., associate judge of Clearfield county; John, a merchant, farmer and lumberman, who became quite wealthy and prominent; Caroline J., the mother of our subject; and Isabella, wife of A. Murray. The children were all provided with excellent educational advantages, and became prominent and highly respected citizens of Clearfield county.

Our subject is the second in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Isaac W., who was killed by accident in the woods; Sarah J., wife of S. B. Flegal; Isabella E., wife of H. Wise, of Altoona, Penn.; Lydia C., wife of M. Caldwell, of Knox township, Clearfield county; Mary E., wife of Ross Brown; and William E., a resident of Altoona. In the public schools Thomas H. acquired his literary education, and under his father's instruction learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed

for six years. He then canvassed the county in the sale of sewing machines. While in that business he was married, and lived at several different places, including Bloomington. He sold more machines than any of his competitors, and received a premium from the company for the largest sales. Quitting that business, he came to Kerrmoor in July, 1886, and opened a restaurant, barber shop and pool room, which he conducted for six years. He then erected the "Mountain House" for a brother-in-law, and has furnished the same, which he now successfully carries on. He still has his barber shop in connection with the hotel, but has disposed of the restaurant and pool business, and also conducts a livery stable. The "Mountain House" is conveniently arranged and well furnished, and in all its appointments, under its present excellent management, is a first-class hotel, well patronized.

On November 22, 1874, Mr. Goon was united in marriage with Miss Rachel E. McFadden, a daughter of James and Jane (Wood) McFadden, both of whom belonged to honored pioneer families of Clearfield county. The father still resides upon his farm on Banner Ridge in Greenwood township, at the age of seventy-one. Politically, he is a stalwart Republican, but has never aspired to office. The mother of Mrs. Goon died when the latter was only seven years old, and her father is now living with his third wife. By the first union there were eight children, namely: Jeremiah; Margaret, wife of T. Smith, now a resident of the State of Washington; Martha, wife of D. Wyler; Rachel E., the wife of our subject; George, a farmer by occupation; Hannah, wife of H. Brown; Scott, a resident of Curwensville; and Delila, wife of George Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Goon had two children: (1) Joseph A., who is assisting his father in carrying on the hotel, married Miss Alice Liddick, a daughter of Dr. Frank Liddick, a practicing physician, who died in 1873. (2) Viola Bell, who was the sunshine of the family, and beloved by all who knew her, was born February 14, 1877, and died of diphtheria February 22, 1893. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and an active worker in the Christian Endeavor Society. Socially, Mr. Goon affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Golden Eagle; politically, he is identified with the Democratic party, and advocates the free and unlimited coinage of silver. He and his estimable wife are prominent in social circles in Kerrmoor, and their pleasant, courteous manners have attracted to them many warm friends.

HEZEKIAH LANSBERRY, a farmer of Graham township, Clearfield county, was born on the old family homestead in Bradford township, Clearfield county, April 15, 1837, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Hoover) Lansberry. His father was born and reared in Bradford township, and in 1844 came to Graham township, where he purchased 160 acres of timber land. Clearing away the trees, he planted crops and developed a good farm. His parents were Benjamin and Anna (Owens) Lansberry, and the grandfather removed from New Jersey to Clearfield county, where he developed a farm and reared a family of six sons and two daughters. The grandparents both died in Bradford township.

In that township Samuel Lansberry was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hoover, and they became parents of children who will be found in the sketch of P. N. Lansberry. The parents endured the hardships and trials of pioneer life, but as time passed added to their home the comforts of civilization. They remained on the farm in Graham township until 1865, when they removed to Williams Grove, making their home there until called to their final rest. The father died at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife survived him about five years.

Hezekiah Lansberry spent the days of his childhood and youth on the home farm of his father, and was early trained to habits of industry and enterprise. These qualities have proved essential qualities in his success. He has throughout life followed farming, and the experience of his boyhood days proved valuable to him in his later career.

Mr. Lansberry was united in marriage with Susanna Record, a native of Graham township, and to them have been born nine children: W. H., who married Miss Woods, by whom he has two children, follows mining and lives at Sandy Ridge; Warren married Lena Sparr, by whom he had two children, and resides on a farm in Centre county; Edward, of Ridgeway, married Flora Moses, and has one child; C. A. is engaged in merchandising in Philipsburg, Centre county; W. B. is a telegraph operator at Gordon Heights; Elizabeth is engaged in teaching school; Emma is the wife of W. L. Taylor, of Philipsburg, and Ida and Anna are at home.

Mr. Lansberry, his wife and six children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Lansberry is a Democrat in politics, has served as auditor and supervisor, and is now postmaster at Butment. He is most prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties, and has

thereby won the commendation of all concerned. An enterprising citizen, he is deeply interested in all that pertains to the education, moral or material welfare of the community, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families.

JOHN F. IRWIN, a well-known and popular druggist of Clearfield, Clearfield county, has been longer identified with the commercial interests of the city than any other man, and has ever taken a prominent part in its upbuilding and progress. He has cheerfully given his support to those enterprises that tend to public development and, with hardly an exception, he has been connected with every interest that has promoted general welfare.

A native of Centre county, Penn., Mr. Irwin was born near Bellefonte, February 20, 1829, but the same year was brought to Clearfield county by his parents, Ellis and Hannah (Iddings) Irwin, the latter a daughter of John and Ann (Carroll) Iddings, honored pioneers of this section of the State. The family has ever been a loyal and patriotic one, and the maternal grandmother was a near relative of the Carroll who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. John Iddings was a prominent farmer of Centre county, where he died, a consistent member of the Society of Friends.

To the parents of our subject were born eight children, namely: Lewis, who died in 1882, leaving a wife and family; John F., of this sketch; Mary; Marietta; William E., a prominent business man of Philipsburg, Penn.; Joseph R., a pioneer druggist of Curwensville, Clearfield county; Melissa, who died in childhood; and James, who died at the age of eleven years. The mother, who was a devout Christian, departed this life in February, 1881, but the father is still living at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He is still hale and hearty, can read and write without glasses, attends to his duties as postmaster, and looks after his interests generally.

John F. Irwin, whose name introduces this sketch, accompanied his father on his various removals until finally locating in the city of Clearfield, in 1837, where he has since made his home. He was principally educated in private schools, beginning his literary training in Curwensville under the instruction of John Patton, Sr., and later attending the Clearfield Academy. As soon as large enough he began assisting his father in the store in Clearfield, where he learned many practical lessons of business methods, and, when his father sold out his store and purchased lands and a sawmill at Lick Run, the son was interested with him in business for four years. From 1856 until 1862, he clerked for William Irwin in Curwensville.

Mr. Irwin has inherited the patriotism displayed by his ancestors. On August 11, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, 149th P. V. I., under Capt. John Irwin. From private he was promoted to sergeant on August 15, 1862; was commissioned second lieutenant on the 13th of the following September, was made first lieutenant February 20, 1864, and adjutant September 5, 1864. He participated in many important engagements, the names and dates of which are as follows: Chancellorsville, Va., May 1 to 4, 1863; Gettysburg, July 1 to 3, 1863; Bristoe Station, Va., October 14, 1863; Rappahannock Station, November 7, 1863; Wilderness, May 7, 1864; Spottsylvania, May 7, 8 to 18, 1864; North Anna River, May 23 to 27, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 1 to 12, 1864; Petersburg, June 15 to July 31, 1864; Petersburg, September 1 to October 30, 1864; Laurel Hill and Spottsylvania, May 8 to 18, 1864; Yellow Tavern and Weldon railroad, October 1 to 5, 1864; Hatchers Run, October 27, 1864, and February 5 to 7, 1865; and Fort Steadman, March 25, 1865. In February, 1865, he was detailed for service at Elmira, N. Y., to guard deserters, and on the 24th of May, 1865, was honorably discharged, and mustered out by reason of the general order of the War Department.

In November, after his return home from the war, Mr. Irwin embarked in the drug business with Dr. Wartrick, but on the 24th of May, 1866, purchased his partner's interest, and has since been alone in business. He carries a full and complete line of drugs and everything found in a first-class establishment of the kind, and his courteous treatment and fair and honorable dealings have secured for him a liberal share of the public patronage.

Mr. Irwin was married by Dr. Monroe, now presiding elder of the Altoona, Penn., Methodist Episcopal Conference, to Miss Sarah E. Rhum, who was born in 1839, in Carlisle, Penn. Her father, George Rhum, who was a harness maker by trade, was a prominent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Mr. and Mrs. Irwin also belong. Of the seven children born to them, one died in infancy, and another at the age of ten years. Those living are: George R., who is attending the University of Pennsylvania; Ellis, who served an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade, but is now with his father in the drug store, and Clara A., Fanny L. and John L., all at home.

An ardent Republican in politics, Mr. Irwin has never cared for official preferment, yet he has filled some minor offices. Fraternally, he affiliates with the Grand Army of the Republic. His name is a synonym for honorable business dealing, he is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of the community, and on the roll of Clearfield county's most honored pioneers and representative men his name should be found among the foremost.

JACOB HUMMEL (deceased), was for many years one of the most influential and progressive agriculturists of Brady township, Clearfield county. His early home was beyond the Atlantic, his birth occurring in Germany, but in 1846 he accompanied his parents, Jacob and Catharine Hummel, on their emigration to the United States. He stopped in Philadelphia, but they proceeded to Clearfield county and bought fifty acres of woodland in Brady township, which the father at once began to clear and improve, converting the same into a good farm, on which he made his home until called to his final rest at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years. His wife departed this life at the age of seventy-seven.

The children of this worthy couple were born in the Fatherland, and are as follows: Jacob, of this review; Frederick, a hotel keeper of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Penn., who is married and has a family; Henry, who married a Miss Brubaker, and lives on his farm in Rockton, Clearfield county; Charlotte, wife of John Clouser, of Rockton, Union township, by whom she has five children; George J., who married and removed to Ohio, and later to Iowa, where his death occurred in 1876; and Katie, wife of John Black, a farmer living in Du Bois, by whom she has one son, Frederick.

For four years Jacob Hummel continued to work at the shoemaker's trade in Philadelphia, whence he came to Brady township, Clearfield county, where he purchased eighty acres of heavily timbered land adjoining his father's place on the east. This forest was composed of pine and hardwood timber, which he soon cleared away, in 1856 erected a good two-story frame house, and in 1884, a large barn, 50x70 feet. By persistent labor, acre after acre was placed under the plow until the farm became one of the most highly cultivated and productive tracts in the township. In 1865 Mr. Hummel was seriously injured by a tree falling on him, rendering him a cripple for the remainder of his life, but he still continued to give his farm his personal supervision, and, under his careful management, it was very profitably conducted.

In 1855 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Louisa, daughter of George and Emma Short, also natives of Germany, who took up their residence in Brady township, in 1849, and here spent their remaining days, dying at the home of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Hummel became the parents of seven children, who in order of birth were as follows: (1) Elizabeth, born in 1855, died at the age of twenty years. (2) Charlotte, born in 1857, married Joseph Heberling, of Brady township, and now resides upon his farm near Luthersburg. (3) William, born in 1860, lives on his grandfather's old homestead, adjoining his father's farm. He married Sophie Satsman, a native of Germany, and they have three children—Alfred, Louisa and one whose name is not given. (4) Sarah, born in 1862, is the wife of Lewis Wagoner, a farmer living near Tionesta, in Forest county, Penn., and their children are Margaret L., Benjamin S., Emma, George and Ellis. (5) Mary A., born in 1864, was educated in the common schools near her childhood home, and married August Wagoner, who owns and operates a farm five miles from Tionesta, in Forest county. They have two sons—Charles, and Frank, now three years old. (6) David, born in March, 1866, grew to manhood on the old homestead, receiving a good practical education in the public schools of the neighborhood. He never left the parental roof, and in 1896, previous to his father's death, he purchased the farm upon which he and his mother now reside. He is an energetic, progressive young business man, and is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. (7) JOHN, born in 1869, also spent his boyhood and youth upon the home farm, where he was reared to habits of thrift and industry, and in the common school he obtained his education. On reaching manhood he married Miss Minnie Wingert, of Luthersburg, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Wingert, of Brady township, and they now have a daughter, May. They make their home in Curwensville, where he is employed by the Alley Brothers Tanning Company.

Mr. Hummel was an adherent to Democratic principles, and held the office of collector of Brady township for three years (from 1884 until 1887). He was a consistent member of and an active worker in the German Reformed Church of Luthersburg, to which his widow and family also belong. He was recognized as one of the most reliable and worthy citizens of Brady township, and his death, which occurred in March, 1896, was deeply and sincerely mourned. He

did much to advance the educational and moral interests of his community, giving liberally toward the support of both schools and Churches, and his course as a citizen commended him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

W B. SUTTER, of Lindsey, Jefferson county, has now been engaged in business there for about thirty years, manufacturing wagons and carriages of such superior quality as to command the bulk of the trade in his locality.

Mr. Sutter is a native of Indiana county, Penn., where he was born in 1847; his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Sutter, were born, reared, and married in Germany, and three of their children were also born there. On their arrival in the United States they located upon a small farm in Indiana county, and the father gave his attention chiefly to agricultural work although at times he was employed around the iron furnaces in the vicinity. He died years ago, and his widow, a most estimable woman, survived him many years. [For ancestral history see sketch of Jacob J. Sutter.]

The schools to which our subject had access in his youth were less efficient than those of today, but such as they were, Mr. Sutter has, like many another man, to regret that he did not take full advantage of the instruction offered. Until the age of seventeen his time was largely occupied with farm work, and the war being then in progress, he responded to his country's need, enlisting September 12, 1864, in the 206th P. V. I. He served as long as there was any fighting to be done, being assigned to picket duty during the greater part of the time. On receiving his discharge from the service he returned to his native county, and for a short time worked in the timber business. In January, 1868, he went to Lindsey to learn the blacksmith's trade, and on completing an apprenticeship of two years he formed a partnership with W. H. Bates in that business, to which they added wagon making. Mr. Bates withdrew from the firm in about a year, Mr. Sutter continuing alone until 1872, when one of his brothers took a half interest. In 1882 our subject again became the sole proprietor, and under his able management the establishment sustains a reputation second to none in Jefferson county of a similar kind.

In February, 1871, Mr. Sutter was married to Miss Amanda J. Gillespie, daughter of Hon. James M. Gillespie, a prominent resident of Lindsey. Six children were born to this union, of whom the following survive: William A., the assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank at Punxsutawney; James M., an engineer; Leila E., and Celia Belle, both of whom are at home. Mrs. Sutter is a member of the Catholic Church.

Politically, Mr. Sutter has been throughout his life an adherent to the principles of the Republican party, and although he has always given his attention too strictly to his business to care for official position, he has been prominent in the councils of the organization. In 1877 he was elected sheriff of Jefferson county, and was installed in January, 1878, serving three years with ability and zeal. He is popular socially as a member of the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and the G. A. R.

CLOYD PARKER PANNEBAKER, the popular and capable editor and proprietor of the Coalport *Standard*, is a native of Juniata county, Penn., born in Mifflintown August 31, 1862, a son of Daniel and Mary A. Pannebaker.

Of the children born to this union Cloyd Parker is referred to in what follows; the others are: Juniata Mabel, wife of J. W. Wagner, of Mifflintown, Penn.; Henry Clayton, of Pueblo, Colo.; Ella Mae, of Mifflintown, Penn.; Elizabeth L., wife of H. B. Kelley, of Barnsboro, Penn.; Charles A. and Myrven D., of Pueblo, Colorado.

The Pannebakers-Pennepacker-Pannebacker families bear the distinction of being the most numerous among enlistments during the Civil war. There were forty-six in the Confederate army, and fifty-nine in the Federal army. The similarity in the names leads the family here to believe that they are all related.

Our subject was reared in the place of his birth, where he attended the public and normal schools until he reached his eighteenth year, when he became an apprentice in the office of the Juniata *Herald*, owned by William M. Allison, Esq. During the former's apprenticeship of three and one-half years he served in the capacity of "devil," journeyman and editor. In 1883 he was tendered the foremanship of the office of the *Sentinel and Republican*, in Mifflintown, and filled the place until June 20, 1884, when he went to Philipsburg, Penn., and was job-printer in the office of the Daily *Journal*. On December 13, 1884, he came to Coalport, in company with W. W. Dunmire, for the purpose of launching a newspaper, and, on January 1, 1885, the Coalport *Siftings* made its appearance. The agreement with advertisers and subscribers was for three months, as an experiment. The paper lasted for the length of the contract, and was self-sustaining from the start—a rather unusual thing

for a newspaper. The *Siftings* was printed on the press of the Bellwood *Bulletin*, in Blair county, its projectors having a small publication office over McCartney's drug store.

At the expiration of the contract signed by advertisers with C. P. Pannebaker & Co. (the "Co." being Rev. W. W. Dunmire). Mr. Pannebaker started a paper on the 9th day of April, 1885, under the name of the Coalport *Standard*. The paper was neutral until 1894, when it threw off the cloak of neutrality and became an independent Republican paper, it never being identified with any clique or ring. For more than thirteen years our subject has been editor and proprietor of the paper he founded, which paper ranks in appearance second to none of the country weeklies.

On October 19, 1887, Mr. Pannebaker was married to Miss Hannah Catharine, eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Lingenfelter, of Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., the union being blessed with three children, viz: Whitmer Easton, born July 10, 1889, died April 12, 1892: Mildred Catharine, born March 6, 1893, and Mary Rebecca, born September 30, 1897.

In May, 1896, Mr. Pannebaker embarked in the clothing and gents furnishing business, in partnership with George D. Benn, the firm style being Benn & Pannebaker. Mr. Pannebaker is one of the progressive and enterprising business men of the county, and socially he stands high in the community, as he also does in business circles and as a citizen. He is a member of Union Lodge No. 324, F. & A. M., of Mifflintown, Penn., a companion of Lewistown Chapter, No. 186, R. A. M., and a Sir Knight Templar of Lewistown Commandery, No. 26, K. T. He is also a Past Grand Odd Fellow, having membership in Coalport Lodge No. 781, I. O. O. F. He has a neat and comfortable home. In 1892 he was elected, on the Republican ticket, chief burgess of Coalport.

ANDREW PENTZ, SR., a venerable gentleman and an honored pioneer of Sandy township, Clearfield county, who passed away February 10, 1898, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, was a native of York county, Penn., and, coming to this section in early manhood, he saw the rapid introduction of all the modern modes of life in a region which he remembered as a wilderness. In the progressive movements of the time he was always prominent, advocating free schools, and giving liberally of his means for the building of churches and educational institutions, and for other worthy enterprises.

The Pentzes can claim relationship to the royal family of England. The great-great-grandfather of our subject married a German duchess. His grandfather Pentz came from Germany at an early date, and located in York county, Penn., where he purchased several large tracts of land. George Pentz (our subject's father) was born in York county, and was married there to Miss Elizabeth Bower. He then purchased a farm in Franklin township, York county, about twenty miles southwest of the county-seat, and made his permanent home there, conducting a large distillery, while managing his farm. He died years ago, and his wife some years later. Of their children, John, the eldest, married Miss Elizabeth Knox, of York county, and moved to Clearfield county with his brothers, Andrew and Jacob. He settled upon fifty acres of partly-improved land in Brady (now Sandy) township, near the town of Luthersburg, the place being known at present as the Milton Miles farm. He made extensive improvements, erecting buildings, and at his death had a good estate. His wife and seven children survived him. The children were: (1) George located upon a farm near Luthersburg, where he died, leaving a widow (formerly a Miss Zigler, of Brady township) and several children, who are still at home. (2) Andrew, ex-sheriff of Clearfield county, resides on a farm adjoining his father's. He was twice married, having by his first wife four children, and after her death, some years ago, he formed a second union, the last time with Miss Brockbank. They have no children. (3) John, a resident of Penn township, Clearfield county, is married, and has four children. (4) Henry, who resides in Union township, near Rockton, is married, and has a large family of children. (5) Elizabeth is married and resides in Kansas. (6) Maria, who was Mrs. Eals, of Massachusetts, died some years ago, leaving no children. (7) Fred died when very young.

II—Peter Pentz was born and reared in York county, and married Sarah McCreary, a descendant of Col. McCreary, of the war of 1812. Later he moved to Adams county, where he remained until his death. His wife died some years ago, leaving several children. III—Elizabeth married Isaac Lerew, of York county, settled upon a farm where both died some years ago, leaving two children, who have since moved to the West. IV—David married a lady of York county, and remained on his father's old homestead until a few years ago. He then purchased a farm in Adams county, near the Five Points, where he

was killed by accident, one of his mules throwing him. He left a widow and five children, who still reside on his farm. V—Jacob, who was born in York county, came to Brady township and made a purchase of 130 acres adjoining our subject's homestead. He cleared a farm and erected buildings, making extensive improvements. His wife was formerly Miss Sarah Rishel, of Indiana county, and they had a numerous family of children: (1) Philip, who was born in Brady township, married Miss Rebecca Miller, of Mifflinburg, Penn., bought a farm adjoining his father's homestead, where he now resides. They have three children—Chersetta (now Mrs. Harvey McGee, of Brady township), Clyde and Myrtle. (2) Lucy married Eliza Ashenfelter, of Brady township, and has three children, all married. (3) John married a Miss Hallopeter, and moved to Iowa. (4) Isaiah married a Miss Smeal, and resided in Sandy township. He died some years ago, leaving a widow and three children. The two boys reside on the farm; the daughter married Kendie Clark, and resides in Johnstown. (5) Sarah married David Dunlap, a farmer in Brady township, and has ten children. (6) Henry married Miss Courtney, of Union township, and resided on his father's farm in Brady township until his wife died. After a few years he married a Miss Knox, of Indiana county, and they now reside in Du Bois. They have five children. (7) W. C., an attorney in Du Bois, married a Miss Ross, daughter of Dr. Ross, of that city, and they have five children. VI—Miss Susannah Pentz was born and reared in York county, and died in Adams county, at the age of sixty-five.

Previous to the removal of our subject and his two brothers to Clearfield county their father had purchased an extensive tract of land for them. Andrew Pentz began life there in true pioneer fashion, clearing a farm for himself, his first buildings being a log house and barn. These have since been replaced by a comfortable two-story frame house and a bank barn. His farm he kept in a high state of cultivation, supplying it with all the modern conveniences. Politically, he was a Republican, and prior to the organization of that party he was an Old-line Whig. While he always took an active part in local affairs he never aspired to office. He was a Protestant in religion, a Seventh Day Adventist, and, while believing that baptism was not necessary to salvation, he always observed the Sabbath Day faithfully.

The first wife of our subject, Miss Mary A. Meyers, of Adams county, with two children, accompanied him to the new home in the wilderness. She shared all the hardships of the early days, and died at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Pentz was again married.

Our subject has had seven children, all by the first marriage. (1) Matilda J. (Mrs. Sprague), of Jefferson county. Of her four children, three died in childhood. The survivor is residing near Penfield, Clearfield county, and has one daughter living, Daisy Bailey, at home. (2) Joseph R., born in York county, came to Clearfield county with his parents and grew to manhood on the homestead, receiving a common-school education. He married Miss Jennie Stoufer, of York county, and located in Reynoldsville, where he engaged in planing lumber. They have a family of four children—Lala, Mary, Temas, and James, all at home. (3) Anna E., born in Brady township, married Alex. Shea, of the same township, and resides on a farm near Luthersburg. They have five children living—(a) Harry, a resident of Luthersburg, married Miss Lucy Draucker, of that city, and they have two children; (b) Andrew married Ordie Goodlander, of Luthersburg, resides in that town, and they have one child—Helen; (c) Elmer E.; (d) Effie; and (e) Annie, are now married. (4) Susanna, born on the old homestead, married John Lenkard, of Armstrong county, Penn. They settled near the Jefferson line in Brady township, on a farm where the wife died leaving five children—(a) Samuel Lenkard is married, resides in Minnesota, and has three children; (b) James O., married Eva Johnson, lives on his father's old homestead, and they have one son, John; (c) George, who is single, is principal of the Reynoldsville High School; (d) Lillie and (e) Ella are at home. (5) Margaret P. married Edward Harker, of Jefferson county, and after living in Du Bois for some time they moved to Bethlehem, Clarion county, where he follows the machinist's trade. They have several children. (6) Benjamin F. is deceased. (7) George W. was educated in the home schools, and now resides in Du Bois. He owns property in that city, and is a prosperous business man. He married Miss Susan Lenkard, of Armstrong county, and has two children —Nora and Ward, both at home.

CLINTON H. SMITH, senior member of the firm of Smith & Johns, leading merchants of Punxsutawney, is also well-known as an agriculturist, his farm in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, showing thrifty and judicious management. He is a self-made man, a fact which makes his success the more creditable.

The branch of the Smith family to which our

subject belongs is of German origin, his grandfather, George W. Smith, coming from the Fatherland to locate in Armstrong county, Penn. The father of our subject, also named George W. Smith, was born and reared there, and after his marriage to Miss Sophia McCullough, a native of the same county, engaged in farming as an occupation. Both parents were members of the M. E. Church, and for several years the father was a class leader. He died in 1858, just before the birth of our subject, and the mother did not long survive, her death occurring in 1861. They had three sons: William B. and George W., now residents of Clearfield county; and Clinton H.

Clinton H. Smith was born August 9, 1858, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, and, as he was left an orphan when a mere babe, he was taken to the home of Henry H. McAninch, a farmer of the same township. He was reared to farm work, but at the age of sixteen began an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade with Wesley Motter, receiving $8 per month for the first year, and $10 per month for the second. At eighteen he went to Coffey county, Kans., and spent a year working on a farm, and the next year he devoted to traveling through the West. He then returned to his early home, and remained with Mr. McAninch two years. At that time he was married to Miss Katie Shaffer, an admirable helpmeet, and he has since been engaged in farming on his own account, spending three years near Baxter Station, and four near Cool Spring, and locating permanently, in the fall of 1888, at his present farm. This contains ninety acres, all in a primitive state, and cost him but $10 per acre; it is now one of the finest farms of its size to be found in a long journey.

Mr. Smith is a prominent member of the United Brethren Church, at Punxsutawney. As to his political views he may be described as a Republican with Prohibition sympathies, and his influence in local affairs is always cast on the side of progress.

His marriage to Miss Shaffer occurred on October 4, 1880, at the M. E. parsonage at Stanton, Penn., the Rev. Mr. Laverty performing the ceremony. They have had five children: Edna P. and Nora E. (twins) only lived two months; Grace G., born July 17, 1882, Minnie E., March 24, 1886, and Walter A., April 3, 1888, are all at home. Mrs. Smith was born August 3, 1860, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, and in both paternal and maternal lines is descended from early settlers in Northumberland county, Penn. Her father, Isaac Shaffer, was born in that county in 1829, and in 1844 accompanied his parents, Isaac and Christina (Geist) Shaffer, to Jefferson county where they cleared a farm in the then wilderness of Beaver township. There he met and married Miss Rebecca Geist, also a native of Northumberland county, born in 1831. Her parents, George and Barbara (Keller) Geist, came to Jefferson county in 1847, and located in Ringgold township, where her father died; her mother passed away some years later at Cool Spring. They had the following children: Ellen who died at the age of seven years; Lafayette, a merchant and farmer at Cool Spring; George A., a school teacher, who died suddenly one night after retiring, aged twenty-one years, eight months and nineteen days; Katie, Mrs. Smith; Jennie, who married Henry Deitrick, a farmer in Beaver township, and died in 1893; Franklin C., now residing at the old homestead; and Minnie, wife of Isaac Merritt, a lumberman at Cool Spring

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G. W. SCHUCKER, whose name is inseparably connected with the agricultural and industrial interests of Brady township, is a worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of Clearfield county, his paternal grandfather having come here from Berks county, Penn., as early as 1817. He located in Brady township one mile east of Troutville, on the farm now owned by the Island Coal Company, and there continued to make his home until his death, which occurred a number of years ago. He took a prominent and active part in the early development of this region, and was recognized as one of its most valued citizens.

Michael Schucker, the father of our subject, was the eldest in the family of six children. George, the second son, was born in Brady township, married Miss Boohide, and was killed by a tree falling on him while engaged in lumbering. Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Hoy and Mrs. Yarick all made their homes in Centre county, Penn., where their deaths occurred. Katie married Mr. Ziegler, and came to Brady township, Clearfield county, residing one mile south of Luthersburg, where both she and her husband died.

Michael Schucker was a native of Tulpehocken township, Berks Co., Penn., and, on reaching manhood, was married to Miss Mary A. Ellinger. They made their home upon the old farm near Luthersburg, where both passed away, the mother in 1875, and the father in 1886. In their family were the following children: (1) Rachel married Godfrey Weaver, and resides on a farm in Huntingdon county, Penn. They have two children—George and Eleanora. (2) Sarah died in child-

hood, and (3) Annie died after reaching years of maturity. (4) Peter, born on the old homestead in Brady township, married and moved to Huntingdon county, where he died in 1896, leaving one daughter, Annie J. (5) Israel married Miss Aughenbaugh, of Clearfield, of which place he is one of the leading contractors and builders, and he owns a handsome residence there. His children are ten in number. (6) Eli died in early manhood in Brady township. (7) Katie married Louis Schoch, of Troutville, where her death occurred in 1889. She left seven children, namely: Ephraim, Cyrus, Mary, Fannie, Elmyra, Michael, and Milton. (8) Michael married Sarah Beam, of Jefferson county, Penn., and continued to reside on the old homestead for a number of years, but finally sold the place to Mr. Island, and now lives on a farm in Huntingdon county. He has two children—Henry and Rachel. (9) Cornelius, a resident of Canton, N. J., married Ellen Wilson, and has three children—Annie, now the wife of Harry Smith, of Brady township, Clearfield county; Lula, a resident of Clarion connty, Penn.; and Frederick, of Brady township. (10) John was married in Brady township, and died at Du Bois, in 1892, leaving a wife and nine children—James, Maggie, Mary, Lewis, Tillie, Eleanora, Charles, Theodore, and Ella.

G. W. Schucker, who completes the family, began his earthly career March 31, 1836, at the ancestral home in Brady township, where he spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and at the age of seventeen he began to learn the carpenter's trade with William Fitzpatrick, of the same township. He assisted in the construction of the German Reformed church at Troutville, and later worked for John Heiges for one year at $4 per month. After mastering the trade he obtained employment with John Beck at $1.25 per day and did his first contract work at the age of twenty, when he erected a barn for his father. He then followed contracting and building in Clearfield and Jefferson counties for a number of years.

In 1860 Mr. Schucker led to the marriage altar Miss Catharine Blott, of Jefferson county, a daughter of George and Katie Blott, prosperous agriculturists of that county. After his marriage he bought a portion of his father's farm, on which he built a house and made other improvements, residing there until 1877, when he purchased fifty acres of partially improved land of William Schwem. To its further development and cultivation he has since devoted considerable time, erected a comfortable residence in 1879, and a good barn in the following year, and has since resided at that place. About 1890 he built a large steam sawmill, which he has since successfully operated, engaging in the manufacture of planed lumber, shingles, etc., and he has prospered in the undertaking.

Thirteen children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Schucker: (1) Mannassa, born in 1861, died in 1863. (2) Eli, born in 1863, is at home. (3) Bertha, born in 1864, is now the wife of William Beck, a carpenter living near Punxsutawney, in Jefferson county, and they have three children—Alice E., Edith Irene and Homer Russell. (4) Amos, born in 1865, and (5) Jessie, born in 1867, are both at home. (6) Alvin, born April 14, 1869, married Miss Salome Hartzfeld, and lives on a farm near her father's, in Brady township. They have one daughter, Jessie L. (7) William, born June 6, 1871, died at the age of two years. (8) Mary, born in May, 1873, is the wife of C. H. Nolder, of Brady township, and they reside at Taylorstown. (9) Frederick, born in March, 1875, (10) Daniel, in November, 1877, (11) Annie, in 1879, and (12) James, in July, 1881, are all at home. (13) Alice, born in October, 1883, died at the age of four years.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Schucker is a pronounced Democrat, and, religiously, he and his family are all connected with the German Reformed Church at Luthersburg. He is one of the most prominent and reliable business men of Brady township, upright and honorable in all his dealings, and his straightforward course has gained for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

JAMES J. WILLIAMS, who was for many years one of the most active and enterprising farmers and lumbermen of Bell township, is justly numbered among the honored pioneers and leading citizens of Jefferson county. He has been prominently identified with its business interests, and his is an honorable record of a conscientious man, who by his upright life has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

A son of John and Annis (Mahew) Williams, our subject was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in April, 1815, but in 1826 his father removed to a place near Freeport, where he followed the wheelwright trade until coming to Punxsutawney, Penn. After working as a cabinet maker for about three years in that place, he bought 100 acres of timberland in Bell township, Jefferson county, known to-day as the Elvon farm, which he sold eight years later to our subject. He then erected a gristmill in Perrysville, which

he operated for some time, but he spent his last years in retirement with his sons. The mother of our subject had died in Ohio, in 1821, leaving three children, two sons and one daughter. Reuben, the younger son, also a native of the Buckeye State, married Miss McGregor, of Perrysville, Penn., where he purchased property and followed the cabinet maker's trade until his death. He left a wife and two daughters: Mary A., wife of Daniel McGee, of Bell township, Jefferson county; and Lucinda, who resides with Mrs. Hack. Mary Williams, our subject's sister, was born in Ohio, and became the wife of John Frampton, who engaged in mercantile business in Punxsutawney until his death. He left three children. His widow afterward became the wife of a Mr. Pounds, of Marion, Indiana Co., Penn., where he died some years ago, leaving two sons —Clover and William.

In 1832, James J. Williams, of this review, led to the marriage altar Miss Betsy, daughter of John and Sophie Bowers, pioneer settlers of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and they began their domestic life upon his first purchase in Bell township, where he remained for about eight years. He then sold, and bought sixty acres of William MacElheny, in Gaskill township, but a year later he disposed of that property and purchased 108 acres in Bell township, at the mouth of Canoe creek. He rafted lumber down the Mahoning creek to the Allegheny markets, and also built a sawmill on that stream, where he engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber for a number of years. He erected a good house and barn on this property, and cleared and placed under cultivation about sixty acres. While residing here he bought several tracts of timber land on Big run and Jackson run, aggregating 460 acres, and owned seventy-six acres in Gaskill township. In 1866 he sold his interests here and removed to Indiana county, Penn., locating near Marion, where he bought a large farm of 150 acres and built thereon a large residence with all modern improvements. He successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits upon that place for about sixteen years.

While living at the mill property in Bell township, Mr. Williams' first wife died, leaving two sons: (1) Reuben, the elder, was born on his father's first purchase in Bell township, and now resides in that township at the mouth of Canoe creek, where he owns a steam saw and grist mill, together with fifty acres of good farming land, on which he has erected a substantial house. He married Elizabeth Daugherty, of Bell township, and has three sons: Elmer, who married a Miss Grinder, by whom he has four children, and resides near his father's homestead; Joseph, who wedded a Miss Smeyers, and lives in Bell township; and Flora, now Mrs. Edward Grander, of the same township. (2) Comphard wedded Mary Brown, of Jefferson county, and with his large family lives on a part of his father's old homestead in Bell township.

For his second wife, Mr. Williams chose Miss Elizabeth Fillmore, of Indiana county, who died upon his farm there, and four of the seven children born to them are also deceased—Martha, Louisa, Eva and Allie. John is married, has a large family of children, and lives in Elderton, Armstrong Co., Penn. Jeffrey went to the State of Washington, where he married, and continues to reside, having a well cultivated farm of 400 acres there. Homer was born on the farm near Marion, in Indiana county, and, after reaching man's estate, married Lizzie Clawson, of Jefferson county, by whom he has one son, Loyal. They live on a part of the old mill property, where he is engaged in mercantile pursuits. Mr. Williams was again married, his third union being with Miss Nancy Cochran, of Indiana county, and they resided in the city of Indiana, where she died in 1894.

Originally, Mr. Williams was an Old-line Whig, and now supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has filled the offices of school director and collector several terms. With the Methodist Episcopal Church he and his family hold membership. Although his opportunities for obtaining an education were limited, he possessed a naturally bright mind and good business qualifications, which made him very successful even as a young man and throughout his business career he prospered in his undertakings. He never forgot the holier duties of life, however, and religiously he observed the Sabbath, always attending the services of his Church, and he gave liberally to the support of all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community in which he made his home. Now at the age of eighty-two his mind is still clear and bright, and his steps bouyant. His sunny, happy disposition has endeared him to all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

SAMUEL CROW, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a substantial citizen and farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of this section of Pennsylvania.

Samuel Crow, the father of our subject, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., and in

early life moved to Armstrong county. He there purchased a gristmill that stood on the bank of the Allegheny river near the mouth of Mahoning creek. Later on he sold this property to David McQuown, and bought a farm some two or more miles west of the mill, but still later he moved to the mouth of Red Bank, and there died in 1859, his wife dying a year later. In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children, as follows: (1) Jane became the wife of Squire Carr, of Armstrong county, and both died some years ago, leaving five children—Katie, Eliot, and three whose names are not given. (2) William, born in Armstrong county, married Lucinda Gray, whose home was near the mouth of the Mahoning, and they lived on a part of his father's old homestead, where he died some years ago, leaving a widow and eight children—Aaron, Jane, Albina, Rachel, Lucinda A., Miles, Cambridge and Perry. (3) Mary Ann married Jonathan Baty, and settled at the mouth of the Red Bank, where he died some years ago. She passed away later, leaving three children—Clarence, John and one whose name is not given. (4) John married Fannie Smith, of Armstrong county, and resided on a part of his father's old farm, where he died in 1865, leaving a wife and eight children—Jenirah, now the wife of John Fink, of Armstrong county; George, a butcher of New Bethlehem, Penn.; William; Katie; one whose name is not given; Effie, who is at present residing in England; David, now of Kansas; and Charles. (5) Catharine is the deceased wife of William Rodgers, who lives on the Great Western at the Allegheny river, and has two children—Andy and Martha. (6) Jemima married Chris Rudolph, and moved to Ohio, where they died some years ago leaving a large family. (7) R. M. married Bell Armstrong, and lived at Grey's Eddy, Armstrong county, where he died about 1887, leaving a wife and eight children. In 1861 he enlisted in Company D, 103rd P. V. I., but after one year's service was discharged on account of physical disability. (8) David married Susan Fraister, of Clarion county, Penn., and they now live in Weir City, Kansas, where he owns a large amount of real estate, and is numbered among the popular and wealthy men of the place. They have six children. (9) James was also one of the brave boys in blue, enlisting at the age of seventeen in Company D, 103rd P. V. I., and died at Harrison's Landing in 1862. (10) Salicia became the wife of Thomas Templeton, of Armstrong county, and they emigrated to Ohio, where she died some years ago, leaving one child, Mary.

Like the other members of the family, Samuel Crow is a native of Armstrong county, his birth occurring in 1831, on the old homestead where he was reared to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. In 1852 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Duncan, of Rasingham, Clarion Co., Penn., the only daughter of Alexander Duncan. They began their domestic life upon his father's old homestead, where they were living at the outbreak of the Civil war.

In 1861 Mr. Crow enlisted in Company D, 103rd P. V. I., under Capt. Joseph Hamilton, of Armstrong county, and was sworn into the United States service at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg. His first engagement was at Williamsburg, and in two years he participated in twenty-six battles and skirmishes. He re-enlisted in 1863, in the army of the Potomac, under General Casey. The year previous he had taken part in the battle of Fair Oaks, and for seven days while on the retreat the Union troops were under constant fire, but on reaching the gun boats the Rebels fell back. This was followed by the battle of Harrison's Landing, from which place the Federalists marched to Fortress Monroe, and from there to Norfolk, Va., where they went into winter quarters. In the spring of 1863 Mr. Crow's brigade was placed under the command of Gen. Foster, and participated in the battle of Newbern, N. C. They then crossed the Dismal Swamp at Whitehall, where an engagement was brought on, and they were next in the battle of Kingston, where over 1,000 prisoners were captured, and where Mr. Crow had five holes shot in his clothes. By boat his regiment proceeded to Plymouth, N. C., where the men did guard duty until the spring of 1864. After a four-days' fight our subject with the entire brigade was taken prisoner, and for five months he was confined in Andersonville prison, and later in Florence prison, S. C., for four months. He was then taken to Charleston, was paroled and sent to Annapolis, where he was granted a thirty-days' furlough, which he spent at home. On rejoining his regiment he remained in the service until after Lee's surrender, when he was honorably discharged. He resumed farming on the old homestead, but in 1868 removed to his present farm in Porter township, Jefferson county, which he had purchased previous to the war.

Six children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crow, namely: (1) Priscilla, born in Armstrong county, died at the age of five years. (2) Anna, born in the same county, married Robert McGregor, of Armstrong, and they now live in Maysville, Clarion Co., Penn., on a

farm. They have seven children—Harry, Charles, Minnie, Clyde, Sarah, Blair and one whose name is not given. (3) William, married Caroline Beck, and resides in Punxsutawney, Penn. (4) David J., born in Armstrong county, is now a resident of Lyons City, Colo. He is married and has two children—Lily and Frank. (5) F. J., born in Armstrong county, married Della Drummond, of Jefferson county, and they live in Punxsutawney. They had six children—Frank; Guy; Olen; Tharah M.; Laird W.; and George, who died at the age of five years.

Mr. Crow is descended from Whig stock, and since the organization of the Republican party he has been one of its faithful supporters. For two terms he filled the office of supervisor, and was school director one term. Both he and his wife are members of the Zion Methodist Church of Porter township. He is a worthy representative of an old and honored pioneer family of this section of the State, its members having taken an active part in its development and prosperity, and in the midst of the forest made for themselves valuable farms. During our country's hour of peril three of the sons donned the blue and went to the front, and one is now filling a soldier's grave.

HENRY HENNEMAN, a prosperous agriculturist and lumberman of Henderson township, Jefferson county, is a representative of the thrifty, conservative, industrious German-American element which has done such notable service in the development of this locality. Coming to Jefferson county in boyhood, he shared the hardships and privations of that early period and the homestead which he helped to clear is now one of the best farms in the township.

It was in 1851 that John P. Henneman, our subject's father, who was born at Wausath, Germany, in 1803, came to America accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth Dowhenbaugh, and five of their children. After spending two years near Punxsutawney on a farm belonging to his brother, he moved to Henderson township where he purchased eighty acres of the Moses Irley farm and engaged in agriculture. Later he bought from Mr. Carlisle 120 acres of Woodland, and, after clearing it, he sold and purchased 200 acres known as the Henry Miller farm, where he resided until his death. His worthy wife, who had shared her early hardship, and trials, passed away in 1867. They had seven children, all born in Germany. Two of his sons, John P. and Christian, went from Germany to Mexico, about 1848, and were never heard from after 1851. (3) Charles resides in Minneapolis, where he is employed in the Harvester Machine Shops. He married Miss Martha Irley, of Jefferson county, and has four children—Reuben, William and two whose names are not given. (4) Andrew married Miss Margaret Knoerr, of Troutville, and for ten years resided upon a farm in Henderson township. He then moved to the vicinity of Clearwater, Minn., where he bought two large farms, which he operates at the present time. He has thirteen children. (5) Henry, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (6) Sophia, who was born in 1844, was married in Jefferson county to Charles Dietrich, a native of Germany. They settled upon the A. Miller farm, where she died in 1866, and her two children both died at an early age. (7) Louisa, born in 1847, grew to womanhood in Jefferson county, where she married John A. Bucheitt. They settled near Clearwater, Minn., where he is now engaged in farming. They have thirteen children.

Our subject was born at the old home in Germany, in July, 1841, and received his education there; coming to America at the age of ten years, he grew to manhood on the farm, giving his assistance to his father. In 1860 he married Miss Louisa Merwine, of Brady township, daughter of Conrad and Solme Merwine, well-to-do agriculturists. After his marriage, Mr. Henneman settled upon the old homestead and has continued to reside there. In his early years he experienced all the difficulties and privations incident to life in a new country, but his labors have been rewarded by a handsome competence. He is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens, and has been elected to a number of local offices, serving as overseer of the poor for five years, and as supervisor for the same length of time. In politics he was formerly a Democrat, but now votes independently. He and his wife are active in religious work as members of the German Reformed Church, and take a generous interest in all worthy movements in their locality.

They have had ten children: (1) Henry C., born in 1862, was educated in the public schools of Henderson township, and now occupies a portion of the homestead. He married (first) Miss Maggie Preece, of Jefferson county, who died, and he has since married Miss Annie Brown, of the same county. By his first marriage he had three children: Clarence, Harry and Maude, and by the second there are also three: Clyde, Della, and one whose name is not given. (2) Lizzie married Jacob Triuhart, and now resides at the old Triuhart homestead in Henderson township. They have one son, Joseph. (3) William, born in February, 1866, is not married and resides at

home. (4) George, born in 1868, resides in Troutville, and is engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He married Miss Alice Welsh, and has two children: Emma and Herbert. (5) Minna, born in 1870, married Samuel Conrad, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and has one son: Oland. (6) John, born in 1872, is not married, and is employed by Ryson Wayne; (7) Emma born in 1874, married Ryson Wayne, of DuBois, a wealthy man and a large stockholder in the Big Run Bank, and they now reside at Sugar Hill, Jefferson county, where he owns a large hotel and a farm. Their family consists of three children: Goldie, Leslie T. and Hazel. (8) Ella, born in 1876; (9) Edward, born in 1879, and (10) Celia, born in 1882, are all at home.

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